





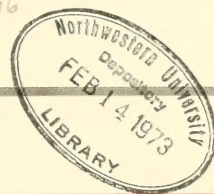
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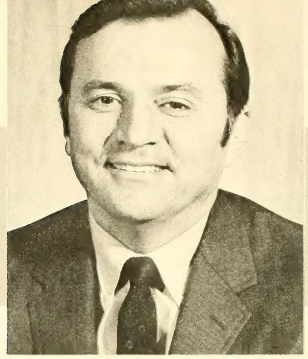
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TO ALL EMPLOYEES:

The announcement on Saturday, December 16, that the federal government had approved a grant of \$40.5 million to CTA was a milestone in CTA history. Coupled with a \$20.2 million grant from the State of Illinois, the \$60.7 million will enable us to implement the second year of CTA's Capital Renewal Program.

Some of the projects made possible by these grants are the purchase of an additional 525 new buses, environmental improvements for 1100 older buses, new service vehicles and maintenance buildings, more rapid transit station remodelling and track and structure rehabilitation, plus cab signal equipment to complete signalling on the rapid transit system.

Besides providing much needed capital improvements, the announcement reaffirms the faith that the U.S. and State of Illinois Departments of Transportation have in CTA. It also fulfills a commitment I undertook when I arrived here, to obtain the funds necessary to restore and modernize CTA properties.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature of Michael Cafferty in black ink.

Michael Cafferty
Chairman

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CTA emergency crews lauded for aiding IC crash victims

WITHIN MINUTES after CTA's Operations Control Center learned of the disastrous IC crash on Monday, October 30, emergency crews and trucks from both the Utility & Emergency Service and Electrical Departments were at the site of the crash near 27th street and King drive. Using their heavy duty cutting equipment and power jacks, CTA crews assisted in the removal of those trapped inside the tangled wreckage.

Emergency measures were also effected to carry thousands of stranded IC commuters from standing trains to the Loop. Many buses were diverted from South Side routes to serve IC stations. Jackson Park-Howard rapid transit trains remained at their eight-car length for several hours after the A.M. rush because of the heavy influx of regular IC commuters.

"I am especially proud of the way CTA employees responded to the catastrophe on the IC," CTA Chairman Cafferty said. "Our employees contributed valuable service to the Chicago public. It is unfortunate that a disaster such as this was the basis for several recent commendations."

Alan S. Boyd, president and chief executive officer of the Illinois Central Gulf railroad, in a letter to

Chairman Cafferty said, "You must know what a terrible time these past few weeks have been for all of us at Illinois Central Gulf. After nearly a half century of almost flawless operation, a tragedy of massive proportions almost crushed our fine organization in spirit and outlook.

"It probably would have, but for the sympathetic help and courage given us by many organizations like yours. We put an advertisement in the Chicago papers to thank everyone--and predictably missed some to whom we owed much.

"But I still wanted to say 'thank you' in a more personal way than that public advertisement. We were in great need. You and your people helped. My associates and I at Illinois Central Gulf can only thank you and promise to remember."

Two other commendations, both in the form of resolutions lauding those who provided immediate assistance were proposed by Mayor Daley and other members of the City Council and also by the Illinois House of Representatives. Both documents cited CTA emergency crews as well as doctors, nurses and orderlies at Michael Reese and Mercy hospitals, Chicago firemen and policemen, civil defense crews and others.



Senior citizens receive new CTA permits

AN INTENSIVE effort to issue CTA reduced fare permits to senior citizens began December 4 at 23 registration centers throughout Chicago. By December 19, 49 locations in Chicago and suburbs were cooperating in the program.

The first permit was issued at the Civic Center by Chairman Michael Cafferty and Mayor Richard J. Daley. A regular CTA rider, Mrs. Jessie Barnes, was the recipient of permit No. 1. She is 94 years old.

When paying reduced fares, senior citizens must display the new CTA permit rather than the Medicare Card which had been used previously for identification. Senior citizens were afforded 24-hour reduced fare privileges starting November 5, 1972.

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ESC winners named for third quarter of 1972



FINAL STANDINGS for the third quarter of the Employee Safety Contest (ESC) were announced recently naming the winners in each of three competitive groups within the Shops & Equipment Department.

ESC gives recognition to men at work locations achieving the best safety performance during each quarter of the year, as determined by the number of injuries per million man-hours worked.

Winning the surface garage competition with a frequency rate of zero was Limits Garage. In the picture top left, Foreman Edward Murray (right) is accepting the award from Supervisor of Garages Tim Riordan.



Taking first place in the rapid transit maintenance terminal competition, Forest Park Terminal had a rate of 57.4. In the picture at left, Foreman Aaron Swoope (left) is displaying the award presented to him by Superintendent of Rapid Transit Maintenance Terminals Anthony Porcaro.

First place in the shops competition was won by Skokie Shop with a rate of 53.1. In the picture below, Superintendent of Skokie Shop Robert Winther is displaying the award before nine shop safety coordinators, from left: Mitchell Faczek, Michael Connolly, Michael Fabian, Ted Lesniak, Mr. Winther, Donald Prendergast, Kenneth Blocker, Joseph Flanagan, Gary Wilson and Thomas Torrey.



B. P. Dinter, CTA property accountant, dies at 63

MASS FOR Bruno P. Dinter Jr., 63, property accountant for CTA, who died suddenly on December 6, was said December 9 at St. Matthias Catholic church, 2310 W. Ainslie street.

Mr. Dinter joined the Electrical Department of the former Chicago Surface Lines on May 22, 1934, as a laborer. He subsequently served as a rail bonding foreman and clerk within that department until transferring to Property Accounting in June, 1950. Mr. Dinter was a valuation engineer until January, 1968,

when he became assistant property accountant. He was appointed property accountant in September, 1969.

Mr. Dinter was on military leave twice during his transit career, serving in the U.S. Navy for three years during World War II and 16 months during the Korean conflict.

Survivors include his father, Bruno P. Dinter Sr., a brother, Michael F., and a sister, Kathryn Shufli-towski.



Holiday Greetings

TO OUR FELLOW CTA EMPLOYEES!

As we reach the end of another year of good service to Chicago, and transfer our effort to 1973, let us hope we will do even better on our "next trip around"

Michael Cassidy
CHAIRMAN

T. B. Olmstead
GENERAL MANAGER



Medically Speaking

by Dr. George H. Irwin

COLD FACTS--The common cold is an acute disease of the upper respiratory tract which includes the nose, throat and the upper part of the breathing tubes. The signs of a cold usually appear within three days after exposure and last five to eight days.

Why are colds called colds? It may be because chilling causes the symptoms or because a feeling of cold is a prominent symptom or because they occur during the cold season. "Old King Cold" is a king-size troublemaker causing much human suffering and costing the people of the United States many billions of dollars annually in lost wages, material production, school absenteeism and medical expenses.

The common cold has been one of the most elusive illnesses in medical research. The common cold of itself has probably never been fatal but its importance lies in serious complications and the many days of disability it produces. For over 2,000 years, doctors have been trying to find out what causes colds and how to cure them, and, so far, they have had only limited success.

In ancient times, people blamed their colds on night air, decaying leaves, face powder, cats, or the influence of the comets. Colds have been fed, starved, ignored and treated with more remedies than any other ailment of the human body. However, some progress has been made. We now know that colds are caused by viruses, but viruses are tricky. When a vaccine which kills them is found, another breed of viruses is developed which is not affected by the vaccine. A vaccine was found for polio, in time medical research will discover one to cure the common cold.

The number of colds during the cold season will run between 25 and 50 million at any one time and can therefore be considered a most important public health problem.

As stated before, we know that a cold is probably actually caused by one of many viruses. However, just being exposed to a virus is not enough to start a cold. A second factor is needed--a lowering of general body resistance to infection. A few of the conditions which lower our body resistance are getting overtired or chilled, also overeating and not dressing properly to maintain an even body temperature.

The symptoms of the common cold most everyone knows. Briefly, the onset is usually accompanied by loss of pep, a chilly feeling, a head cold with a running nose, sneezing, sore throat, headache, general body pains and a fever. If complications occur, symptoms will vary depending upon what organ is involved--the ears, sinuses, lungs, etc.

The treatment or management of the common cold should be considered in two parts--preventative procedures and active measures after the cold has started.

Preventative procedures include keeping in the best physical condition possible by following the simple rules of good hygiene. Namely, adequate rest and sleep, moderate diet with plenty of fluids, reasonable exercise, proper clothing, and correct heating and ventilation of living and working quarters. Avoid the twin dangers: chilling and overheating, either of which can weaken body resistance. You may improve your physical condition by avoiding fatigue and crowded places.

Cold shots or vaccines for the common cold and flu are a controversial subject. Some statistics show that vaccine will successfully immunize against about 50 per cent of certain types of viruses. It is especially advised for the elderly or chronically ill persons who have lowered body resistance.

Active measures after the cold has started include:

1. Stay home and rest in bed, especially during the early stages; this is the period when colds are spread most easily.
2. Cover all sneezes and coughs. When blowing your nose, do it gently and use disposable tissues or a clean handkerchief. Use your own towels; dishes, etc.
3. Take a warm bath or shower frequently.
4. Eat a well-balanced diet with emphasis on more fluids than usual.
5. Use a steam kettle or vaporizer to relieve nasal congestion.
6. Don't experiment with cold pills or nose drops. Aspirin frequently relieves headaches or general body aches. Penicillin and various other antibiotics should be reserved for complications.
7. If you are no better in a few days or the fever persists, call your personal physician and follow his instructions.

Service anniversaries in December

30 years

R. J. Arendt, South Shops
C. Bowman, Keeler Garage
G. I. Campbell, Law
F. Carpino, Kedzie
P. R. Colucci, Limits
A. T. Cooper, Kedzie
J. P. Cosgrove, North Park
J. D. Craig, District C
J. A. Cunningham, Treasury
C. A. Drozda, Research & Planning
C. E. Eugene, Kimball Maintenance Terminal
E. J. Evans, South Shops
P. J. Fidanze, Security

S. L. Jacobson, Office Services
M. J. Korzen, Stores-North Division
A. J. Kunka, Beverly
T. A. Kusiak, Electrical Distribution
M. E. Levee, Schedule & Traffic
A. J. Mickovic, Schedule & Traffic
H. S. Macarski, North Avenue
L. J. Reinhart, Forest Glen
S. Rini, Security
S. T. Skiba, Forest Glen
J. Strzelecki, West Section
C. Tarantino, 52nd Street
L. Tignac, Forest Glen
C. S. Turek, Skokie Shop
A. C. Vidmont, South Shops
J. Wegl, Power Operations

25 years

Z. Artis, Track
E. Cooke, 77th Street
W. B. Duren, District D
J. E. Durr Jr., Electrical Distribution
O. Ertl, Utility & Emergency Service
J. E. Foley, South Section
T. E. Freeman, West Section
G. Hann, North Avenue Garage
J. Hennelly, North Park Garage
J. Hudale, Shops Squad Car
J. J. Martorano, Forest Glen

W. O. McDaniel, Limits
J. McPartlan, North Park Garage
J. S. Mule, West Section
W. J. Murray, Electrical Distribution
G. C. Olson, South Shops
L. F. Powell, North Park Garage
A. G. Rizzuto, Beverly Garage
R. E. Ryan, North Section
S. J. Salamone, Electrical Distribution
E. J. Superczynski, Substation Engineering
W. E. Walker, 77th Street
G. Woodmore, West Section
F. W. Zaloudek, Forest Glen Garage
H. F. Ziolkowski, Instruction-Surface

Archer-expressway bus service expanded on weekdays

EXPANDED HOURS for the route 62A Archer-Expressway service started Friday, November 24, just in time for the busiest downtown shopping season of the year.

The service previously operated during weekday rush hours only from Archer/Harlem to the Loop in the mornings and from State/Wacker to the Southwest Side in the evenings. The route operates non-stop via the Stevenson Expressway for about six miles.

The new mid-day Express provides two-way service every 15 minutes between rush hours, operating to the Loop from Archer/Cicero in 27 minutes, from Archer/Harlem in 42 minutes.

Buses leave Archer/Harlem from 6:10 a.m. to 3:02 p.m., routed via Archer, Pulaski, Stevenson Expressway, Cermak and State to Wacker. Buses leave Wacker/State from 9:30 a.m. to 5:51 p.m., routed via State, Cermak, Stevenson Expressway, Pulaski and Archer. During rush hours, certain buses serve Cicero avenue between Archer and the Stevenson Expressway.

The Archer-Expressway service makes all local stops between Harlem and Cicero and limited stops from Cicero to the Stevenson Expressway. All local stops are also made on State street between Wacker and Harrison; limited stops will be made at Roosevelt, 18th and Cermak.

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (Payroll) -

MAUREEN HOULIHAN took part of her vacation at election time so she could campaign for her father, Representative JOHN J. HOULIHAN. Although she worked hard, she said it was very interesting; an interview and her picture were in the Joliet Herald November 8. She was also a delegate to the 1972 Democratic Convention which she found most educational...CLOTILDE FRANKIEWICZ spent some pretty interesting days on some fascinating cases while serving on jury duty...ERNA KARGE, who took an early retirement, paid us a visit last week. Now that she has more leisure time, she has traveled a great deal around the United States. She also had a pleasant surprise to reveal--she is now Mrs. DEDERT. Best wishes, Erna!...JEANNE and JACQUELINE BIZIK, Revenue, had a marvelous vacation in Hawaii in October. They flew from Chicago to Los Angeles on a new TWA 1011, then boarded a 707 to Honolulu where they spent a week in the Hawaiian Village hotel. They enjoyed some time on the other islands of Kauai, Maui, and the big island of Hawaii before returning to Oahu and flying back to the mainland. The weather was good and everything was so enjoyable that they highly recommend a visit to these lovely islands to everyone.

- Clara Lawrence

(General) -

On a lovely autumn day HELEN FRANSON, a retiree of the Revenue Accounting Department, and WANDA BEKIER dropped in on RUTH HUGHES, another retiree from Revenue, who is confined to Oak Forest hospital. Ruth is well and as witty as ever. Ruth's door is always open for visitors at Oak Forest hospital, 159th and Cicero, Oak Forest, Illinois, Room H-22. Helen and Ruth asked to be remembered to all of their CTA friends...MARTHA NEFFAS became ill while on vacation in Asia. She is now at home recuperating after surgery. We all wish you a speedy recovery, Martha!...Our condolences to ESTHER ERMANN of Revenue Accounting in the death of her brother...Best wishes to LORRAINE FALK who went on a disability retirement October 1. Hope you're feeling lots better soon.

- Judy Cuci

(Tabulating) -

October 1 marked the date of retirement for MARIAN BUCKLEY. A very nice luncheon was given in her honor at the M&M Club. Among the guests were her husband, JIM, their son, JIM Jr., and daughter-in-law, MARY ANNE. Also, our former boss, HERB ROHDE, interrupted his busy schedule to attend. Marian was gifted with a nice check from her many friends. Good luck, Marian, and enjoy...After 15 years, HELEN ROMAS decided that she wanted to be a full-time stay-at-home housewife. Friends and co-workers presented Helen with a lovely gift, and on November 10 she bade us a fond farewell...We extend a warm welcome to ROSA MARIA BENEDICTO who was employed on October 11. Glad to have you aboard, Rosa... Santa Claus came early for EMIL RUSINAK when he brought Emil a new 1973 Ford Custom 500 automobile.

Come to think of it, Santa Claus probably is Emil Rusinak. Happiness is a new car. Many happy miles, Emil.

- Evelyn Lee

CONGRESS (Agents) -

Janitor AUSTIN YOUNG will begin the New Year by joining the pensioner's ranks. We wish him many happy years. Working with him has always been a pleasure... Janitor JAMES CLARK took December for his vacation. He will probably spend it hunting, feasting and showing his grandson a good time by starting out with a visit to Santa Claus. Guess who will have the most fun?...Our sincere sympathy to FRANK ELIA and his family in the loss of their beloved father, EUGENE ELIA of Schiller Park...We also wish to extend our sympathy to EVELYN STOFFER and her family in the loss of their beloved father, OLIE KING, who passed away in Florida...GEORGE HALL and his wife, CORRINE, had a pleasant and memorable vacation in Washington, D.C. George's brother and his family live there and they made sure that the happy couple saw all the places of interest...December 18 was an eventful day at Janitor BEVACQUA's house because his daughter, IVANA, had her first birthday party...FAY CAPRIO's poodle, Taffy, surprised her with two black puppies. Fay's beautiful little granddaughter will be a very happy little girl when Santa brings her one...Pensioner MARY NOLAN and her sister, ELIZABETH, just returned from their trip to Florida. They plan another in the near future...Pensioner MARY DOYLE came home from an extended stay in Wexford, Ireland...MARY GALLAGHER is still home in Ireland visiting with her parents...One evening I met Pensioner HELEN McMAHON in the Cermak Plaza shopping center. She looked as glamorous as always...Trainman SAM PARILLI is home on the sick list and we hope that he will be up and about to enjoy the holiday season...My New Year's resolution is going to be that I keep my column filled with news.

- Julia Brousek

BEVERLY -

Received a nice letter from BILL (Red Devil) RADLOFF. Bill and the Over the Hill Gang, Pensioners CHARLIE SUNBLAD, RUDY KOPOWITZ, RALPH LAYTON and WALTER (Hagen) BAROWSKY live about ten minutes from one another. They fish, play golf and old maid, and talk about their leaders and followers on the streetcars and the good old days. Bill's address is 29 Pilots place, Gulf Harbor, New Port Richey, Florida 33552. We hope to see all of you next year and drink from the fountain of youth. Good luck, brothers...Operator OLIVER LEE Sr. is taking his pension after 27 years. We will all remember Lee for his sermons on the mount every morning in the depot. Everyone has to do his "thing", and Oliver is going to continue his good work by being a Jehovah Witness, and like St. Paul he will spread the word of God. Keep the faith, Lee...Pensioner FRANK BLACK visited the depot recently and looks

in good shape. Frank's address is 934 Maxwell Terrace, Bloomington, Indiana. Frank was scribe for the Union Leader for many years and did a fine job. Pensioner FRED RAPP was a frequent visitor at his home...Clerk BILL LEWIS is back home at Beverly on the night shift. He is always glad to help the operators--if they have a cigar...Operator DAN LEAHY celebrated 30 years with CTA by going for a bus ride...We extend our sympathy to the family of WALTER PYPER. Walter was an instructor for many years and was always a kind, soft-spoken gentleman. He will be missed by all of us...Operator GONZALO GARZA is helping out the Employment Department by taking care of the Spanish speaking people...Box Puller HARRY LEWIS vacationed at French Lick, Indiana, and really enjoyed it...Operator CHARLES GILTMER celebrated 35 years of wedded bliss by taking his wife, JENNY, out to dinner as a reward for faithful service. You are a brave girl, Jenny...We wish a speedy recovery to Operator W. BAILEY who is on the sick list...When you send in pictures, please send black-and-white photographs as they reproduce better.

Boy oh boy, a trip to Atlanta in November is just what the doctor ordered. It was super. Your co-reporter, AMOS FOSTER, ran into Operator DAVE YOUNG of 77th Street, and he wants everyone to know that his son, CHARLES, is the proud father of twin boys, CHARLES Jr. and MAURICE, who weighed in at 6 pounds...Operator WILLIAM KELLEY lost his sister, LEATHY STEVENSON, in Greensboro, Alabama. Our sincere condolences to him from all of us at Beverly...Operator O. G. SCROGGINS wants to get back on Pullman so bad he can taste it. We take all the good runs before he gets a chance to pick. His whiskers are too short...So long!

- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster

CTA SECURITY -

Silence is golden, but not so when it comes to the news. After a lapse of a few months, we are resuming our column. I hope all of you men will help me out and send any news you might have to me...Chief BOB MILLER had a successful cataract operation and is now home recovering. We all hope your leave of absence is short, Bob, because we miss your presence at the old homestead...Acting Superintendent NORM GRAVER recently took a vacation and spent most of his time at his most favorite spot in the world--the golf course. Now that you're all rested, welcome back into the swing of things...HOWARD PERRY, chief clerk, said he just stayed home on his vacation and waited for the Indian Summer which never came. Howard did take his daughter, NOREEN, for her driving test and she passed with flying colors...Sergeant TOM SULZER and his wife, MARY, had a couple of surprise visitors this month. Their son, THOMAS Jr., and his wife, PERCY, stopped by for a few days while on leave from Washington where he is stationed with the navy...Mr. Stork recently made visits to three of our officers. To the home of MARIA and HARVEY BELL he delivered an 8 pound 6 ounce bundle of blue named JASON ROBERT. To the home of BETTY and GEORGE EVANS he delivered a 6 pound 2 ounce bundle of pink named KRISTINE MARIE. A bright pink package named ELIZABETH CLAUDETTE weighing in at 7 pounds 6 ounces was brought to the home of the JIM LaFOLLETES...Sergeant SAM RINI has been giving organ concerts nightly at the Oleander Opry. Play it again, Sam...Congratulations are in order for Stenographer JOAN CUCI

CELEBRATING THEIR
golden wedding anniversary with smiles to match are **GEORGE DEARING** and his charming wife, **MARY**. George retired from the Rapid Transit Signal Division May 1, 1963. He's already saving to give Mary a diamond for their 75th on May 27, 1997. Congratulations!



and her husband, JOE, who works in Methods and Procedures. They both reached their goal weight through Weight Watchers. You both look fantastic!

- Pat Flynn

ELECTRICAL (General Office) -

Signal Engineer C. L. WIKSTEN was feted at a farewell party at Slowik's hall on November 10. Len is leaving CTA after 20 years of service to join De Leuw, Cather & company as an engineer in charge of signals and communications. He will remain in Chicago for one year, then he and his wife, CAROL, will be making their home in Washington, D.C. Best wishes for success in your new undertaking. We will all miss you...To brighten her dreary November days, MARIE HAVLIK flew to Florida for a mini-vacation. She visited St. Petersburg and Disney World in Orlando...We welcome PARKER HAND, electrical engineer I, to the department.

- Kay McAllister

(Rapid Transit Signal Division) -

Superintendent C. L. WIKSTEN has resigned from CTA after more than 20 years of service in the Signal Department. He will head the Train Control Communications Division of DeLeuw Cather International, a consulting firm. A party was given in his honor on November 10 at Slowik hall, 3200 North Milwaukee avenue. Some of the people there to wish him well were: Superintendent of Shops and Equipment G. J. CLARK, Electrical Engineer A. R. SANDBERG, Superintendent of Transportation D. M. FLYNN, Superintendent of Utility & Emergency Service J. J. ROCHE, Ironworker Foreman E. P. WADE and Local 9 President FRED HINCE. Best of luck, Lenny, in your new position...No one had a better excuse not to attend the party than LEON WILSON. The night before, someone burglarized his home and stole all his clothing. If any of you guys were wondering what to get Leon for Christmas, take notice...JOSEPH (Jack) WILLIAMS and LINDA JOHNSTON exchanged marriage vows on Saturday, November 16. The wedding was at St. Charles Borromeo church in Bensenville. Jack is the son of Signal Maintainer ROY WILLIAMS, and is now serving in the U.S. Navy with the Seabees, stationed at Davisville, Rhode Island. We congratulate this lovely couple and wish them many years of happiness...JACK PIPP is back in the hospital. As you know, he spent considerable time in the hospital last summer because of a

serious operation. Jack re-entered this time for treatment of a back ailment. We all wish him a speedy recovery...A dinner party will be given for PATRICK J. DOYLE, North Section signal foreman, on Saturday, December 30, in honor of his retirement. The party will be held at Zum Deutshen Eck, 2924 North Southport avenue, at 7 p.m. Anyone desiring to attend may contact ELMER J. STOKES as soon as possible. He can be reached at the relay room, 1036 West Montrose avenue, telephone north 464. This type of party is given for each of our retiring employees and all Signal Department personnel are invited.

- Tommie Lowery

(Chicago Avenue) -

HOBBS does it again. JACK and VICTORIA announced the arrival of number four, REBECCA LYNN, on October 28 weighing 7 pounds 13 ounces. How is that for almost trick or treat...BRIAN PATRICK MURPHY wishes to announce that his parents, the JOHN MURPHYS, have presented him with a baby sister, MAUREEN THERESE, who arrived on November 2 weighing 7 pounds 14 ounces. She just missed coming in on a broomstick...VITO RACANELLI brought down a birthday cake on November 2 to celebrate his 39th(?) birthday...Again after advertising about pensioners it paid off. CHARLIE PAXTON, former telephone repairman, wrote me from Pomona, California. Charlie has been retired about 17 years residing in California where he has been active in civil defense work as an amateur radio operator assisting in emergencies...LARRY SHELBY is flying again after getting the needed parts for his airplane. I don't know how good Larry is at flying, but from what I hear he is very good at landing. Larry received a first place award for proficiency in precision landing at Gary airport. He touched down nearest to the white line. Didn't bounce once...JOE STUDLEY, RON NELSON and TONY RIGLER were all in Florida at the same time and spent one day together fishing. I guess one day was enough. Too many fish?

- Ben Nielsen

ENGINEERING -

Once again we find ourselves welcoming another newcomer to our department, KATHY LEBAHN, replacing DARLENE JANSEN who left us a few months ago. Kathy is probably better known around CTA as KATHY MOSER as she is a recent newlywed. She has worked in a round of various departments since her employment with the company in '68. Kathy's most recent department was Special Investigations. We're glad to have you move upstairs again, Kathy, and we're sure that your old department is going to miss you much...It's good to hear that GEORGE SULLIVAN is out of the hospital and doing fine after having surgery. Hope you're feeling much better, George, and that you'll be returning to work soon...Our sincerest sympathy is extended to the family of KSAVERAS KAUNAS in his accidental passing. We shall all miss him very much...LEO LIZAK flew to New Jersey and New York for a week visiting with his brother. Talk about picking up strange eating habits, I hear he ate fish every day. Since his return, it has been reported that he is starting to grow gills. Next thing you know he'll be swimming around in the water cooler looking for a mermaid...BILL HUTCHINGS has suggested that ED HESS enroll in a juggling class. Maybe it will help when he's trying to balance the capital budget for

this year...Every department should have a Santa Claus to keep in season. Well it seems that we have two well-qualified candidates--BILL HUTCHINGS and KEN HOLST. We'll have to have a "ho-ho-ho" contest one of these days to see who is better suited for the job. Maybe DUFFY, Mr. LUEBECK's new secretary, can volunteer to be one of Santa's helpers, if Santa wouldn't mind having an extra hand around the house...DICK BRAZDA, BOB VANCE and DAVE PHILLIPS went to North Dakota for a weekend. They arrived there via the Empire Builder. Hope you fellows enjoyed your train ride...HOWARD BENN and his wife visited his folks in New York over the Thanksgiving holidays. Hope your Thanksgiving dinner was super delicious, Howard, and you brought along your exercise book to work off some of the extra "stuffings"...BOB VANCE is planning to visit his family in Westerville, Ohio, during the Christmas holidays. Maybe he can surprise them by arriving through the chimney. Anybody got an extra Santa Claus suit he can borrow?...Best wishes and congratulations are among the farewells extended to MARY ELLEN RUSS, JOHN O'CONNOR's secretary, who left us to take up that good old married life. Her husband, JAMES MCKINLEY, is in the navy and stationed in Millington, Tennessee. A Florida honeymoon is planned where they will visit some of Jim's relatives, and of course Disney World. Mary Ellen was quite surprised at the number of people who attended the luncheon in her honor. John O'Connor gave us a short scare by his late arrival, nevertheless a good time was had by all. Mary Ellen wishes to thank all of those who attended and says she will miss all of you very much...Glad to hear that GEORGE MACAK is feeling much better after his stay in the hospital...We'd like to welcome two newcomers to our department: KATHY KUDELKA, former telephone operator, who is replacing MARY ELLEN RUSS, and DAISY FORTE, clerk-typist. Welcome aboard!

(West Shops) -

BERNIE HOLTANE, ironworker, was at the airport to welcome his wife, MARY, when she returned from a 22-day tour of Austria, Yugoslavia, Greece and Italy. Mrs. Holtane's roommate on the tour was RITA DEAKIN. Bernie has shown us the many pictures that were taken, and all I can say is that I wish I was there with them...Welcome back to JOHN IWANSKI, plumber apprentice, who has been away too long. Good to see you back, John...A special get well quick to WAYNE HANSEN, machinist foreman...We bid a fond adieu to BOB STAVINGA who worked for Superintendent of Track and Structures T. L. WOLGEMUTH. Good luck, Bob, wherever you are...Happy to see ROCKY FER-

A CHIP OFF the old block is WILLIAM HENRY, the 12-year old son of Forest Glen Station Inside News reporter W. A. HENRY.



NEW PENSIONERS

WILHELM A. BEHNKE, Bus Repairer,
North Avenue, Emp. 5-9-42
ALVIN S. BLOOMQUIST, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 7-6-37
GEORGE F. BRICHACEK, Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 1-13-36
MICHAEL T. CONDON, Electrical Worker,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 1-9-46
STANLEY J. DEERING, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 10-24-45
RAYMOND HIGH, Janitor,
West Section, Emp. 10-5-51
ALBERT J. HOFER, Ticket Agent,
South Section, Emp. 11-5-42
PATRICK J. KANE, Collector,
77th Street, Emp. 1-2-45
JAMES M. LUNDY, Bus Repairer,
69th Street, Emp. 6-10-42
DANIEL C. MOODY, Operator,
52nd Street, Emp. 1-15-34
STANLEY A. OSIKA, Collector,
77th Street, Emp. 1-26-46
JOHN P. WALSH, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 7-8-43
JOHN F. ZARAZA, Carpenter A,
South Shops, Emp. 3-10-37
CATHERINE A. ZIEMBA, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 7-23-66

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

CLARENCE D. BAKER, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 11-7-60
OTTO KLEIN, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 7-17-46
FRED I. STOWELL, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 2-15-46
EUGENE T. SULLIVAN, Darkroom Technician,
Reproduction Services, Emp. 12-11-50
PETER J. WEBER, Bus Repairer,
Forest Glen, Emp. 4-2-47

RARA, labor foreman, back from his short vacation. You do look a little rested, Rocky...A speedy recovery to BOB HODGETTS, resident engineer. We are rooting for a quick recovery, and hope to see you soon...We extend our deepest sympathy to FRANK ROSS, machinist, and his family in the death of his mother.

- Kathleen Brady & Jennie Scott

FOREST GLEN -

Belated happy 25th wedding anniversary to Operator BOB and Mrs. BUEGE. By the way, Bob, how come the tuxedo? Is that what you were going to show up in for inspection?...Supervisor PAUL LOCASSIO is now back on the job working our terminal board after having open heart surgery. It so happens Paul takes after "Chappie," another fine gentleman. Keep that smile, brother Locassio, and you'll never lose...Did anyone happen to see smiling ED KRATZKE with his cleaning equipment at Jefferson Park? What a job he was doing!..WOODY OWENS is wondering

why his wife isn't working. I believe Woody is looking for early retirement. Good luck!..Supervisor GEORGE HAND and his lovely wife are back from their vacation touring the East. Of course, George showed his bride all the good night spots on the trip. George says it was like a second honeymoon...Operator GEORGE SPORLEDER had a little work done on one of his eyes. It seems he can see all the pretty girls even better now...Operator BOB and PEARL EVERS had a late vacation, but the weather was bad...BILL WITKUS went hunting and with much luck got his limit again...Did you ever hear of anyone coming to work and forgetting his teeth? Well, ANDY KOSINSKI did it one morning...BILL LEMKE and his lovely wife just passed their 31st year of togetherness November 8...It so happens yours truly and Mrs. HENRY just made 16 years November 25...Operator W. BARRON is still looking for a live one, so beware all...Operator BOWERS is coming up with names for some of the boys who meet in the corner of the depot. He is now calling CHILDERS "Sparky"...Please take notice of PAUL CHRISTINO who operates with his seat belt on...Operator T. POLITOPOULOS and his Mrs. announced the birth of a baby girl named KATHERINA. She was born on October 27 at Ravenswood hospital weighing 8 pounds 8 ounces and is their first child...Operator "POOPSIE" and Mrs. ANN NELSON really rubbed it in telling about all the fine weather on their trip to Florida in November...Our fine credit union officer, JOHN KURINEC, was an outstanding model for the Ladies Sodality of Divine Savior parish. At present we are not sure if it was underwear or outer garments, but I am quite sure he was very outstanding, and did the church proud.

- W. A. Henry (Don't call me W. H.)

GENERAL OFFICE (Medical) -

The welcome mat was extended to DIANE (Ritrovato) PECORARO who transferred from the Claim Department. She became Mrs. JOSEPH PECORARO on October 7 and honeymooned in Jamaica. Her husband is a bus repairman at North Park Station. Her father, FRANK, is an instructor for Shops & Equipment at Archer Garage.

(Insurance) -

RONALD KRAMER and his wife flew to Disney World for a two-week vacation...MARJORIE HOLMES, along with three other girls took a Greyhound to Atlanta, Georgia, to attend the Morehouse college homecoming. They were exhausted when they got there from the long trip, and decided to fly back after spending three days sightseeing...MARIE CRAWLEY has been advancing in her swimming lessons. She has now learned to dive, and the exercise is doing something for her figure. Keep up the good work.

(Personnel) -

The welcome mat was extended to MARIA LOPEZ, clerk-typist, and JOE KINAHAN, file clerk, who transferred from 77th Street Shops & Equipment where he formerly was a repairman...DON RIESS and his wife drove to Disney World in Florida touring the east and west coasts for two weeks. He said they had a marvelous time and the weather was ideal...Have you noticed JOE O'SULLIVAN's face is redder than usual? In last month's issue of the Transit News, he said PATTY JOE JACOBSON was thrilled with her shamrock from Ireland. She was thrilled alright, but not by the way her name was spelled. Her name is PATTI JO JACOBS. Sorry, Patti...LEN LOHN spent a

week in Rochester, Minnesota, undergoing tests at the clinic. Although he didn't get a clean bill of health, he found out he is not as sick as he thought he was...We received a letter recently from Pensioner WALTER GARBUTT stating that he has completely recovered from his heart attack. The only thing he can't do is shovel snow. He says his wife will do that for him. I wonder?...RAY FLEMING showed off his new home by having an open house for the members of the Training Department...PAT DUNEK toured the Pacific Northwest and said she had a wonderful time. She liked it so well she is thinking of going back...EVELYN, the wife of BURT BOSAN, took a trip to Rome, Italy. She said she had a good time and is now back home--wiser but poorer...RICHARD FABRY, the husband of KATHY FABRY, has started his new job. Rich is now production clerk, MC&OP, at Skokie.

(Public Information) -

Our deepest sympathy is extended to QUENTIN MICHALCZEWSKI in the death of his beloved grandmother.

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neurauter

KEDZIE -

Superintendents M. HARRINGTON, A. TABEL and J. McEVILLY would like to take this opportunity to wish all the personnel at Kedzie a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year...Congratulations to EMANUEL D. PORTER, p.m. foreman, and his wife, ORA, on the birth of a baby girl, KIMBERLY ANN, October 14...Operator A. DOMINICK received a surprise telephone call from Pensioner E. ZIELKE, who says hello to all his friends at Kedzie. The only street Zielke ever worked out of Kedzie was Harrison street...I received a card from Pensioner NICK (Money Bags) PAPPAS who said he attended the wedding of his grandson in Wilton, New Jersey. He said he also visited Reading and Trenton, New Jersey. We are sorry to report that Nick passed away on November 13. Our sincerest sympathy to his family...ELINOR COLLINS, the wife of Operator R. COLLINS, recently underwent surgery but is now home recuperating satisfactorily. We wish her a speedy recovery. Also at this writing, Operators T. SHEVCHUCK and RALPH POTTS are hospitalized in Presbyterian-St. Luke's hospital. FRANK VONDRASEK is in Loretto hospital, and G. PAPPAS is in West Lake hospital. ...MARY FLORITA, the aunt of CARM GRAHAM, your reporter's wife, passed away on October 30 in Dayton, Ohio. She was also the aunt of Pensioner MIKE FLORITA, Foreman JOE FLORITA of Archer, and Instructor of Garages ADAM FLORITA. We extend our deepest sympathy to their families here and in Dayton...The mother of Operator M. GAYLORD passed away in Plymouth, North Carolina. Our deepest sympathy is extended to her family...Don't forget your credit union--save a little each payday.

- Raymond Graham

KEELER -

Hi guys and dolls. I found this witty observation after my Thanksgiving dinner--there are more gluttons than drunkards in Hell. Of course, I'm lost either way...Last issue your old scribe pulled another boo-boo. I acknowledged that the JARECKIS were vacationing in Florida, but failed to mention that Operator DON BABER and his lovely lady were the Jarecki's travel partners. Don forgave me

and took JOHN off the hook. He will suffer enough now that LINDA is taking clarinet lessons...Superintendent KEAG is very proud of his son, KEVIN, who is the quarterback for the Wright Junior college football team. He led them to a 28 to 19 victory over Rockford, remaining undefeated as the undisputed champions of the Northwest Community Conference title. Kevin was also chosen all-American quarterback for junior colleges throughout the nation. Boss man, please steer him in the direction of the Chicago Bears...Another father-son happening involves my good buddy, Supervisor LEE OAK. Lee's son, DON WILCOX, with the aid of his wife, MARGARET, made Lee a grandpa recently. Don is also one of our good garage servicemen...Not to be outdone, Serviceman BYRON LEVAULT boasts of his son's very extensive vocabulary. GREGORY BYRON, at the ripe old age of 16 months, can very plainly say dada...Mechanic A. M. PARILLO owned up to 53 miles on the birthday odometer November 16...Mechanic JOHN ZAJAC will shortly leave the garage force to join the ranks of the courageous men in blue...Glad to see CHESTER FILIPEK off the sick list. We do, however, miss MELVIN STOKES who, as of this writing, is hospitalized. No one can take Stokes' place as no one can take up that much space. Hurry back, Stokes...I heard a rumor that T. J. (Boerwinkle) JONES has his leg in a cast, the result of the strenuous practice basketball coach C. BLAKENEY puts his team through. We want a running team, coach, but at that price? ...Received a nice long letter from ZIELKE, and his letters never fail to give us a lift. By sheer coincidence, one of Zielke's favorite operators, CHACHERE, was visiting his old buddies at Keeler and was tickled to see his name mentioned in Zielke's letter. Zielke didn't know that Satch had abandoned us Keelerites for Limits Station...These fellows are really on the ball. Operator G. KARRAS remembered that his wife, DONNA, had a birthday on November 16, or was it her 16th? Operator O. HAMPTON had to buy a pre-Christmas gift for his Mrs., ADDIE, when she birthdayed on December 2. Clerk RONNIE MILLER isn't so smart. He tells me that his wife, BARBIE, can now go dancing at the 30 and over club following her birthday on October 19. Barbie is no dummy either. She's letting Ronnie go deer hunting in upper Michigan with her cousin as guide. Ronnie will definitely hunt deer--not dears...SY GOLDMAN and his wife, NELLIE, are taking a second honeymoon in West Palm Beach, Florida. Just in case things are a little different the second time around, they will also do some sightseeing at Disney World in Orlando...Say, fellows, have you noticed the svelte look of Operator M. WIDENHOEFER? He has lost 20 pounds, and I can't lose two...One of our new operators, PHILLIP DAVILA, and his wife,

THESE THREE leisurely fellows are Pensioners BILL RADLOFF, WALTER BAROWSKY and RALPH LAYTON enjoying a "cool one" by the pool at Bill's home in Newport Richey, Florida.





HOCKEY IS a year-round sport for Forest Glen Bus Operator **CARL BENOIT** and his son, **VICTOR**, who looks like a typical defenseman. Carl has been teaching and coaching junior hockey teams for over a year at Rainbo Arena.

THERESA, just celebrated their second wedding anniversary and didn't bring us a piece of cake...A hearty welcome is extended to **FRANK TORRES** and **CARMELO MONTANEZ**.

- Ernest C. Carter

LAWDALE -

Well, fellows, as I am writing this the weather is giving us an indication that we're in for a long, cold winter (but I sincerely hope not). Station Superintendent **JACK MORRIS** recently reminded us that for the first month of the last quarter we're in first place in the system for the least amount of accidents. This is a very good sign that we're all trying harder to improve the overall safety record of CTA. Keep up the good work!...A hearty welcome to these new men at Lawndale: Operators **CHARLES E. WILLIAMS**, **PADERON MAURO DeLEON**, **ANTONIO LOPEZ** and **MANUEL DeLaCRUZ**. All of us here at Lawndale extend a welcome to you, and we also hope that you'll enjoy your stay here...P.M. Foreman **CLARENCE MILLS** is preparing for the 1973 model airplane championship matches. Clarence is looking for a couple of new models for Christmas. Good luck...Clerk **JIMMIE KORLONIS** of the repair department recently returned from a three-week vacation, but on a sad note. During the last week of his vacation his mother passed away. Our deepest sympathy is extended to you and your family...Our condolences are extended to Operator **IRVING CUNNINGHAM** in the recent passing of his mother, and to Operator **TOMMY HARPER**, whose mother also passed away...We recently received a beautiful card from Pensioner **BILL** and **EM KLECKA** who are vacationing in Florida...Operator **ABE WILSON** is challenging anyone capable of playing the game of chess. Abe must admit, however, that checkers is not his game...Congratulations to Operator **SOLOMON DAVIS** and his family on their new home...**DARRYL D. PENDLETON**, the son of Operator **JOHN PENDLETON**, recently received a scholarship to St. Francis de Sales High school. Congratulations to you, Darryl, from the men of Lawndale...Congratulations to Operator **EDDIE McCUTCHEON** who recently took his **MARY** in matrimony on October 13...Glad to see Operator **JAMES FITCHPATRICK** back with us after his recent illness...Former Operator **PETE MOLFESE** of Lawndale has been ill for some time now. We hope that Pete is doing better at this writing...Also back on the job after his illness is Operator **EXCELL BENN**...Personnel on our sick list as of this writing are: Operator **TILLMON SHAW** in Mary

Thompson hospital; Operator **GEORGE M. O'DONNELL**, and Cleaner **ROBERT WALKER**...On December 1 Operator **GEORGE F. BRICHACEK** retired after 36 years of service. We're all wishing George loads of good luck on his retirement...Foreman **JOE RITROVATO** will retire on January 1 after 38 years of service. Joe spent 18 years as a foreman. You've been a very nice guy to know and will be missed around Lawndale. Good luck on your retirement...Our condolences are extended to Operator **LENZIE ALFORD** in the recent passing of his brother...Here are the men on the 1972-73 basketball team from Lawndale: Coach **ROSEY WRIGHT**, Assistant Coach **RONNIE McKNIGHT**, Captain **GREGG CROOM**, **JAMES BURRIS**, **IRVING CUNNINGHAM**, **RALPH WILLIAMS**, **ARLANDER MARTIN**, **JOHNNY PAIGE**, **TOMMY ARTIS**, **DAVID JOHNSON** and **DUANE SMITH**. Good luck for the season, fellows, I hope that as many of us as possible can get out to see the games. ...Wedding anniversary congratulations go to Operators **WILLIAM** and **ANN MILLER** on their 15th, October 26; **JOHN** and **ANN HAWKINS** on their 3rd, October 28; **ARTHUR** and **MELVITA WILLIAMS** on their 11th, November 10; **JEROME** and **EVELYN JOHNSON** on their 12th, November 27; **ROBERT** and **SANDRA BRAXTON** on their 2nd, December 5; **EDDIE** and **ROBERTA JOHNSON** on their 11th, December 10; and it's going to be eight years of wedded bliss for **HAYWARD** and **JOYCE BORDERS** January 9. Many happy returns to all!...Congratulations are in order for Clerk **CLARK** and **MARGIE CARTER** on the recent birth of their son, **CLARK LEE CARTER Jr.**, on November 2. Little Clark topped the scale at 7 pounds 6½ ounces... Happy birthday to the following personnel: **LOU J. KAZDA**, **ALLEN H. JACKSON**, **C. McQUAY**, **TILLMON SHAW**, **ROBERT C. DILLARD**, **ROBERT WILLIAMS**, **WALTER JENTSCH**, **ROY JENKINS**, **DAVID O. CARROLL**, **CHARLES F. HILL**, **ERNEST BURNETT**, **MANUEL NAVARRO**, **MAURICE A. WALTON**, **E. BROWN**, **C. A. AUGUST**, **W. STUBBS**, **WILLIAM PRICE**, **T. COLEMAN**, **H. E. MOORE**, **LEROY WILLIAMSON**, **R. L. LAY**, **J. KETCHUM**, **W. A. LEE**, **H. DAVIS**, **TOM BYRNE** and **JOHNNY L. McCLAIN**... On Sunday, October 29, the St. Joseph Branch of the Little Flower Society held it's communion breakfast at St. Patrick's church. Lawndale personnel in attendance included Mr. and Mrs. **EDDIE KAWCZYNSKI**, Instructor and Mrs. **DAVE HINMAN**, their son and his mother-in-law, and Clerk and Mrs. **WILLIAM KELLY**. Former Assistant Superintendent of Lawndale **STANLEY BITEL** and his lovely wife were there. We also had a chance to see Pensioner and Mrs. **ARCHIE DILLON**, who are both looking very well. Archie happened to win a prize in the drawing—a statue of the Madonna of the Kitchen. Other winners from Lawndale were **EDDIE (Cookie) KAWCZYNSKI** and yours truly. Everyone really had a wonderful time...We extend our deepest sympathy to Assistant Superintendent **H. P. BRAUN** in the recent passing of his brother, **WALTER BRAUN**...Our hearts go out to Operator **A. A. HADAC** who sustained an injury recently en route to work. We all wish you a speedy recovery.

- James Marshall

LIMITS -

Time marches on, and the time has come when your scribe has reached that golden age of 65. As of January 1, 1973, I will be retired. I thank the good Lord who has seen fit to keep me in good health and strength these many years. I want to thank the men at Limits for their coopera-

tion in writing our column, for without their help there would not have been a column. I also want to thank Bob Heinlein, Mel Alexander and the Transit News staff for their help. They have all done a fine job of getting the Transit News out regularly to all of the employees, active and retired. Your new scribe beginning with the January issue will be CHARLES TURNER, who is most capable. Please keep the Limits column alive by giving him the co-operation that you gave me. Thank you...The Limits credit union annual business meeting and party will be held on January 28 at 3 p.m. in Weigelt's hall, Byron and Damen avenues. All members and their families are invited to attend. Prizes will be given after the meeting, and delicious food and beverages will be served...Superintendent M. DeWITT and his dear wife returned from a refreshing vacation down in Hot Springs, Arkansas, where they enjoyed themselves to the fullest...Operator STANLEY DEERING took his pension on December 1. He and his dear wife are planning to tour the good old U.S.A. and visit the many places of historic interest...Mechanic KEITH KLEIN and his dear wife, DIANE, became the parents of a cute baby girl, KAPRICE MARIE. This is the first girl in the Klein family after having eight boys. Congratulations to the very proud parents...P.M. Foreman E. KUKLEWICZ and his dear wife, FRIEDA, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on November 16, and it was also his 31st year with CTA. Congratulations and best wishes to this fine couple. They are planning a trip to San Antonio, Texas, to mark the occasion...Our sincerest sympathy to Operator MITCHNER in the death of his beloved mother; also to the families of Operators SAM WILSON, JESSE BROADNAX and HARDY CARLSTEDT, formerly of Devon and North Park, who passed away...In closing this column, as it will be my last one, I will not say goodbye but just "au revoir." May all of you and your families enjoy good health, happiness and prosperity in the years that lie ahead.

- R. S. Benson

LOOP -

Clerk ED PFANNKUCHE celebrated 39 years with CTA in October, and he and his wife, VI, celebrated their first wedding anniversary on November 26. Our congratulations on both occasions. On October 27, Ed and Vi flew to Chattanooga, Tennessee, and enjoyed a boat ride down the Mississippi river...Motorman GEORGE EASTMAN said so long to CTA and his co-workers when he resigned recently to open his own business, a hardware store. If any of you are in the vicinity of Madison and Western, drop in and give George some business...Janitor CRUMPLER spent his vacation in New York this year. He said he really had a great time...CHESTER GAVIN is back to work after his four-day holiday. Tell us, Chester, is it who you know or what you do?...Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of retired Assignment Agent ANTHONY BALKAS who passed away recently. Anthony was with CTA for 25 years. High mass was celebrated for him at Our Lady of the Ridge church on October 11...Our sincere condolences are also extended to Agent MARTHA BLEERS who recently lost her grandson, and to Clerk RON SORENSEN in the death of his mother...Agent TONI STIPATI, the wife of Agent SAM STIPATI, is recuperating nicely. We hope to announce her return to work shortly...JOHN FILIPEK has asked us to thank all his co-workers who so kindly remembered him with cards and gifts during his hospital stay. He was deeply touched...Agent W. RAJEWSKI and his wife happily an-

nounced the birth of their fifth and sixth grandchildren, born just three weeks apart. Their daughter had a little girl, VICKI, and their daughter-in-law had a little girl named DEBBIE. Moms, dads and grandparents are really proud...We just can't seem to keep the DOYLE name out of the news for one issue. This time we announce the 33rd wedding anniversary of DAN and Co-reporter MILDRED on November 11. May they enjoy many, many more years together. Congratulations from all of us...It is with deep regret that we announce the retirement of Janitor E. SCHULTZ, Lake Street. He will be greatly missed and hard to replace. Schultz, as he was affectionately known by his many friends, never idled away his time. He managed to keep busy at all times, and his stations showed it. Good luck and many happy retirement years to a truly fine gentleman. Don't forget to let us hear from you...We are happy to see BILL CUSACK back at the old stand after his recent illness. Stay well, Bill, and don't let anything get you down...Agent MINNIE DIKEMAN is much too humble to tell anyone, but we found out that she received an "Employee of the Year" citation for 1972. Minnie certainly deserves this honor as she is a most conscientious and gracious lady...Belated birthday greetings to Chief Clerk HARRY BAKER and retired Agent PIERRE FLECK...On November 4 a retirement party was held for Agent MARY JO OHNESORGE at Weigelt's hall on Damen avenue. Those who attended enjoyed a lovely dinner and an enjoyable evening of dancing. Mary Jo was presented with gifts which she accepted graciously. Everyone was moved by her acceptance speech when she said looking around this room and seeing all these people as her friends was the greatest gift of all...Agent ED ROHDE retired on November 1. May he enjoy his retirement in good health...Electrician JOE HOBBS is back on the job and really looking great. Joe had open heart surgery at Presbyterian-St. Luke's hospital...Agent OPAL (York) WOZNIAK is home recuperating from her recent surgery at St. Anthony hospital. We will be glad to give her number to all her friends who would like to call her...In closing, our grateful thanks to Transit News Editor BOB HEINLEIN and his staff for all their hard work and efforts in putting out our magazine in 1972. Thanks, gang...May 1973 be a blessed and happy year for all of us. Keep smiling.

- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wirted

MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

Anyone interested in a puppy or kitten for a Christmas gift? Please contact MATTIE ANDERSON. Don't ever tell her when your birthday is, or you will be sure to get one or the other as a present...Speaking of pets, KATY MORIARTY, your co-scribe, has a big beautiful Irish setter who was graduated from obedience school in November. Congratulations...JIM GEORGE spent his vacation in Wisconsin working on his cottage there...DOROTHY FORD has some new glasses, and had a two-week vacation which started the week of Thanksgiving. Gee, what a nice time to be off and get ready for the upcoming holidays...JUNE BAREKMAN and her family had a wonderful vacation in Hawaii in August...Relief Superintendent R. SUTA said he had a nice "honey-do" vacation. He did everything his wife told him to do. Knowing Mr. Suta, he enjoyed every minute of it...Congratulations and good luck to all the newly-hired agents. Those hired as conductors recently are: JOSEPH C. MARTIN Jr., J. LOPEZ, S. VICENS, M. BISHOP, E. HOWARD, P. DIAZ, TOM RAMOS and JOSE LAM...Our

mere condolences to JOSEPHINE GIBLIN in the loss of her father. May he rest in peace...EDNA KANTOR was off for 12 days with what she thought was a cold, but was discovered to be the measles. She is now back at work with a bad cough. ELEANOR HASBROUCK is also back to work after a short illness. We hope you both stay healthy throughout the changeable weather...ED ROHDE took his pension on November 1 after more than 26 years of service. Ed says he is going to do all the things he has always wanted to do. He loves to fish and camp out...Everyone really had a good time at the retirement party for MARY O'OHNESORGE on November 4. Mary was presented with a huge telephone and a giant watch...Question of the month: Who is Ann Landers of the Milwaukee branch?...MARY MXTED's son, TOM, is a chip off the old block. He recently received a commendation with only one month's service with CTA. Tom is a bus operator on Irving Park...Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE HALL returned from their vacation which took them through Washington, D.C., Virginia and Maryland, where they visited Arlington National cemetery and various interesting and beautiful historical sites. They also stopped to see George's brother, WILLIAM, and said they had a wonderful time.

- Grace Mounts & Katy Moriarty

NORTH AVENUE -

Congratulations to Operator LAWRENCE ABRAHAM who welcomed his second granddaughter, LAURIE, born October 23 at McNeal hospital...On February 1, Clerk EDWARD KEEFE will be joining the ranks of pensioners after 39 years of service. He has some great plans. First, a trip to Hawaii with his wife and sister-in-law. Then an automobile trip and some sightseeing. Good luck, Ed, keep in touch...My co-reporter, WALTER BLIX, had open-heart surgery. He is at home recuperating and will be back at North as soon as the doctor gives him the OK. He would like to hear from all of his friends. See ya' purty soon, Walter...Operator RALPH POTTS from Kedzie is in Oak Park hospital. Operator HERB LINDEMANN is on the sick list. We hope you both are well by the time you read this...We are happy to report that Bus Dispatcher BILL KOSEK, South Shops, is back to work after surgery...Pensioner JOE REBEL and his spouse, CATHERINE, vacationed in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Las Vegas. According to their card, they were having a ball. Joe says, "Old bus drivers never die, they just drive away"...Clerk WAYNE MIEDEMA and his wife, BONNIE, paid Day Foreman ALEX ALA and his wife, ROSE, a visit during their vacation. Wayne and Bonnie enjoyed the local forest preserves and a delicious dinner prepared by Rose. Alex and Rose are big land owners in Wisconsin—they have a nice farm. Wayne and Bonnie are also new property owners. They bought a home on the Northwest Side of Chicago...Congratulations to the September members of the Courtesy Caravan Club. They are: Operator W. JOHNSON for assistance of handicapped, Operators R. COVYEAU, H. FIELDS, E. BRYANT, F. FLIENT and J. DUBIN for exceptional courtesy...Pensioner WILLIAM BUETOW lost his wife, ANNA, November 13. Operator WADE SIMMONS lost his father October 13. Operator NICK DE FINA passed away October 13. Operator S. SUKIS lost his wife October 13. The sister of Operator RED COOPER passed away October 11. We extend our deepest sympathy to these families. The Bible tells us Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you that where I am, there ye may be also"...Superintendent LES KEAG of

TOMI JEAN GRIESEN-AUER, the daughter of North Avenue Station Inside News reporter WALTER BLIX, was a recent graduate of the Ravenswood Hospital School of Nursing. She will be working at Swedish Covenant hospital.



Keeler Station and his wife, LORETTA, are very proud of their son, KEVIN, who is quarterback on the Wright Jr. college football team. They beat Rockford 28 to 19 to win the Northwest Central Community Conference for junior colleges. He threw two touchdown passes and scored a touchdown himself. Last year he received the award for the all-American quarterback for junior colleges all over the U.S.A...We received a welcome letter from Pensioner NEIL COTTER in Portage, Wisconsin. The duck hunting and the deer hunting are good there, but Neil doesn't care to take advantage of it. He asks to be remembered to all and tells all, "Stay well"...In the January, 1953, issue of Transit News, there was a feature story on BILL LOUBSKY, the son of Pensioner BILL LOUBSKY. At that time Bill, age 12, was building scale models of CTA buses as a hobby project. In 1963 our magazine announced that Bill, age 22, was a graduate engineering student at the University of Illinois. Now 1973 is coming up and we have a letter from his father telling us that Bill is now attending Stanford university to obtain his Ph.D. He is considering many offers of teaching, one of which is at M.I.T. in Boston, or to go into research at Los Alamos, New Mexico. He also has an offer to teach in France. He has worked part time at NASA and gave a televised talk to NASA and Lockheed on November 7. Bill went to Russia August 12 to attend the 13th International Congress of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics held at the University of Moscow where scientists from all over the world met. There were 4,000 in attendance, 2,500 Russians and 1,500 foreigners. Bill wrote a technical paper, and out of 400 entered in the U.S.A., 48 were accepted. Two were from Stanford university, and Bill's was one of them. This trip was paid for by Stanford and the U.S. Academy of Science. Bill visited The Red Square, St. Basil's church, Lenin's Tomb, Leningrad, Province of Georgia, Armenia, and the Russian Riviera on the Black Sea. The Russian buses are very much like the old "Queen Mary", only gasoline versions. They have many trolley buses and streetcars. People there ride on the honor system and some of the fares are 3 cents. He said Russian subway stations are the most beautiful in the world, made of marble, many paintings, sculptures and golden chandeliers. Whatever Bill's plans are for the future, we wish him luck...I want to thank all of you who, like JULIUS BISWURM, let me know the news that gets into this column. One little problem has arisen. When I moved, I put my new address in the column but many of you didn't keep it and a lot of my mail is still being sent to my old house. Send it to Bill Miedema, 3900 North Pacific avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60634. Write it down right now before

you forget! And use it to let me know all of the things your friends would like to read about. I can't print things if nobody lets me know about them. Just drop them in the box at the depot, or, if you are a pensioner, write to me.

- William Widema & Walter Bliz

NORTH PARK -

The North Park credit union annual business meeting will be held Friday, January 12, at River Park Fieldhouse, 5100 N. Francisco avenue at 8 p.m. Dividends will be declared and refreshments will be served with drawings for door prizes. All members are urged to attend...Operator HAROLD BASON and his wife, NORA, became grandparents for the eighth time when their daughter, Mrs. JANICE ANDERSON, gave birth to a daughter named GWEN MARIE on November 1 at Lutheran General hospital weighing 7 pounds 7 ounces...CHRISTINE CHRISTENSEN, the daughter of Operator CHARLES and GRACE CHRISTENSEN, was married on Saturday, December 15, to STEVEN KOIS at Evangelical Free church of Wauconda, Illinois. The reception was held at the church and was attended by 200 guests...BOB and EMELIA CIESLA became grandparents for the second time when their daughter, CAROL ANN COLBURN, gave birth to a daughter named CHRISTINE MARIE on November 4 at Wesley Memorial hospital weighing 7 pounds 9 ounces... Hospitalized at this time are Mrs. MILDRED SHER, the wife of Operator IRVING SHER, at Weiss Memorial for major surgery, and Mrs. CONNIE DIGIOVANNI, the wife of Clerk JOE DIGIOVANNI, at Forkosh hospital for major surgery. The ladies are recuperating satisfactorily and our prayers are with them for a complete recovery...Going on pension November 1 were Operators RICHARD HALLIGAN with 43 years of service and Operator RAYMOND BLAA with 33 years of service. On December 1 Operator ALVIN BLOOMQUIST with 35 years of service started his pension. In the near future we expect to hear from Richard who is expecting to move to Florida. Ray will be at home at 1706 Rogers avenue in McHenry, Illinois. Alvin will be found playing golf on many of the Chicagoland golf courses when weather permits. We at North Park wish to express our sincere appreciation to these fine gentlemen and their wives as they enjoy their leisure years together...Operator JAMES HALL and his wife, VIRGINIA, traveled throughout the West and Southwest. Points of interest visited were Bryce Canyon, Grand Canyon, Yellowstone National Park and several stops in the Ozarks with a boat ride at Bagnall dam...Operator JOHN HALL and his wife, MARIE, drove their new '72 Buick LeSabre to Dallas, Texas, to visit Miss NANCY NANN, who is attending Southern Methodist university. Also on the agenda was a trip to Ellington, Missouri, for a two-week rest period...Superintendents ALEX JOHNSON, VICTOR JOHNSON, WARD CHAMBERLAIN and LOUIS MUELLER and their wives spent two weeks on a Caribbean cruise visiting islands in that area...Operator SAM POSNER and his wife, ETHEL, flew to Los Angeles, California, where they stayed with Ethel's mother, Mrs. MINNIE MOLL. On the agenda were visits to San Diego, Long Beach, and three wonderful days at the Executive Sweets motel at Las Vegas, Nevada...Operator JERRY BUDZICZ and his wife, HELEN, traveled to Sheboygan, Wisconsin, for their traditional visit with Helen's relatives. While there, Jerry challenged the relatives to a golf match and won some Wisconsin money...Operator PLEAS (PG) SMITH and his wife, MADELYN, wish to announce that they are distributors of Amway products. The phone number is

539-9358 and the Smiths will be happy to come out and serve you...Pensioner ROY PEDERSEN of 310 John street Decatur, Michigan, has another champion beagle named Black Hawk Billy. Billy has won two seconds and one first place trophy in competition against other beagles. Roy who is an avid hunter and fisherman, along with his wife BERNICE, invites his many friends to stop by for a visit...Happy anniversaries are extended to: Street Collector TONY GLOPPE and his wife, JENNIE, their 37th; Signa Maintainer JAMES NESBIT and his wife, MARGE, their 34th; Pensioner STANLEY ZALE and his wife, MARIE, their 44th; Sanitary Engineer STANLEY GUSTAFSON and his wife, RUTH, their 33rd; Operator CONNIE SCHMIT and his wife, FRANCES, their 41st; Operator FRED BOLD and his wife, AGNES, their 40th; Operator FRED STOWELL and his wife, WILMA, their 37th, and Paymaster MIKI KOMPANOWSKI and his wife, JOSEPHINE, their 38th...Happy birthdays are extended to: Pensioners BILL SEIFERT, BILL STEINSPRING and VERN WENNERBERG Clerk BOB PETERSON, Operators LEO HARA, MEI HORNING, CAROL, BILLY and EILEEN STRITZEL, and JOE DIGIOVANNI...Our sympathy and condolences are extended to the families of Pensioners WILLIAM KROSS ARTHUR SEPKE and FRANK WIESHAAR, and Paymaster MIKE KOMPANOWSKI in the loss of his father-in-law Mr. ALEX KAWALSKI...Repair Department Chit Chat Congratulations to the garage personnel on their second award-winning performance. For their safety record coffee and rolls were served...Repairman C. TICE was injured in an automobile accident, and at this writing is recovering satisfactorily...Enjoying December vacations at this time are the following: DANIEL LOHSE, ANDY KARNOLICH, ED OLENDER, FRANK SCHENDL, EDWARD BAKANOWICZ, DONALD SPARKS, GEORGE WITT and MATHEAVEY...Watch your money grow by saving each payday in your credit union. You can save through payroll deductions every two weeks...Remember to change your beneficiary on your insurance and pension plan as soon as your circumstances change.

- Melvin Hennings

NORTH SECTION -

North Side employees were shocked by the sudden death of our pensioned North Side Station Superintendent KENNETH MANAUGH who passed away on November 7. Our sincere sympathy to the members of his family...Our deepest sympathy also to Agent TONY ABBANATI in the death of his aunt. Tony is now caring for his 86 year old uncle...On Saturday, November 4, agents from all section had a farewell dinner for Agent MARY OHNESORGE Johnnie Weigelt's banquet hall. There were many former and retired employees in attendance. Among them were Former Division 308 President JOHN BURNS and his brother, CHARLIE BURNS (with his good jokes), MIKE CRONIN, Mrs. McMANN, retired Agents ELSIE REIMER, BETTY HAWKINS, MARGARET CASPER, MARGARET LAVIN, Mrs. CASSELS and JOSEPHINE COVENY. A few of our North Side agents (names withheld) showed everyone how to do the Irish jig. A good time was had by everyone and we wish Mary many happy years of retirement...Age MINNA KING flew to Florida for a few days to visit with her parents...Agent ANN TOMLINSON was in Las Vegas vacation and managed to make the machines pay out. Glad you had a good time, Ann...Birthday wishes to retired Agent BETTY HAWKINS. May you have many more. All

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

ANTHONY C. BALKAS, 65, South Section,
Emp. 9-3-42, Died 10-7-72
ARTHUR A. BREEN, 82, Lawndale,
Emp. 2-16-35, Died 10-7-72
JESSE BROADNAX, 57, Limits,
Emp. 3-15-51, Died 11-9-72
OLAF H. CARLSTADT, 73, North Park,
Emp. 1-21-44, Died 10-7-72
PETER F. DALEY, 75, Archer,
Emp. 2-23-17, Died 10-5-72
AUGUSTA S. DALY, 76, Transportation,
Emp. 8-27-23, Died 8-25-72
NICK F. DeFINA, 61, North Avenue,
Emp. 3-4-42, Died 10-13-72
JOHN DROBENA, 73, South Shops,
Emp. 3-30-37, Died 10-2-72
FREDERICK C. GOETZ, 74, South Division,
Emp. 9-21-37, Died 10-27-72
FLOYD N. GRAHAM, 87, Engineering,
Emp. 4-1-27, Died 10-24-72
ALBERT E. GRUENLER, 72, Stores,
Emp. 2-3-37, Died 10-24-72
WALTER HOGG, 80, Track,
Emp. 9-17-30, Died 10-1-72
PAUL JAKSEBOGA, 88, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 5-1-20, Died 9-13-72
PETER JOCIUS, 78, Kedzie,
Emp. 6-28-23, Died 9-30-72
JOHN Y. JOHNSON, 75, Howard Street,
Emp. 6-3-26, Died 10-28-72
THEODORE A. KAWOL, 81, Electrical,
Emp. 1-5-10, Died 10-5-72
CONSTANTINE C. KLOSTER, 80, Armitage,
Emp. 1-27-25, Died 9-25-72
EMIL C. KROSS, 65, North Park,
Emp. 12-7-36, Died 10-23-72

TOM LOMBARDO, 83, Way & Structures,
Emp. 8-13-19, Died 11-2-72
JOSEPH M. MATEVICH, 78, South Shops,
Emp. 9-6-27, Died 10-17-72
PATRICK McAREE, 83, 61st Street,
Emp. 4-24-41, Died 10-19-72
MARGARET M. McBRIDE, 64, North Section,
Emp. 3-9-51, Died 10-4-72
JOHN W. McGUIRE, 65, South Shops,
Emp. 6-7-24, Died 10-17-72
WILLIAM Q. MERRIOTT, 69, North Section,
Emp. 8-26-26, Died 10-6-72
THOMAS MORAN, 77, Devon,
Emp. 3-8-23, Died 10-15-72
PATRICK J. O'REILLY, 89, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 10-2-17, Died 10-25-72
CLARENCE E. OVERMAN, 70, West Section,
Emp. 6-11-26, Died 10-8-72
ELISABETH A. PAYSEN, 80, West Section,
Emp. 9-7-18, Died 8-26-72
WALTER F. PYPER, 67, 77th Street,
Emp. 11-1-33, Died 10-19-72
HENRY E. RENKEN, 84, 69th Street,
Emp. 6-23-09, Died 11-1-72
ARTHUR H. SEPKE, 77, Devon,
Emp. 6-4-24, Died 10-21-72
JOSEPH SUSMAN, 61, District D,
Emp. 10-3-45, Died 10-9-72
ALOYSIUS L. TUCHOWSKI, 65, West Section,
Emp. 3-14-28, Died 10-16-72
GEORGE B. TYRIVER, 75, North Avenue,
Emp. 11-5-29, Died 10-26-72
SAM WILSON, 51, Limits,
Emp. 2-1-65, Died 10-26-72

o Agent CATHERINE ZIEMBA...North Section Motorman JOE WACKER went on pension October 31. He started with the Chicago Rapid Transit as a station watchman; his duties being to spend the midnight hours at a station which was closed due to the depression and the loss of riders. When passenger traffic began to pick up, he was transferred into train service as a guard-conductor. Later he became a motorman on the South Section. During the last system sick, Joe transferred North, finishing his days on the North-South route. His total service spans some 37 years, 11 of which Joe said he enjoyed very much and would gladly do over again. Joe was taken to lunch at the Kon-Tiki Ports by one of his former student motormen following his retirement, where he told some interesting tales of the old rapid transit. The former student is Supervisor BOB ANZ...On the sick list at this time are Agents JERRY OLSEN and DOREEN HORN. Our best wishes to you both or a speedy recovery...Agent CLESEN and his wife and daughter took a trip to Algoma, Wisconsin, and brought back 272 pounds of potatoes. Well there is one wife who doesn't get a chance to use instant potatoes...Everyone was glad to see Agent ROSE O'CONNELL who returned to work after her long illness...Our best wishes and good luck to Conductor CARL SCHERIERMAN on his retirement after more than 30 years of service. Carl says he is just going to goof around and take it easy...Birthday greetings to Mo-

torman ANDREW CROUT, Collector JOE GOLDBERG, and to Agents DOREEN HORN, MYRTLE OTT and DORTHEA DAVIES...Wedding anniversary congratulations to Agent GERDA MATTHEWS and her husband, BILL, on their 27th year. May they have many more.

- Tina Henke

OPERATIONS (Transportation) -

Our sympathy is extended to the families of AUGUSTA S. DALY, retired stenographer from the Transportation Department, who passed away on August 25 and KENNETH MANAUGH, retired superintendent at Howard Street Rapid Transit, who passed away on November 7...JACK TCHELEBIAN, his wife and a guest from Europe drove to St. Petersburg, Florida, for a vacation. They spent some time in Disney World and were quite amazed at the things they saw there. The weather was in the 80's all the time and was beautiful, just like the whole trip...We would like to extend a warm welcome to JEANNE ROHE, clerk-stenographer, who is replacing ELKE MOLINA who transferred to the Insurance Department. We also wish the best of luck to LORRAINE BRAZZLE who transferred to the Claim Department and KATHY KUDELKA who transferred to Research and Planning...CHARLES E. KEISER, retired



ONE LOOK at this handsome young lad and you can easily understand why DAVID MARTIN, line supervisor in Operations Control, is so proud of his 8½ month old son, DONALD.

operating manager, recently came to the General Office and visited with many of his friends. It was good to see him and to know that he is feeling fine and enjoying retirement.

(Transportation Instruction) -

Our condolences are extended to the family of WALTER F. PYPER, retired supervising instructor at 77th Street, who passed away on October 19.

(Utility and Emergency Service) -

JAMES ROCHE and his wife recently vacationed in the east and said that Connecticut was very pretty. They enjoyed the great weather and the beauty of the fall colors. Mr. and Mrs. O. W. JOHNSON went to Iowa for their vacation and had a real nice time...Congratulations to J. J. ROCHE who celebrated his 35th anniversary with the CTA, and to N. GEWELKE and F. BECKER with 30 years of service each...A word of thanks for a job well done to O. ERTL, C. ROCHAN, J. PAULSON, J. SHELDON, G. ISDALE, V. LANDES, A. WORKS, W. WALTON, E. SHIELD and J. ROCHE who worked at the site of the I.C. train crash on October 30.

- Colette Szegemach

PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -

We missed wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving in the November issue so we hope that you all had a very happy day! ..On October 22, our office attended the wedding of MARY BETH (Murray) MROZ. Everyone had a real swell time dancing the different dances, and JOANNE BOETTIN is still saying that she could have danced all night. After the wedding, Mary Beth and her husband, JERRY, flew to Acapulco, Mexico, for a seven-day honeymoon. They stayed at the Contessa Del Mar hotel, toured the bay, shopped in the market, and swam in their pool. The weather was very hot, 90 degrees every day, and after that it was hard to return to the rainy weather in Chicago. They both say they had a wonderful time...Get well wishes are extended to BECKY COUSIN, Purchasing, who is in the hospital. Hope you have a speedy recovery!..We received word from Pensioner FRED LOITZ who attended the softball championships in Texas and also stopped to see his daughter. Fred reports that he is feeling fine and says hello to everyone... Glad to see LEE DE SUTTER, Specifications, on her feet again. Hope she is having a great time on her vacation in

Florida...MARY ANN BURNS, Stores, and her husband, JIM, purchased a new 1973 Oldsmobile Royal. It is burgundy with a burgundy vinyl top. They took their first trip in the new car to Wisconsin to spend Thanksgiving weekend with their family...JIM TOOLIS, Purchasing, has moved into his new home. Jim and his family spent Thanksgiving day in the new home. He likes the house, but Jim says he is tired of painting. Jim and BOB MCCARTHY, along with their sons, attended the "Dad's Day" football game at University of Illinois in Urbana...Congratulations are in order for KEN SPICH, stock clerk I, who received a 100 per cent on his Red Cross training program. You fellows in Storeroom 20 must feel awfully safe with Ken around!..As of this writing MARVIN CASTLE, stock clerk I, is on vacation in Florida...A big welcome is extended to RALPH LOUIS and JAMES QUALLS, our two new stock clerks at Storeroom 42...Divisional Storekeeper MIKE KORZEN is vacationing in California...SAM CANELLA, fork lift operator, and his wife flew to Las Vegas on a 747 Jet. This was their first time in an airplane. Hope you had a nice quiet flight!..Assistant Divisional Storekeeper GEORGE LINDEN went fishing with his two sons on the Chippewaw River. George informed us that he was the cause of letting the "big one" get away. It seems that George's son, GARY, caught the fish and George tried to help by grabbing the line. The line snapped and the fish got away. This sounds just like another fish story...We are sorry to report that one of our co-workers, GRANVILLE CHEATHAM, stock clerk I, is in the hospital. Granville helps us gather the news from the Stores Department, South Shops. Hope you are feeling better soon as we miss you!..Belated happy birthday wishes are extended to CHARLIE BENNETT's daughter, SYLVIA, who celebrated her 13th birthday on November 5...The WEATHERSBY brothers, HOMER and RICHARD, spent a week touring the West Coast...Congratulations are in order for RICHARD WEATHERSBY and JAMES RILEY who both became the proud fathers of 9 pound 8 ounce baby boys.

- Cecilia Trucco & John Gill

RAPID TRANSIT MAINTENANCE TERMINALS -

Our condolences to the family of Pensioner FRANK FORTNIER who passed away at the age of 73...Congratulations are the order of the day for some of our 61st Street men: JESSE CROSS on the purchase of a 1973 Cadillac; FRANK LEWIS on the purchase of a new home; M. LALLY who also bought a new home, and MICK MALLOY who bought a new Buick convertible. We can all go for a ride in the new cars to see the new homes...The opening of hunting season is the start of vacations for L. STRYSZAK and S. NETTLES, 61st Street. Wonder if they bag anything or do they end up in the bag?...Happy to see ED SHIELDS, Dan Ryan, back at work. He and his wife spent a two-week vacation soaking up the Florida sun and they've already put a reserved sign on a retirement spot...The gang was all out to wish F. PICKETT, Dan Ryan, a happy birthday. His fellow club members gave him a party to remember...GEORGE NICHOLSON, Dan Ryan, is getting his Santa's helper suit ready and collecting contributions for the annual Christmas party...Enjoying a holiday vacation are A. CITRO, E. WITKOWSKI, T. BRANDON and J. O'TOOLE, Forest Park...Best wishes for a very joyous holiday season from the boys who keep those trains neat and running!

- Ray Brycegh

SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

DOROTHY ETSCHIED flew to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to rest and enjoy the sun and surf. She returned sporting a beautiful tan...RUTH HAVLIK, along with her mother and sister, MARIE, of Electrical, flew to Tampa, Florida, for a short vacation. However, most of their leisure time these days is being spent readying a recently-acquired summer home...Pensioner JAY KELLY sent a letter and pictures of his new mobile home in Sun City, Arizona, and says he and his wife are really enjoying living there. Mrs. KELLY also sent a poem she wrote which we all enjoyed... We also received a letter from Pensioner PAT LENIHAN who is also enjoying California living... Our newest pensioner, Retired Superintendent L. C. DUTTON, is keeping us abreast of his happy wanderings with a card from the West Coast. Another retiree, BILL DEVEREUX, is happily wandering southward with stops in Chattanooga, Tennessee, Atlanta, Georgia, and various points in Florida...Welcome to new Traffic Clerk JOE LYNCH, Checker GUADALUPE NAVARRO, and Statistical Clerk BILL STANLEY who is just off the graduate trainee program.

- Kathryn Balina

SKOKIE SHOPS -

News from the Upholstery Department! Upholsterer KEN METTLER's wife, MARG, is recovering at home after undergoing surgery at Augustana hospital. Take it nice and easy, Marg, and get well soon! Upholsterer JOHN ZDUNEK and his wife, VIRGINIA, celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary with dinner and a play at the Rustic Barn. John claims he picked up the tab (but we know you better than that)...Upholsterer LARRY VANDERHORST's daughter, JANICE, was married on October 21 to WAYNE ORLOWSKI at St. Veronica's church. Janice also works for the CTA in the Claim Department...Phew! The stork must be exhausted. He's really had a busy schedule! Electrical Worker Apprentice MICHAEL KEELE and his wife, MARI-ANNE, had their first son, MICHAEL, born on November 1 weighing 9 pounds 4 ounces. They also have a daughter, MICHELLE. Shopman JIM GOLDEN and his wife, JOAN, had a little girl, TERESA, born September 26 weighing 9 pounds 8 ounces. Material Handler DAN PROZANSKI and his wife, VALERIE, had their second son, ROBERT MICHAEL, November 7, who weighed 8 pounds 2 ounces. Our hearty congratulations to the proud parents!...Congratulations to Electrical Worker CHESTER BUJNOWSKI and his wife, MARY, on the birth of their first grandchild! Chester's daughter, ALICE, and her husband, ROBERT YEARSLEY, had a baby boy, CHAD, born November 7 weighing 5 pounds 15 ounces and 19 inches long...Machinist JIM PAOLICCHI reports that he and his wife, MARY, had a wonderful two weeks in St. Petersburg, Florida. To their surprise, Electrical Worker ROBERT BINNIE and his wife, CAROL, were vacationing close by and they had a chance to visit each other. While he was there Jim took time out from fishing and swimming to visit Skokie pensioner friends, WILLIAM MICHALK, airbrake axle foreman, GEORGE RATEIKE, engineer, and PETE EHMKE, machinist. Jim's happy to report they are all enjoying good health and look wonderful...Electrical Worker LOUIS KAROLICH and his wife, RUBY, spent 15 days island hopping in Hawaii. They visited Maui, Kauai, Hawaii and Oahu. They saw many interesting places and things and enjoyed every minute. They went to a Luau and even tasted poi (ugh). Talk about a small world--they met retired electrical worker

JOHN McGEE on the island of Maui...Skokie Celebrity--Electrical Worker BILL BUERGER sings with the World Champ Golden Throat Medinah Chanters. This outstanding group was on FM radio on November 12 and previously appeared on Channel 5 TV. Line forms to the right for autographs, fellows!..We'd like to welcome Material Handler DAN PROZANSKI to Skokie, and congratulate RICH FABRY on his promotion to production clerk. Good luck, fellows!..Electrical Worker ED MAY and his wife, ALYCE, clerk III, were happy to be in California to celebrate their grandson's second birthday. Their grandson, GREGORY RYAN, is the son of DAN and KATHY RYAN. Kathy was formerly in Public Information. Alyce and Ed had a great time and enjoyed every minute they could with Gregory. It's hard to return to work after such a wonderful vacation...We were sorry to hear that retired shopman OTTO LINK passed away. Our sincere condolences to his family...I'd like to thank all the fellows in the shop for the help they've given me with the column!

- Catherine Ann Hegarty

SOUTH SECTION -

The South Section has done itself proud once again. In the third quarter of the Interstation Safety Contest, 61st Street finished in first place, Ashland Avenue in second place, and 95th Street in third place. We took the whole show. On November 2 61st Street received its award and coffee and rolls were served and keychains were given to the men. Director of Personnel F. C. KNAUTZ presented the plaque to Assistant Station Superintendent JAMES WALSH. Ashland Avenue broke their par for more commendations than complaints for the third quarter and they had free coffee served also. Keep up the good work, men... Conductor STANLEY ZIELINSKI had a big smile recently when he told us about his new grandchild, a baby girl named CHRISTINE MARIE. This makes three grandchildren for the happy grandma and grandpa...We welcome back to work from the sick list Conductors SCOTT GIVENS, JAMES FOLEY, JESSE OWENS, and JOE DOYLE...The office force at Ashland Avenue was treated to a delicious chocolate cake for Clerk BOB STEWART's birthday. That

THESE FOUR guys really had a lot to talk about when they got together at the home of Pensioner STEVE HERMAN in Forsythe, Missouri. Pictured left to right are: North Park Operator BEN NEUMAN, Pensioner ART MUIR, North Park Station Inside News reporter MEL HORNING and Steve.



Season's Greetings

Verma Hartney

Art Bussing

Anna Jester

Raymond Graham

Jimmy Ahern

Virginia H. Thomas
Margie Mennetta

Alvan Robinson

R. L. Benson

Grace Monte

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Julia A. Bennett

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Domina Lowrey

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Michael Doyle

Katy Morley

John L. Harker

Barbara Ann Harty

Ernest Carter

Bliss Nelson

Bill Miedema

from your
reporters



sure was nice. Oh boy, all the weight I lost when I was sick is coming back, so I'm going to have to cut down on my eating. But I love to eat as everyone knows...We were shocked and saddened to hear that Agent VELMA HUSBAND's husband passed away suddenly. Velma is a real lady and our hearts go out to her in her sorrow...It was real super to see Retired Yard Foreman WALLACE (Wally) BROWN when he stopped in to see us at Ashland. He lives in Riverdale, Michigan, and just loves it up there. He was in Chicago for a few days and said Mrs. BROWN had been ill and was in the hospital but is now home and feeling much better. We talked over old times with Wally and that's a sure sign we're all growing older. No, I'll take that back. Now they call it nostalgia...This is a little late in reporting, but I just received the news, and it is better late than never. Our Division 308 softball team did itself proud for the second successive year when they beat 69th Street Station 9 to 2. The championship team was managed by Motorman JOE RAYBURN. Everyone who attended had a swell time and a picnic was held after the game...Hi to newly-hired Conductors JOHN MARTIN, HAMP JOHNSON, HENRY LESLEY and RICK MOORHE, and to newly-hired Janitors LUIGI MAZZA, ROMUALDO SALINAS and LEONIDES RIOS. Also glad to see Student Conductor CHARLES WILLIAMS Jr. who decided to stay with us as a full-time conductor...We received a nice postcard from Retired Conductor JOSEPH MASCOLINO out in San Bernardino, California. He said he was getting a good rest and trying to get his mind off his daughter who had passed away recently. While there, he was also planning to visit Retired Towerman CHARLES RUMMEL and Retired Conductor JOHN LOUGHLIN...Well, women's liberation has hit our clerks' staff when the first woman clerk started on the South Section November 12, KAREN DOMINO, who transferred from an agent. Congratulations, Karen, and much good luck on your job. You know all us women are looking at you, so do a good job...We went to a wonderful retirement dinner for West Section Agent MARY JO (Fergus) OHNESORGE on November 4 at Johnnie Weigelt's hall on the North Side. It was a complete surprise for Mary Jo as she thought she was going to attend someone else's retirement dinner. She said this was the first time she was at a loss for words. It was really heartwarming. My hubby, Clerk ROLAND, and I had a chance to see many North and West Section employees we hadn't seen in a long time. It was fun to renew old acquaintances. We were so happy to see our old boss, Retired Station Superintendent RICHARD MEISNER, and we talked over old times. Former president of Division 308, JOHN BURNS, was the master of ceremonies. Our hats are off to West Section Agent DELORES BERO and the other agents who arranged this dinner. The food was good and about 250 people attended. Division 308 was well represented with President LEONARD BEATTY, Vice-president CHARLIE LOUGHRAN and Secretary-Treasurer HUGH HEGARTY. We talked to quite a few pensioners: Retired Assignment Agents LULU HAMANN and ROSE HEIDENBLUT, Retired Agents PEG WENSTROM and HELEN SHANNON, Retired Conductor JERRY HANAFIN, Retired Division 308 Board Member CHARLES BURNS, and many more. Our very best wishes to Mary Jo and her husband, Retired Supervisor GEORGE, for a happy retirement life. May good fortune always smile on them...We were at a loss or words when we heard that Retired North Section Station Superintendent KENNETH MANAUGH passed away suddenly. We had just seen and talked to him and his wife at Mary Jo Ohnesorge's party, and now to hear this sad news. Mr. Manaugh was a real gentleman and will be missed by all his

friends and co-workers. Our sincere condolences to Mrs. Manaugh and the family...We had a delightful visit at Ashland from Retired Conductor WILLIAM RUEHL whom I haven't seen in ages. He brought us a nice apple pie which he baked himself for the office, and it was enjoyed by all. He has been on pension almost 15 years. He worked with my father, deceased Motorman ARON ROTHSCCHILD, for quite a while. Mr. Ruehl looked just great and spry as ever...Recently two of our foot collectors were on television. On October 30 Collector LYN FLOWERS gave blood to the injured in the Illinois Central train wreck and was interviewed on Channel 2 on the p.m. news. Also Collector THOMAS BRAGGS was on Channel 9 for the 10 p.m. news on October 31. He was interviewed by Jack Taylor, "Man on the Street," and was asked what he thought about the "Watergate Incident" in Washington. Our men are really making headlines...Motorman DOMINIC CESARE is on the sick list at this writing. He was in the hospital but is now home recuperating. Motorman SIDNEY EDWARDS had an operation but is now home getting stronger. We hope they both return to work soon...Our deepest condolences to Agent LEOLA CULPEPPER whose husband passed away recently...Received a nice letter from Retired Conductor HARRY ANTONIO who has been on pension 12½ years after having worked 40 years. He and his wife are now residing in Oak Lawn. Harry said "hello" to all his old friends and co-workers...Conductor JAMES HOWARD received a second commendation within a short period of time for his good announcements. Keep those commendations coming in.

- Vera Harbey

SOUTH SHOPS -

It's time to report all the things that have been happening here at South Shops...Congratulations to LENNY WIENCEK and WALLY FEULNER on a successful hunting trip that saw them take their limit of pheasant in Illinois. Unfortunately they were the only ones in their party to take the limit. The only other bird taken came when Len's brother, RICH, tripped on a cornstalk, thereby firing his shotgun and striking a nesting hen pheasant. The fourth member of the party, TONY PLATTA, didn't take any birds, but was photographed by Outdoor Life for the cover of their November issue as the best dressed hunter in Illinois...We would like to welcome GAIL HATHAWAY back to

THEY SAY that when you retire, that's the time to do all the things you never had time to do before. This seems to be the philosophy of OTTO MOSER, retired Skokie Shop electrical worker pictured here depicting in Cusco, Peru. Since his retirement January 1, 1967, Otto has traveled all over the world.



our office after her furlough. We would also like to bid a short goodbye (we hope) to JEAN ROHE. We surely do miss you, Jean. The first week you were gone, the coffee machine broke down three times!..Now for the out in the shop news. Our hearts are heavy due to the sudden death of JOHN McGUIRE, formerly of Area 344. John retired on October 1 after 48 years of service and passed away only 17 days later. We extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family...It sure is good to see the smiling face of GEORGE CHRYSANTHOPOLOS, Area 346, again. George had been recuperating for the last eight weeks from surgery... We extend our deepest sympathy to WALTER STREET, Area 333, in the passing of his aunt, Mrs. L. GLENN...We also extend our sympathy to CHARLES BREISHIS, Area 333, in the passing of his brother-in-law...JO-SHUA JAMES, Area 333, can now translate--Halo Espanol, Joshua?...A speedy recovery is wished to O. ELLIOTT, Area 333. Hurry back, Elliott...ERIC SMITH and his wife, PAMELA, recently celebrated their third wedding anniversary at the Millionaire's Club. Wow! What a star...HENRY MILEWSKI, Area 333, and his wife, BERNICE, spent a wonderful vacation and a combined 32nd wedding anniversary in Orlando, Florida, jaunting to Nassau by boat for two glorious weeks...LEON GRIFFITH, Area 317, is sporting a new Cadillac. He says it's white on white in white... Also in the Cadillac crowd is CHESTER ZIELINSKI, Area 312. How about that?...A happy retirement is in store for J. ZARAZA of Area 312. Congratulations!..HARRY HOLLANDER and his wife recently returned from a vacation in the Bahamas...CLARENCE DIDOWSKI, Area 321, spent a fun-filled week in Las Vegas recently, taking in all the gambling casinos and all the glamour that town could offer. Maybe Clarence has a hidden shoe box of silver dollars... Congratulations are extended to BOB MARRION, Area 318, on the arrival of a new baby boy, GARY JOSEPH...JOE CARROLL, Area 313, is recuperating from a recent illness. We all wish Joe a speedy recovery...Tragic news-- winter fires are upon us again. A recent tragedy happened when fire destroyed GEORGE WRIGHT's, Area 312, father-in-law's home...STEVE SLUZINSKI, foreman of Area 336, is extending the welcome sign to all his good buddies at South Shops to patronize the new resort he will be opening next year near the Manitowish waters in Wisconsin. It will have a nice community size recreational area and cabins, with good fishing for walleyes and trout. To make it complete, Steve will have scales to prove your catch. So, who is the best fisherman of South Shops?...Sorry to hear that Mrs. DOMIKAITIS, the wife of R. DOMIKAITIS, is ill. We wish her a speedy recovery...CHARLIE KARKO Jr. is the new owner of a 1973 Dodge. Maybe he will offer all his co-workers a ride with their work clothes, shoes and screwdrivers in their back pockets...Congratulations to N. SIMONETTI, A. BEAUCHAMP and S. SARNA on their recent promotions to Methods & Standards technicians. A number of applicants applied for the positions, and all who participated should be complimented. The new technicians are well qualified. So with a positive connotation we say--onward!..RAY EVANS, Area 349, and his wife recently spent eight days in Ohio visiting his father and relatives...DAVID MAGEE, Print Shop, is recuperating from a recent heart attack. Get well soon, Dave...TILLIE MOORE, Print Shop, is at home recuperating from a recent illness. A speedy recovery is anticipated...It's good to see the smiling face of JIM FORRESTAL, foreman of Area 334, who has returned to work after a short illness... Congratulations to KEN ROSSOW, MC&OP, on his promotion to shipping clerk...PATRICK HANNIGAN, MC&OP, was married to KATH-

THIS HANDSOME young lad is GREGORY ALAN RYAN, the two-year old grandson of ED and ALYCE MAY of Skokie Shop. Gregory's mother, KATHY, formerly worked in the Public Information Department.



LEEN HUNDRIESER on October 10. Pat is a newcomer to MC&OP and we wish much luck in his new job and marriage. Incidentally, Pat's dad is a painter in the Paint Shop...I wonder why JOE LUKOS is known as the "Big Trapper" of Bay 6. Maybe another Pied Piper, eh?...AL SAMASKA Jr. is now known as number 201 after a recent bowling tournament. I wonder why?...We extend our sincere condolences to I. WOODS, Area 345, on the sudden death of his sister, Mrs. ANNIE MAE TAYLOR, in Memphis, Tennessee...On Sunday, November 12, the annual CTA South Shops Bowling Party and Turkey Shoot was held. CARL LIDZBINSKI and E. KRAVUDIS who headed the committee, wish to thank each and everyone for making this affair a success. Loads of fun was had by all. Winners of turkeys were: R. AXTMANN, EDWARD EVANS, DAN HANRAHAN, J. LARSEN, F. IACONO, E. RADAKOVITS, F. GUADERAS, FRANK MAY and TOM COATES. JOSEPH LUSKO was the winner of the low scratch turkey shoot trophy. Joe was elated when he received a standing ovation from the group for his outstanding participation...No more for now. See you next month.

- Denise Patheiger & Howard Burris

52ND STREET -

Our credit union's annual meeting is tentatively set for Friday, January 19, 1973, at 7:15 p.m. All members are urged to attend. There will be awards, refreshments, and honored guests. Treasurer TYLER M. PHILPOTT promises something symbolic to all members who attend...Operators ROBERT B. HOLMES, ALVIN POTTS Jr., FRED POWELL, WILLIE WORD, MILTON DUFFIE, WILLIAM MACK and WILLIAM HILL recently attended seminars sponsored by the Illinois Credit Union league. Applications for membership are available and may be obtained from Philpott or Potts. Now is the time to join...Operator L. GARMONY purchased a new car last month. When asked what it takes to get one, he said, "Just a little sport...". Operator WALTER FALLS Jr. returned from a four-week vacation that took him all the way to Greenwood, Mississippi, with a lot of stops along the way...Western Electric held their second open-house in 100 years of existence during the week of October 3 through November 5. Invited as special guests to attend this occasion were Division 241 Secretary-Treasurer JAMES PATE and his wife; HOSEA JOHNSON, assistant day foreman at 52nd Street, and his wife; DORSEY GARNER of 52nd Street garage; MEL

ALEXANDER of the Transit News; Division 241 Board Member JAMES MOONE and his wife; Circuit Court Judge Russell Debow and his daughter, Deloris; Dr. Jeff McGehee of the Chicago Board of Education, and Calvin Hill, a Chicago public school instructor. They were greeted by General Manager Wyllys Rheingover and Assistant Superintendent Robert Strohm, representing Western Electric, and Leo Becker, president of Local 1859 I.B.E.W. and Executive Board Member Thomas Dillon. After a delicious dinner, the group was shown movies and taken on a tour through the plant by Mrs. Rose McDonald, shop steward of Local 1859. It was a very informative and enjoyable evening.

- John L. Hudson

9TH STREET -

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. LEO USPTEL on the birth of their second grandchild, CHRIS ANN SAVIANO. She weighed in at 7 pounds 12 ounces on October 16 and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. ROCCO SAVIANO...PADDY FITZGERALD is heading for the sunny land of Florida and will spend the winter there...PAT HAFLEY is enjoying the life of leisure as are LUKE MORLEY and DENNY GRIFFIN who also followed the birds to Florida...MARTY GRIFFIN now resides in Fox Lake, Illinois, and is becoming quite a fisherman...WILLIE COOPER took advantage of his vacation to visit his father who is ill down in Tennessee...BILL KLIMAS, ROBERT BARNEY and JOHN VINE are on vacation at this time and we hope they are enjoying themselves. We all wish RALPH GRAGIDO and FRANK HIGGINS a speedy recovery. Frank is the son of SCOTTY, the bus driver, a real nice guy...Is it true that HARVEY BROCK's friends bought him water wings for Christmas?...SWANSON, JOHNSON, ROSS and O'DONNELL remind everyone to take it easy and drive safely in the months ahead...By the way, supervisor N. TRIFFON is the former 69th Street bus operator known as Nick the Greek...CHARLEY (Drawbar) JOLLAND and his Mrs. celebrated 38 years of marriage last October...With TOM GROGAN on pension, ED BEHRMANS and JOHNNY MORNAR are trying to take his place by running on their leader's time. This makes HANK RISCH, BILL DONAHUE and TONY VANDENBURG the most honest men on Marquette...LEROY MARSHALL, custodian, took his wife for a quick weekend vacation to Las Vegas. He claims to have won enough to pay for it all...Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE JAROS were surprised how much Acapulco, Mexico, has built up since the last time they visited there three



WEDDING BELLS rang for ARTHUR and KAREN HUBACZ on June 10 in Hales Corners, Wisconsin. The groom is the son of ART HUBACZ of the Training and Public Safety Department.

A FOUR-WEEK trip to the West Coast was enjoyed recently by Mr. and Mrs. E. L. BRZECZEK, Breezy, an operator at Forest Glen (right), is shown at the home of retired District D Superintendent JOHN JACOBY in Scottsdale, Arizona. John retired December 1, 1968.



years ago...MAT SCHNEIDER, who has been on retirement since 1954, has moved to Sun City, Arizona. His address is 9438 Raintree drive...From back of the 'bars' in the clerk's cage comes a cry by "B.B." for cement work. He said he tried it and liked it...Heard tell that Head Custodian RAJ is getting clerk FORD's paper so as to keep him abreast of the stock market. They say a big windfall is coming...The clerks wonder why Mr. PETYON isn't sporting that McGovern grin anymore...Is it true LARRY HELINSKI, that you have moved to Florida? Send us your address and we'll send the beer...WALTER PYPYER, former instructor, died, as did the father of R. RAJ, custodian. To all their loved ones we extend our deepest sympathy...Your co-reporter, ART BUESING, is on sick leave again due to a pinched nerve in his neck and hopes to be back by the time you all read this...God bless you all.

- Art Buesing & Jimmy Ahern

77TH STREET -

I know that I speak for all the operators at 77th Street Station when I say we appreciate the additional new equipment...I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate a very fine lady and mother--my wife--upon the birth of our daughter, RUTH SERENE DeBONNETT...Congratulations to Operator and Mrs. W. SHEPPARD who celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary on November 5...Led by Coach R. PLATT and Assistant Coach E. GRESHAM (there's that name again), our basketball team is off to a promising start with such dazzling ball handlers as E. J. TILLEY, C. HOLT, G. STUTTLEY, E. POPE, P. NORFLEET, H. RAGSDALE, D. WILKENS, C. DAVIS and W. L. SOCKWELL. There's also ASKEW SHAVERS and SIMMS to give us added firepower. With this fine array of gladiators of the wood floor how can we lose!...Our bowlers are second to none with rollers like MAC (Mr. 642) PORTER, followed by such stars as J. C. WHITE, GIPSON WARDELL and McCANTS...Let's get a running start in 1973 by supporting Local 241 and attending meetings...Propane JOE tells us he bagged two pheasants on a recent hunting trip, but not the two he was looking at. They count just the same, don't they, Joe?...My New Year's resolution is not to miss any deadlines for the Transit News in '73...So long for now.

- Allison De Bonnett

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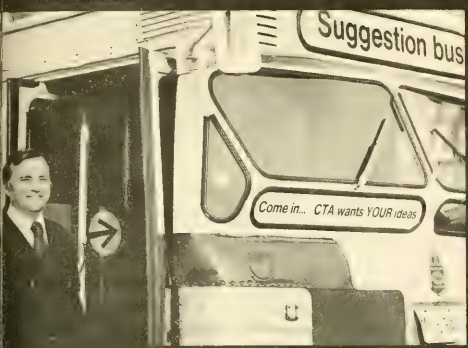


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CTA Chairman Michael Cafferty

taken by death at 48

MICHAEL CAFFERTY, 48, CTA Chairman and one of the nation's best known public transportation figures, passed away January 17 after a short illness. Mr. Cafferty was appointed to the CTA Board by Mayor Richard J. Daley in April, 1971.

From 1969 to 1971, while with Secretary John Volpe at the U.S. Department of Transportation, he helped to establish the new office of Assistant Secretary for Environment and Urban Systems. He was Acting Assistant Secretary of Transportation at the time he left the Department to come to Chicago.

It was ironic that Mr. Cafferty's passing should coincide with a fare increase and a reduction of service at the CTA. He was emphatically on record in behalf of reduced fares, and often cited as his long range goal--free fares for the citizens of metropolitan Chicago.

Mr. Cafferty believed that the mobility of citizens in a free society was essential to the well-being of that society. He was particularly concerned that the aged, the handicapped and the poor suffered the greatest inequities from insufficient and expensive public transportation.

Mr. Cafferty believed that raising fares beyond certain levels was counter-productive. The CTA, however, determined that it could not survive as a system without some form of financial subsidy. Its Board was forced to vote a fare increase and cuts in service, along with other economies, in order to keep the CTA operative.

His environmental concerns, a carry-over from his Department of Transportation days, led to programs controlling rapid transit noise pollution and providing environmental improvements for both old and new CTA buses.

Recognized as one of the chief spokesmen on public transportation for the nation's cities, Mr. Cafferty led the crusade for operating assistance (subsidies), a battle that some think is close to being won, largely due to his efforts. He was frequently called to Washington to testify before various Congressional committees on urban problems.

It was Mr. Cafferty who organized a summit meeting of transit industry leaders in Chicago last November. The objective was to mount a campaign aimed at obtaining subsidies during the upcoming session of Congress. A subsidy bill narrowly failed during the last session.

In less than 22 months as CTA Chairman, Mr. Cafferty put his own indelible stamp on the CTA. He inherited antiquated equipment and a staggering debt but a system he stoutly defended as one of the best in the nation.

He saw two immediate goals: a more modern system and obtaining the funds with which to operate it. He accomplished the first and was in the thick of the battle over the second at the time of his untimely illness and death.

He believed that his first mission was to restore CTA's aging physical plant. He was eminently successful, personally spearheading a CTA task force that obtained \$140,000,000 in Federal, State and local funds for the most extensive capital improvement program in Chicago's transportation history.

As proud of that as he was, Mr. Cafferty took a much pride in finding a method by which passengers could communicate their views to management. He called it "Project Suggestion Bus." It was a massive elaboration of the corporate suggestion box theory. "Project Suggestion Bus" featured CTA buses circulating throughout the city allowing people to make suggestions on how to improve the CTA and enable them to give opinions on what they wanted in the new buses which today appear throughout the system. The concept received the plaudits of public officials from coast to coast, including accolades from Secretary Volpe.

Mr. Cafferty was keenly concerned about the morale of CTA employees and often toured various locations, sometimes turning up at night in a remote part of the system, to the surprise of the employees.

He considered himself more than the Chairman of a transit system. He felt he was at the heart of the nation's urban problems--all of them. Thus, his views generally ranged far beyond the ramifications of transit. Pollution, noise, parking and the automobile all received his vigorous attention. He considered automobile traffic a threat to urban America and insisted it should be better regulated--particularly in terms of its entry to downtown.

He advanced the theory of downtown transportation that would resemble a horizontal elevator. A passenger would pay one fare and be permitted to transfer unlimitedly. He thought of this as a way to preserve the vitality of downtown, a concept to which he was greatly committed.

SHOWN DURING his tenure of office as CTA Chairman, Michael Cafferty is pictured on our cover:

- In November 1971 standing at the entrance to one of the suggestion buses he created.
- In March 1972 in Washington, D.C., testifying in favor of federal aid for transit systems before U.S. legislators, with American Transit Association President Carmack Cochran.
- In October 1971 presenting CTA's Chairman's Award to Bus Operators Cleven Wardlaw and James McWilliams.
- In August 1972 with U.S. Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe, Mayor Richard J. Daley and bus operators who drove the first of 525 new buses delivered to CTA in 1972.

Mr. Cafferty is also shown at right on a few of the many visits he made system-wide to CTA locations.



Mr. Cafferty believed that public officials should be more involved with their transportation systems. To kindle that theory, he established the Chicago Transit Authority Technical Institute (CTATI). This program gave a crash course in CTA operations to representatives of industry, government officials and others who were willing to invest several days in familiarization.

Mr. Cafferty had a special regard for his Board. He felt that some had prodigious talents that had never been given sufficient latitude, and he sought new ways in which to have those talents put to their optimum use. It was a source of pride that while he was incapacitated, it was Board members who stepped into the breach to keep the CTA functioning well.

He firmly believed that while other systems might be newer or have better financing, none were better managed.

Though a Democrat, who came to Chicago from a Republican administration in Washington, D.C., he had a unique capacity as a brilliant analyst of the political scene. Yet he was able to remain free of the entanglements of partisan politics. He got along well with Governor Ogilvie and stated that Mayor Daley's only mandate to him was to give the city the best public transportation in the country. He had met Governor Walker on several occasions and was optimistic that since the Governor had campaigned against the Crosstown Expressway, he would be very sympathetic

to public transportation. He was looking forward to working with the new administration.

Mr. Cafferty served with the President's Task Force on Transportation after the 1968 election.

From 1965 to 1969, Mr. Cafferty, while engaged in the practice of law, served as personal advisor to Mayor Dorm Broman of Seattle, who was heavily involved in national urban transportation policy. From 1961 to 1965, he served as special assistant to Alan Boyd, then chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board and later secretary of transportation. From 1959 to 1961, he served as counsel and legislative assistant to Senator Henry M. Jackson of the State of Washington.

Mr. Cafferty was a naval aviator during World War II and held the rank of Commander in the United States Naval Reserve.

He was a graduate of the University of Washington from which he received a degree in economics, and from its law school he received a doctor of jurisprudence degree.

He is survived by his widow, Pastora; three grown children by a previous marriage, Michael and Terry of Seattle and Christine of Boston; a brother, Frank of Seattle, and a sister, Mrs. Henry (Joan) Wittman of Seattle.

A funeral mass for Mr. Cafferty was said on January 19 at St. Ambrose church, 47th and Ellis.



SPECIAL SAFETY awards were presented recently to ten Transportation Department operating stations which established new safety records during 1972. Each of the stations--six on the surface system and four on the rapid transit system--broke their own previous safety record and made 1972 their safest year.

The surface operating stations include Archer, Forest Glen, Kedzie, Lawndale, Limits and 69th Street.

The rapid transit operating stations include Ashland, Forest Park, Jefferson Park and Kimball.

Accepting the safest year plaques in behalf of operating employees at their respective stations are the superintendents pictured here. Making the presentations is Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn.

10 stations cited for safety in 1972

Above: holding safety awards for surface operating stations are Superintendents M. F. Harrington, Kedzie; G. D. Peyton, 69th Street; W. J. Moser, Archer; Mr. Flynn; G. W. Daubs, Forest Glen; M. H. DeWitt, Limits, and J. B. Morris, Lawndale.

Below: holding safety awards for rapid transit operating stations are Superintendents T. D. Boyle, Forest Park; M. V. LaVelle, Kimball; Mr. Flynn; M. J. Veltri, Jefferson Park, and E. J. Heater, Ashland.



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TO REDUCE costs related to production and mailing, Transit News will be published bi-monthly starting with this issue for January-February, 1973. The mailing to homes of active employees will also be discontinued; magazines will be distributed internally at each employee's work location. The mailing of Transit News to pensioners will continue.

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second largest year

Suggestion awards total \$5,950 in 1972

SUGGESTORS ACCEPTED cash awards totalling \$5,950 during 1972, a dollar amount which ranked the year second in the 28-year history of the suggestion system according to the annual report issued recently by the Employee Suggestion Plan. The top ranking year was 1968, when cash awards totalled \$6,183.

The cash awards were presented to suggestors in two categories: \$2,720 represented the amount presented as a result of the adoption of 103 suggestions during 1972 and \$3,230 was presented to five suggestors whose ideas adopted in 1971 continued to produce savings to CTA.

According to the suggestion plan report, 904 employees submitted a total of 1,233 suggestions during 1972, bringing to 29,700 the number of suggestions received since an employee suggestion system was established in 1945. During the same period, 2,898 suggestions have been accepted and awards of \$65,338 have been presented to employees.

When it began in November, 1944, only Shops Department employees of the former Chicago Surface Lines participated in a suggestion system which provided cash awards for accepted ideas. Since then, the suggestion plan was expanded system-wide for all employees (October 1, 1952) and the anonymous suggestion system became effective (September 1, 1965) providing awards of up to \$10,000 for adopted suggestions.

Estimated value of the first-year savings realized through the adoption of suggestions during 1972 was \$29,040. Total first-year savings realized on all suggestions adopted since the plan went into effect in 1952 amount to \$400,770.

In its announcement of award winners during the month of December, the suggestion system named two joint suggestors who split a \$230 cash award, a \$25 cash award winner, and four winners of \$10 gift certificates. Additionally, winners of supplemental awards for \$90 and \$50 were also announced.

Sharing the proceeds of their \$230 award-winning suggestion were two Shops & Equipment Department employees at Skokie Shop, Anello Digianfilippo and David Fuereca. Winning his \$25 cash award for having a second suggestion adopted within a year was another S&E employee, Daniel R. Watson of South Shops. Among the four winners of \$10 Jewel/Osco gift certificates were three more S&E employees, Albert Bonick of Forest Park Terminal, and Max Kuchan Jr. and Joseph A. Wydra of South Shops. Mary Jane Johnson of Payroll Department in the General Office also won a gift certificate.

The two supplemental award winners are also Shops & Equipment Department employees, both of whom are assigned to Skokie Shop—Kenneth Blocker who was awarded \$50 and Joseph Sarata who received \$90 as a result of previously adopted ideas.

Board member C. M. Roddewig elected acting chairman



AT A special meeting on January 19, Board Member Clair M. Roddewig was elected acting chairman of Chicago Transit Board to fill temporarily the position held by the late Chairman, Michael Cafferty. Mr. Roddewig will serve until a permanent chairman is elected.

Mr. Roddewig, an attorney, was appointed to the Board by Mayor Richard J. Daley in August, 1970, and filed his oath of office on October 8, 1970.

A veteran railroad executive, Mr. Roddewig was a former president of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois railroad and of the Association of Western Railroads. He has also served as a member and president of the Chicago Board of Education and was a member of the Metropolitan Fair and Exposition Authority. He is vice chairman of the Chicago Committee on Urban Opportunity.

During World War II, Mr. Roddewig was general counsel of the federal government's Office of Defense Transportation in Washington.

MEDICALLY SPEAKING by Dr. George H. Irwin

ACUPUNCTURE is a procedure which, because of its newness in this country, is arousing much public interest.

For your better understanding, acupuncture means therapeutic insertion of needles. Acus is the ancient word for needle so putting it together we have the word acupuncture meaning puncture with needles. It signifies the old method of Chinese needle treatment. According to some statistics its origin dates back to 207 B.C.

The old Chinese opinion is that there were several nerve routes and sensitive spots in the human body. It is also believed there are connections between the nerve routes and sensitive spots. There are, in fact, about 14 main nerve routes and their names are derived from various parts of the body; the routes of the lungs, heart, pericardium, spleen, liver, kidneys, small intestines, large intestines, stomach, gall bladder, urinary bladder and the routes to the head, back and extremities.

Furthermore, the theory reveals that there are two interacting antagonistic forces along these nerve routes. It is also believed that if a person is healthy, these two forces are in balance. If the balance is disturbed and one of the forces suppresses the other, then the person becomes ill.

In view of the above explanation it becomes a little more clear what the technique of acupuncture involves and how its use may be divided in two general classifications: first, health control through stimulation or suppression of nerve routes by electrical or drug agents; second, application of these principles for anesthesia.

In September 1971 there was an article in the American Medical Journal relating to a visit to China by Dr. Paul Dudley White and Dr. E. Grey Diamond.

Acupuncture was one of the medical subjects the Chinese doctors demonstrated. A typical case story or example follows:

A man 40 years old walked into the operating room. He had no previous or preoperative medication. He removed his clothing and got on the operating table. The diagnosis of a large tumor of the thyroid had been made. The needles were inserted in the forearm and proper electrical current applied. This point or nerve route had been selected for the most effective in thyroid surgery. A skilled surgeon team completed the operation. The man, fully awake all the time, sipped a glass of milk when surgery was over, got off the table, thanked the doctors and walked out.

Spinal puncture has been used in the U.S. for a long time and is very efficient in operations on the lower abdomen and lower extremities.

In the classification of health control acupuncture is used to control or cure certain illnesses. Not all diseases are helped but the following conditions are said to have been helped or cured by acupuncture: certain types of paralysis, neuralgia, epilepsy, toothache, headache, tonsillitis, asthma, stomach disorders, diarrhea, constipation, high blood pressure, urinary tract disease, gonorrhea, arthritis, menstrual problems, skin rashes, eye infections, deafness, influenza. Duration and number of treatments vary according to the nature of the illness.

Conclusion: acupuncture is an old method used chiefly by the Chinese doctors. Its use in disease control and anesthesia is safe as far as I know. Results are not always 100 per cent beneficial according to the literature reviewed. There are some medical legal problems about its use in the United States. Only time and further medical research will determine what the practical use or value of acupuncture will be.

Eight-car trains serve Lake-Dan Ryan route

SINCE DECEMBER 18, about 160 of the 450 trains operated each weekday on the Lake-Dan Ryan rapid transit route are eight cars in length.

The one-third longer trains provide increased passenger capacity and greater freedom from service irregularities. Traffic on the Dan Ryan line has been growing constantly. On the first weekday of its operation, September 29, 1969, about 35,000 riders entered the stations south from Cermak through 95th. Currently, about 63,000 persons enter, an increase of 80

per cent. Counting passengers travelling from downtown makes total riding about double this amount.

Preparations for eight-car train operation include the extension of 20 platforms which previously could accommodate a maximum train length of only six cars. This work was carried out at a cost of about \$500,000 as part of the 1972 capital improvement program funded by the Illinois and U.S. Department of Transportation. Fourteen other platforms on the route were built new for eight-car trains since 196

14 transit veterans retire Jan. 1

AMONG THE 112 January 1 retirees listed on pages 12 and 13 of this issue of Transit News are 14 CTAers whose transit service extended over periods of 40 to 47 years each. Combined service of the 14 transit veterans is 616 years.

Topping the list in length of service is Paul L. Spolec, a South Shops electrical worker who was hired on February 3, 1925. Also retiring with 47 years of service was Edward P. O'Connell who was hired on July 6, 1925, and retired from the Claim Department as supervisor of legal investigators and statementmen and William F. Hansen who was hired July 13, 1925, and retired as a South Shops electrical worker.

The careers of the 14 retirees have taken diverse paths and at the time of retirement they were employed in seven different departments; four were in the Shops & Equipment Department, three at South Shops and one at Skokie Shop; four were in the Transportation Department, one on the North Section, one on the South Section, one at North Park, and one in District D; two were in the Treasury Department at Central Counting; and one each was assigned to the Claim, Electrical, Public Information and Schedule-Traffic Departments.



P. L. SPOLEC
47 Years



W. F. HANSEN
47 Years



M. STOMNER
46 Years



E. P. O'CONNELL
47 Years



E. F. POTENBERG
46 Years



S. L. LECK
44 Years



L. E. AGIN
45 Years



J. F. DIGIOVANNI
43 Years



P. J. DOYLE
43 Years



J. G. DECKER
43 Years



M. C. WALKER
42 Years



A. R. BROMAN
40 Years



J. M. CONNORS
42 Years



A. A. KREUTZER
41 Years

Service anniversaries in January

35 years

C. C. Cacioppo, Mechanical Maintenance Division

30 years

P. J. Cannon, Stores - South Division
D. J. Coughlin, Investigation & Claims
J. Dennesaites, 69th Street
E. J. Hammond, Forest Glen
R. F. Horning, 69th Street
R. G. Illion, North Park
C. J. Kasal, Lawndale
T. P. Lyons, North Section
F. A. Madaj, Forest Glen
P. S. Marchisotto, North Park
T. F. McGuire, 77th Street
J. T. Mollo, Forest Glen
W. J. Murphy, Treasury
W. J. O'Brien, 77th Street
D. A. O'Leary, Limits
N. J. Ouimet, Kedzie
R. Sheldon, Archer
A. F. Shimkus, District A
W. M. Sieron, Kedzie
L. Vanderhorst, Skokie Shop
J. G. Wolf, North Avenue
F. A. Zemaitis, Beverly

25 years

J. H. Brown, Kedzie Garage
P. M. Califf, Substation Engineering
P. Cleary, Archer Garage
A. DeBuono, Forest Glen
A. J. DiGiovanni, Stores
L. E. Ford, North Avenue
J. B. Forrestal, South Shops
S. G. Gorski, North Park
W. Griffin, Kedzie Garage
E. P. Grzenia, Stores - South Division
J. L. Heffernan, Beverly
L. D. Holmgren, West Section
S. Kieldyk, South Section
A. G. Klopacz, North Park
H. Lindberg, Kedzie
J. E. Majka, Kedzie
S. Montrose, Transportation
A. E. Muirheid, Stores - South Division
O. I. Porter, Kedzie
V. P. Shayer, Limits
G. A. Silicani, Skokie Shop
R. A. Tannhauser, Building Wiring Division
J. R. Tyk, West Section
A. Voss, Limits
M. Wenger, Operations Control
M. F. Wesely, West Section

New appointments announced

GENERAL MANAGER Thomas B. O'Connor recently gave approval to the appointment of eight CTAs to new supervisory positions within three CTA departments in the General Office.

Taking new posts within the Electrical Department effective November 12 were Signal Superintendent P. C. Cleaver, Senior Signal Supervisor T. M. Szwec, Supervisor of Signal Maintenance G. E. Matejovsky, Senior Signal Design Engineer K. D. G. Bisset, and Senior Design Engineer C. R. Hayes. The appointments were made by Electrical Engineer A. R. Sandberg.

Effective December 7 P. J. Clifford was named property accountant and J. R. Boland became assistant property accountant. The appointments were made by Manager of Finance P. J. Meinardi.

The appointment of E. W. Tobin as assistant superintendent of stores effective January 1 was made by General Superintendent of Purchasing, Specifications and Stores G. S. Graybiel.

Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn also announced the appointment of five CTAs to new posts at Surface System District Offices effective January 1. T. A. Hildebrand became District C superintendent, P. J. Kehoe became relief superintendent of Districts C & D, W. J. Rickert became District D supervisor, J. E. Ohse became relief supervisor of C, D & Central Districts and J. Thrower became relief supervisor of Districts A, B & C. The appointments were approved by Operating Manager G. Krambles.

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (Payroll) -

Cupid did it again! He shot his arrow and MARY BLACKMORE was his target. You can imagine what happy confusion occurred when Mary came in after Thanksgiving with a beautiful diamond sparkling on her left hand. We would like to extend our very best wishes to Mary and her fiancé for much happiness...The bad weather, with the ice and cold, has taken its toll. Poor CHRISTINE CAMERON slipped and fell. Result--a broken arm, and right before Christmas too! We hope she will mend quickly and that the cast on her arm didn't hamper her enjoyment of the holiday festivities. Best wishes for a speedy recovery, Chris, from all of us.

- Clara Lawrence

(Tabulating) -

The Key Punch Section held a very nice Christmas luncheon on Thursday, December 14, at Henrici's. MARIAN BUCKLEY came down to join us and we liked having her. The consensus of opinion was that, "Luncheons are great, but it's sad to have to return to work..." We welcome CAROLYN HASKELL who joined us on November 27. Glad to have you with us, Carolyn...Not to be outdone by others who have fallen on the ice this year, MARGE DORGAN took a nasty spill one Wednesday evening spraining her left wrist. She is mending nicely, but is still wearing the decorative bandage.

- Evelyn Lee

CTA SECURITY -

It was really nice seeing all the officers at our annual Christmas party. I would like to thank all of them for being the greatest bunch of guys all year long, not only at Christmas. Among the familiar faces was Pensioner MATT HOWE, who stays home and relaxes by serenading his family on his new organ...RAY LOHSE is enjoying his retirement doing what everybody would like to do most--nothing at all...Little JOHN McGRATH spends his time taking trips to the old sod just to look at the 40 shades of green...A few of our alumni who have graduated to the Chicago Police Department also stopped by to wish a Merry Christmas, BILL GROSSMAN, ROCKY COLUCCI and BOB McHUGH all looked good in their Christmas blues... Officer JOHN HIGENS has been appointed Illinois State Vice-president of the American Federation of Police. Anybody who wishes to be a member can join through him. Good luck to you, John... Officer JOHN PARKS took a vacation before the big Christmas rush and went to Traverse City, Michigan, to see his niece begin many years of wedded bliss... Officer JOHN LEAHY spent his vacation at Our Lady of the Snow shrine in Belleville. Jack said its beauty and elegance was a sight to behold. I think it sounds like a worthwhile trip for anyone... Sergeant PETE GENUTIS spent his three weeks of relaxation looking over his new property in Indiana. Pete says it will be nice when he retires as the man-made lakes and other beautiful sights are absolutely breathtaking... We of the Security Department wish to extend our sympathy to the family of Sergeant CHUCK BERG-

LUND in the loss of his grandmother, MARY KUNZELMAN. The new face in the department is that of KENNETH PAVLAK who transferred from Shops and Equipment. Glad to have you aboard, Ken, and we hope your stay is pleasant... December was a big month for hospital hopping. As of this writing FELIX ROBINSON is recuperating from a very painful operation on his sinuses. We all hope you're feeling chipper and back on the job soon, Felix... Graduate Trainee DICK GROSS, on loan to this department, also had a little visit to the hospital. A case of walking pneumonia walked right into him. It's good to see him recovered and back in the groove of things... Lieutenant BILLY BUTLER suffered a slight stroke. Thank goodness it wasn't too serious as he was back to work in no time.

- Pat Flynn

ELECTRICAL (Blue Island) -

Here we are into a new year and looking forward to new things. We'll start our column with something brand new. SHANE MICHAEL RUNDLE was born on November 12 to the daughter of PAUL and LaVERNE SAUVE, LINDA, and her husband, JAY. He is the fifth generation in the Sauve family... Congratulations to ARTHUR ARDUINI who was elected commander of Republic Post of the American Legion... MILDRED and JOHN FELHABER celebrated 30 years of marriage on November 30. Best wishes to both of you... It seems like the pensioners are doing a little traveling. RALPH and MILLIE JOSSI vacationed in Hawaii, and JOE NAGRODSKI also said "aloha" from the 50th state. Joe said he forgot to take his scissors which he could have used while watching the hula girls. Received a card from BRUNO CZANSTKOWSKI and his wife. He was trying to break the bank at Las Vegas, and then moved on to San Francisco... Off sick at this writing are MIKE WHITE, ROMAN PRIESBE, ALBERT FENNEMA and NORMAN WALLACE. Fellows, if you can't visit them, please send a card... ROBERT BOOTH would like to thank everyone for their contributions to the Christmas buffet... Welcome back to BILL TIMMERMAN... Best wishes to AL BRONZELL who retired on January 1.

- William Rehder

(Chicago Avenue) -

It is with deep regret that we report the passing of TRUMAN SHELBY, the son of LARRY SHELBY, on November 30. Services were held December 4 at New Friendship M.B. church. We extend our deepest sympathy to the Shelby family... HARRY BUEGER, one of our pensioners, is convalescing at Fairfax Convalescent home, 3601 South Harlem, Berwyn. I am sure cards would be appreciated... CHARLIE SALVATORE visited with BILL EGAR, another one of our pensioners. Bill would appreciate hearing from his old friends. He lives at 9529 S. Sacramento, Evergreen Park... PATRICIA SHEAHAN, the daughter of BILL SHEAHAN, is a public health nurse for the City of Denver. Pat was recently the recipient of further schooling by the City of Denver. She was graduated from Colorado university as a pediatric practitioner... ED WHITING is back to

work after getting the works in the hospital. Also recently returned to work is SANDY BOCZKO.

- Ben Nelson

(General Office) -

We were pleased to learn of the recent appointments in the department: PAUL CLEAVER was appointed signal superintendent; TED SZEWC, senior signal supervisor; GEORGE MATEJOVSKY, supervisor of signal maintenance; KENDRICK BISSET, senior signal design engineer and CLYDE HAYES, signal design engineer. Congratulations to you from all of us...We also extend our best wishes to the parents of two new arrivals; KATHLEEN JANICE PIENTO was born December 8 and weighed 8 pounds 3 ounces. She is the daughter of CHRISTINE and JOSEPH PIENTO, power supervisor. She was warmly welcomed by her brothers, JOSEPH, MICHAEL and DAVID...KATHY and CLYDE HAYES, signal design engineer, flew to New York to meet their chosen baby daughter, KIMBERLY SUSAN, when she arrived from Da Nang, Vietnam. The Hayes' little son, CRAIG, was also on hand to greet his new sister...HERMAN SMITH, engineering assistant III, decided to get away from the January weather for awhile. He and members of his family boarded a 747 and took off for Miami. They planned to visit Key West and then fly to Nassau. What a wonderful way to forget about the long Chicago winters.

- Kay McAlister

FOREST GLEN -

Happy New Year to all, and may this be the year all your dreams come true...Operator CHARLIE FRASSICO and his wife celebrated 28 years of marital bliss on September 16. Charlie and the Mrs. had a night out on the town, dinner and dancing until the early morning hours...Box Puller BILL DEVITT and his wife, ETHEL, celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary on December 1. A surprise party was given for them by their four children and close friends. Everyone had a wonderful time--in fact, Bill didn't even have a drink...A proud father was FRED KRAWCZYK when his wife gave birth to a baby boy on December 26. Mother and baby are doing fine, but Fred, we're not so sure. Fred said he will give us the name of the baby later...The boys in the repair department also believe in night work along with their day jobs. J. BESKOON, L. SANDORA, R. STENZEL, R. KAESE and JOE WARD are all expecting the stork to visit their homes in the spring. What gives in our garage?...JOHN JOYCE is one of the finest fellows in the repair department. He treated all the boys to a Christmas drink at their club. The boys all say thanks, John, and a Happy New Year to a fine gentleman...While we are freezing here, Supervisor GALLAGHER is enjoying five weeks in sunny Florida. Boy, what fish stories we will hear when he returns...Operator LEIVA RICARDO wants us to say a good word about him. Well old buddy, just keep up your good record and watch the road. Also, your hair looks 100 per cent better...Watchman WOODY OWENS is in the hospital. Here's hoping he will be well soon and back to work. Woody, your smile is very much missed...We welcome JOHN MAHNKE and JOHN PLANTHABER back to Forest Glen. You were missed in your absence...CHARLES LATHAM's daughter, SHERRY, gave birth to a 10 pound 7 ounce baby boy named SHAWN CHARLES on December 9. Charles says he is a young grandfather at the age of 37...GEORGE STOVE took his

pension January 1. He will be missed on the trolley buses. Good luck...On December 24 GEORGE KUBANDA and his wife went to Hawaii for a week of sunshine and relaxation...ROBERT VELINSKI and TERRI ZEMAN announced their engagement on Christmas eve. All the boys said it was about time...The Christmas and New Year's party at Parkside included a big surprise when Relief Foreman DAN LOHSE, North Park, stopped by and bought a round...ED KRAUSE retired on January 1. No one believed that Eddie was old enough to take a pension. Anyway, Eddie, we will all miss you on Austin.

- W. A. Henry

ENGINEERING -

First off, I would like to welcome 1973 to the Engineering Department by wishing everyone a healthy and prosperous New Year...I've heard a few strange rumors about some of you fellas being on diets (not mentioning any names, of course). Well, anyway, I hope those "what have you got to lose" pounds are coming off well...I would like to join with my father, FRANCIS L. BRADY Jr. of Placement Department, in congratulating my grandfather, FRANCIS L. BRADY Sr., who retired on January 1 after 30 years of service. Gramps worked with Way & Structures of the Engineering Department for eight years before transferring to South Shops in 1953. Best wishes from both of us and grandma, too...The Engineering Department joins in extending our sincere sympathy to EVAN E. OLMSTEAD, general superintendent of Engineering, in the loss of his wife, RAJEANE...CAROL HART, a former employee of our Real Estate Division, paid us a visit over the holidays. Everyone was happy to see her again and glad to hear that she is enjoying her leisure time. Glad you stopped by, Carol...LINDA and BILL LEMONNIER are the proud new owners of a duplex in Hometown. Linda, with those two extra rooms you inherited, you should find ample space to house those two cats of yours...Congratulations to all the fine bakers in the department (plus a few of the wives) who baked up some super delicious cookies to spread the holiday cheer among the co-workers...DIANNE TRAXLER's husband, SCOTT, is the proud winner of two tickets to the Chicago Rock concert. All he had to do was be lucky enough to call in third on the WLS news switchboard. Dianne said they enjoyed the concert, but their ears were ringing for days to follow...Hope CHARLIE DROZDA is feeling better after his fall. It couldn't have been too much fun bringing in the holidays with a cast on your leg. Hope you're on your feet and out of the cast soon...Well that's all there is folks. I hope all of you will make a resolution to stop by with some interesting news for the column.

(West Shops) -

On November 17, JOE MARSALEK and his bride celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary. Congratulations and many, many more happy years together...Happy to see J. BAJIC, tinner, back to work again. Also WAYNE HANSEN, machinist foreman, and WILLIAM SMITH, our mailman. Stay well, fellas...JOHN HEFFERNAN is back from his vacation spent painting at home and getting ready for the holidays. Not my idea of a vacation though...Now Mr. and Mrs. DON EDWARDS, laborer, have the right idea for a vacation--spending it in Florida at the height of our very bad weather in Chicago...I heard that the farewell party for Superintendent C. L. WKSTEN was a beautiful success. Mr. Hallahan and his band of renown were there, and TOM

STAUNTON, track foreman, helped with the serving of the liquids...At the end of December we said goodbye to two new pensioners, CHARLES SCHREY, assistant mason foreman, and V. SCHUBAT, painter. Many happy years of retirement, fellas...We want to welcome two newcomers to the West Shop, HELMUT SCHWEITZER and JOHN KRONEK. Welcome aboard, men, and hope your stay will be a happy one...We want to wish ROCKY FERRARO, labor foreman, a happy birthday. You don't look a day over 39, Rocky...I'm wondering how the turkey tastes that M. SMITH, steamfitter, won. We didn't ever get a sandwich. Happy eating, Smithy.

- Kathleen Brady & Jennie Scott

KEDZIE -

First, I would like to wish the office staff, operators and repair department a very healthy, happy and prosperous New Year...To start the New Year off right at Kedzie, I hope everyone will obey the "No Parking" signs in front of the depot. This is an order from the General Office. In case of an emergency, the buses won't be able to move to a safe area. So please, NO PARKING!..Operator JACKIE HAYES received a letter from Pensioner ED McCALLUM who is enjoying his retirement in Colorado City, Colorado. Ed says hello to all at Kedzie. Ed, all I can say is, "Have a nice day, operator..."Pensioner DAVE CLARK underwent surgery in Northwest hospital. We hope you are up and well very soon, Dave...Our clerk, C. (Red) O'CONNOR is back to work after suffering a broken shoulder. It's good to see you back on the job...Operator A. LOHMEIER took his pension January 1. We wish you the best of health on your retirement, and let us hear from you now and then...Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. R. POTTS in the death of her husband, Operator RALPH POTTS, who was laid to rest December 23. Also to Mrs. B. BRUNO whose husband, Operator T. BRUNO, formerly of Kedzie, was laid to rest on December 7.

- Raymond Graham

KEELER -

Happy New Year to all you lovely people. Now that we have shelved the last of those idiotic resolutions we made, let's relax and be our over-indulgent selves. Seriously though, my last paycheck came through a total blank. At first thought I felt no need to bother our new chief clerk, ANTONIO J. ARNIEKI, as I figured my deductions finally caught up with my salary...The welcome mat is out for our entire clerk force. Chief Arnieki's staff includes ED (Curly) STENZEL and JOHN WALTHER. Relievers are ART COOPER, H. STANKEVICIUS and W. GERRISH. We will give you a bit more on our new office force in the near future. Keeler lost Clerk J. O'BRIEN to Limits, and as of this writing Clerk JOHN SIMKO will have joined the ranks of the retired...Rumor has it that since former Station Superintendent R. W. CHRISTIAN dropped by, the station has been extolling the attributes of Phoenix, Arizona...I'm gonna miss my follower, JOHN KREBS, who turned in his punch on January 1...SY GOLDMAN will have to train another man to replace recent retiree JOHN MARTEN. Here's wishes for many happy years of relaxation to all you nice guys...Would you believe that Mechanic CHARLEY BOWMAN has 31 years of service and all of it at Keeler?... Seems that January is a very popular month for birthdays.

The following operators share birthday salutations: E. LATIMER, W. FORD, C. MONTANEZ, A. J. DAVIS, A. L. BOOSE, R. E. WILSON, T. JOHNSON, F. TORRES, S. A. BRASWELL, C. M. ANDERSON, L. W. HOUGHLUND, A. L. HAMPTON, F. HOLDEN, T. N. MOSELY, W. P. DABROWSKI, C. GRECO and L. G. KUMBERA. Operator CHARLES LEE remembered that his wife's birthday was January 20, and wisely forgot which one...Meanwhile, downstairs in the garage, Chief Clerk MULCAHEY PATRICK's daughter, LAUREEN, reached the ripe old age of five years January 30.

- Ernest C. Carter

LAWNDALE -

Hi again fellows. Well, we're well into the new year and I hope that 1973 will be everyone's year for good luck... Christmas arrived a little early for Operator DAVID and MARJORIE HARRIS, who were blessed with a son, DAVID HARRIS Jr., on December 20 who tipped the scales at 9 pounds even. Congratulations!..We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Repairman JOE JAGOS who recently passed away. Our condolences are also extended to the family of Retired Operator JOHN PATER who recently passed away...Our deepest sympathy to Operator TILLMON SHAW in the recent passing of his brother, CALVIN SHAW. ..We sincerely hope as of this writing that Retired Operator ART KENNEDY is up and around since being confined to St. Anthony's hospital...On January 1, Lawndale said farewell to one of its finest operators. OTTO TORK retired after 37 years of devoted service. We hope you enjoy your retirement Otto, and stop by to see us sometime...We sincerely hope at this writing that Operator GEORGE BROWN is doing much better. George is now convalescing at home and would like to see some of his old buddies...Received a card over the holidays from former Operator PETE MOLFESE. Always nice to hear from you Pete...Operator RUDY HOLAN, recently back from a vacation just before Christmas, said that it was the best yet and he's sorry he didn't pick his vacation this way 20 years ago. Well I learned early, Rudy, I also just got back from vacation and enjoyed the rest. We'll be going again in a few more weeks...Amvet Post No. 247 held its annual family Christmas party on December 15, and it was a huge success... Happy birthday to the following personnel: R. E. BELL, E. SHIELDS, P. L. HOLLINS, L. C. CHATMAN, D. BROWNLEE, M. GRICKI, R. F. JONES, T. IVERY Jr., R. A. GREEN, T. C. STUCKEY, J. WILLIAMS, I. P. CUNNINGHAM, T. E. GUMBUS, J. A. DANIEL, J. W. STAHLAK, R. J. FAY, I. L. DAVIS, C. HARRIS, J. A. GIBSON, A. REESE, C. C. KONOPACKI and C. GREEN Jr.

- James Marshall

LIMITS -

To start off my first column I would like to wish everyone a very happy and rewarding new year...Now to the news. The drivers who worked the free State Street buses during the holidays said they enjoyed it very much even though it--now get this--was hard work...And a big hand goes out to our great basketball team with a win-loss record of 2-1 at this time. Stay on the ball fellows...A speedy recovery is wished Operator LAMONT UPTON who was injured in a gallant play in our first game...Wishes for a quick recovery also go out to the wife of Operator B. H.

LAWRENCE E. AGIN, Blacksmith,
South Shops, Emp. 6-4-27
ALVAR H. ALSTERLUND, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 3-31-47
CARL M. ASCHENBRENNER, Carpenter A,
Engineering, Emp. 10-21-12
FRANK J. BECKER, Line Truck Chauffeur,
Utility & Emergency Service, Emp. 10-3-42
JASPER BELLAFIORE, Tire Repairer,
Tire Center, Emp. 5-25-47
ROBERT S. BENSON, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 7-2-42
ROY G. BERGLUND, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 9-15-36
PLATO L. BIBBS, Supervisor,
District A, Emp. 10-21-43
ANTON J. BOBER, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 1-11-34
GEORGE T. BONKOWSKI, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 5-20-46
FRANCIS J. BRADY, Carpenter A,
South Shops, Emp. 4-17-42
JAMES J. BRADY, Motorman,
West Section, Emp. 2-4-37
ARTHUR D. BRINDLEY, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 1-31-34
ALFRED R. BROMAN, Supervisor,
Central Counting, Emp. 7-30-32
ALFRED H. BRONZELL, Lineman,
Electrical, Emp. 12-28-44
LOUIS BRUNO, Trackman II,
Engineering, Emp. 6-26-42
HENRY BUIKEMA, Supervisor,
District A, Emp. 10-31-42
LYNN H. BUTLER, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 9-9-42
DONALD D. CARLSON, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 11-24-36
ROSS CARTER, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 10-11-45
PAUL A. CEROTZKE, Laborer,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 11-18-42
HUGO J. CINCETTI, Platform Man,
North Section, Emp. 2-18-42
DENNIS P. CLIFFORD, Shopman I,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 9-20-40
STEPHEN COLLINS, Bus Repairer,
77th Street, Emp. 1-19-41
JOSEPH M. CONNORS, Motorman,
North Section, Emp. 1-6-30
FLOYD T. CREAL, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 11-30-36
JOSEPH R. DAVIDSON, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 11-28-42
JOSEPH G. DECKER, Electrician Foreman,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 7-17-29
JAMES L. DENNARD, Janitor,
North Section, Emp. 2-1-51
GEORGE H. DiGIORE, Material Handler,
South Shops, Emp. 8-5-36
JOSEPH F. DIGIOVANNI, Clerk,
North Park, Emp. 4-23-29
RAYMOND J. DOWDLE, Supervisor,
District D, Emp. 11-30-36
PATRICK J. DOYLE, Signal Foreman,
Electrical, Emp. 6-18-29
JOHN R. DUDEK, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 2-18-42

CLIFTON E. EBENHOLTZ, Motorman,
North Section, Emp. 6-20-45
CHESTER L. ELKE, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 9-3-42
GARFIELD L. FRANCIS, Photographer,
Reproduction Services, Emp. 8-11-41
EDWARD T. FREDERICKS, Bus Repairer,
Archer, Emp. 4-29-42
RAYMOND L. GOLDSTEIN, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 3-12-48
GEORGE C. HAAK, Operator,
Keeler, Emp. 11-28-41
WILLIAM F. HANSEN, Electrical Worker,
South Shops, Emp. 7-13-25
DANIEL P. HAYES, Supervisor,
South District, Emp. 2-20-36
ANDREW J. HOLZMAN, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 5-8-41
JERRY J. HURT, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 8-26-42
LEONARD T. JOLLY, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 7-25-46
THOMAS JONES, Painter A,
South Shops, Emp. 7-6-42
HAROLD L. JULITZ, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 1-20-42
BENJAMIN E. KAMKA, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 10-25-33
DAVID L. KELLY, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 11-16-36
JOHN A. KENT, Box Puller,
North Avenue, Emp. 9-2-42
THEODORE R. KINDERMAN, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 8-19-37
HOBART E. KNIGHT, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 5-12-42
JOHN W. KREBS, Operator,
Keeler, Emp. 9-5-45
ARVIN A. KREUTZER, Supervisor,
Schedule & Traffic, Emp. 11-2-31
EDWIN J. KRUSER, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 10-7-52
STANLEY L. LECK, Supervisor,
District C, Emp. 5-22-28



THE 31-YEAR transit career of GAR FRANCIS came to a close January 1 with his retirement from CTA. Gar started with Chicago Motor Coach as a bus driver in 1942. He became a photographer for CTA in 1959 and through his knowledge of photography has produced many interesting pictures for the pages of Transit News. Gar is shown here accepting congratulations upon his retirement from Manager of Finance P. J. MEINARDI (right) and Coordinator of Reproduction Services T. C. HAANING.

AUGUST W. LOHMEIER, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 11-26-45
JOHN J. MAHONEY, Supervisor,
District D, Emp. 10-1-33
JOHN W. MARTENS, Janitor,
Keeler, Emp. 4-24-43
EDWARD F. MEYER, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 9-18-45
MAYNARD J. MORAN, Senior Radio Operator,
Operations Control, Emp. 3-13-34
MICHAEL J. MORAN, Bus Serviceman,
69th Street, Emp. 6-6-51
BON H. MULLINAX, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 8-19-43
EDWARD P. O'CONNELL, Supervisor,
Claim, Emp. 7-6-25
JOHN D. O'DONNELL, Bus Serviceman,
North Avenue, Emp. 11-11-42
GEORGE G. OSTERMEYER, Towerman,
Howard Street, Emp. 6-1-36
EDWARD L. PFANKUCHE, Clerk,
West Section, Emp. 10-27-33
VALERIE R. PFANKUCHE, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 5-7-60
ERNEST F. POTENBERG, Chief Clerk,
Central Counting, Emp. 9-3-26
WILLIAM POWELL, Communications Technician II,
Electrical, Emp. 2-3-36
DANIEL F. REBMANN, Box Puller,
77th Street, Emp. 2-11-36
RALPH D. REGNIER, General Clerk,
Executive, Emp. 11-17-36
PAUL W. REID, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 8-18-37
RAYMOND F. REIGHARD, District Superintendent,
District C, Emp. 2-20-36
NORMAN U. RIDDLE, Supervisor,
Central District, Emp. 12-7-36
VITO RISCOSSA, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 4-21-43
JOSEPH RITROVATO, Day Foreman,
Lawndale, Emp. 9-26-35
CARL E. SANDBERG, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 4-16-34
CARL F. SCHEUERMANN, Conductor,
South Section, Emp. 7-1-42
EARL W. SCHNEIDER, Collector,
Limits, Emp. 7-7-47
CHARLES SCHREY, Assistant Mason Foreman,
Engineering, Emp. 11-18-42
ERWIN T. SCHULTZ, Janitor,
West Section, Emp. 9-27-37
ALOYSIUS B. SERGEY, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 6-27-42
VINCENT SHUBAT, Painter A,
Engineering, Emp. 6-19-41
JOHN A. SIMKO, Chief Clerk,
Keeler, Emp. 5-22-35
OTTO J. SMITH, Machinist,
South Shops, Emp. 10-7-47
CHARLES E. SOUTHARD, Supervisor,
North District, Emp. 7-1-42
PAUL L. SPOLEC, Electrical Worker A,
South Shops, Emp. 2-3-25
GEORGE W. SPORLEDER, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 8-28-42
THOMAS J. SPRATT, Instructor,
77th Street, Emp. 2-12-42

ROBERT A. STEWART, Collector,
77th Street, Emp. 7-29-41
MARY STOMNER, Stenographer VI,
Public Information, Emp. 6-24-26
EDWARD H. STRZYZEWSKI, Supervisor,
District C, Emp. 6-25-37
GEORGE R. STUEVE, Bus Repairman,
Forest Glen, Emp. 5-12-43
JULIUS B. SUKIS, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 4-18-44
STANLEY J. SWIEC, Bus Repairer,
77th Street, Emp. 11-14-42
ANDREW E. SZUREK, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 11-25-42
LOUIS TIGNAC, Clerk,
Forest Glen, Emp. 12-22-42
OTTO S. TORR, Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 1-14-36
PHILLIP N. WAGEMAN, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 4-17-34
FRANK M. WAGNER, Janitor,
Kedzie, Emp. 5-10-45
MARCUS C. WALKER, Motorman,
South Section, Emp. 10-28-30
ELMER W. WEIDENHAMER, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 11-24-41
CHARLES E. YOST, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 11-1-45
AUSTIN E. YOUNG, Janitor,
West Section, Emp. 9-29-37
PETER G. ZACHARIAS, Supervisor,
District B, Emp. 8-18-36
STEVE ZITTMAN, Carpenter A,
South Shops, Emp. 8-6-42

DISABILITY PENSIONERS

ANDREW M. LEE, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 8-11-55
HERBERT K. LINDEMANN, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 3-30-37
STANLEY J. LUKASZEWICZ, Lineman Helper,
Electrical, Emp. 12-26-50
PETER MARINO, Laborer,
Engineering, Emp. 5-26-41
ANTOINETTE E. STIPATI, Ticket Agent,
South Section, Emp. 4-18-52

CLOSING OUT his 30-year career with CTA and the former CSL, ROBERT S. BENSON retired January 1 as a bus operator from Limits Station. He started as a motorman at Devon Station in 1942 and became a bus operator in 1957. Bob has also served as a reporter for Transit News since May, 1967, representing Limits Station.



SMITH who had a recent stay in the hospital...Now I have to report some news which is both sorrowful and happy. Superintendant M. H. DeWITT is going to retire February 1. We will all miss him very much. He has worked 31 years with the company, the last ten of which were as a superintendant. He said he has enjoyed working with the men at Limits, and has always had good cooperation from the drivers and the board members. He and his wife want to see much of this great country, then they plan to take it easy around the house. Happy days to you, sir; you deserve the best...Another new retiree is Operator R. S. BENSON who retired January 1. He was my leader on this column and always did an outstanding job as a scribe. Hope you are enjoying retirement too, Bob...Our sincere condolences to the family of Operator H. L. WASHINGTON who passed away January 1. He will be missed by everyone...Before closing for January I would like to introduce myself, I am CHARLES TURNER, Badge 9509, and I have run 180. If you have any news, give it to me or just leave it with the clerk in the station.

- Charles Turner

LOOP -

We would like to give out a loud word of praise for Painters JACK FLYNN, JIM KEEGAN, STAN RYCZEK and DAN DIGNAM. These fellows did a very commendable job of painting the offices at the 54th Street Terminal...VI and ED PFANNKUCHE retired on January 1 and are now enjoying a life of leisure in Florida. Have fun, kids, you have earned it. Keep in touch with us...We offer our sincere sympathy to the family of PAT O'BRIEN, retired trainman, who passed away recently...Retired Janitor PETE NAUGHTON Sr. is seriously ill in Presbyterian-St. Luke's hospital. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family. We hope he will be back on the road to recovery soon...Jovial Janitor DOMINICK CASSELINO is on vacation at this writing. We know whatever he is doing he is having a ball. Don't burn the candles at both ends, Dom, for soon it will be back to the salt mines...KAREN DOMINO has left the central assignment office and is now working as a clerk on the South Side. Congratulations and best wishes to Karen in her new job...Student Agent TOM CAHILL certainly likes to be different, and goes from one extreme to another to prove it. Tom is now wearing a short-short hair style, and believe me, it is really different...We are sorry to report illness in the DAN and MILDRED DOYLE family. We hope everyone will be back in good health by the time our news is in print. The Doyles planned to leave on January 13 for Florida if everyone was well. More about this in the next issue...Hearty congratulations to LEONARD BEATTY and HUGH HEGARTY who were re-elected as president and financial secretary of our union. May 1973 be an extremely good year for all of us with your help...Agents FAY CAPRIO and OPAL (York) WOCZNAK are on the sick list at this time. Hurry back to good health, girls, we miss you both...ADAM WAAS will retire on February 1 but he does not intend to let the old rocking chair get him. Adam plans to find part-time employment to keep him busy. Good luck and many happy years to come are wished for Mr. and Mrs. Waas...By the time we read this the new pick will be in effect. We hope everyone is happily settled in their new station...Superintendent J. ZUPKO enjoyed a week's vacation at home resting up after the holidays, and enjoying the sports programs on TV...Agents BETTY RUSSO and ELEANOR HASBROUCK also enjoyed a

restful week at home after the Christmas holidays...On Saturday, December 23, Agent JULIE MATTRAN had a pre-holiday get-together at her home. Everyone enjoyed the refreshments and gay chit-chat. Among the invited guests were EDITH MORROW and your Loop co-reporters. It was a most enjoyable evening. Thank you Julie and RAY... That's all for now gang. We would appreciate any news contributions you may send in.

- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wirted

MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

Congratulations to JUANITA EDEN who lost 36 pounds through Weight Watchers and received a pin for reaching her goal...EILEEN CARMODY was in the hospital in December but is now home recuperating. Hope to see her back to work soon...Good to see ELEANOR HASBROUCK back to work after a short illness...VERN NORDSTROM had his vacation during the holidays. Also BETTY RUSSO had a week's vacation before Christmas. It must be nice to have seniority...Conductor TONY WOLFE and his wife are the proud parents of a baby boy, TIMOTHY, who weighed in at 8 pounds 5 ounces...JIM SCHUMPP had the misfortune of breaking his arm recently but is now back at work and doing fine...Janitor DOMINIC CASALINO started his vacation on December 24. That sure was a nice Christmas present...Congratulations to IRWIN WIECZOREK who made Employee of the Year. Keep up the good work, Irwin, we all knew you could do it...ED PFANNKUCHE and his charming wife, VI (Moehring), took their pensions on January 1, and will spend some time in Florida. Also taking their pension January 1 were AUSTIN YOUNG and ERWIN SCHULTZ. We wish all of you a long and happy retired life...Station Superintendent T. D. BOYLE enjoyed a vacation to Florida and stayed right in Disney World...My co-reporter, GRACE MOUNTS, and her husband, CLEM, ushered in the new year by joining in on the celebration at Mangam's Chateau.

- Grace Mounts & Katy Moriarty

NORTH AVENUE -

Congratulations to our new Courtesy Caravan Club members for October. For exceptional courtesy, J. JONES, A. FRENCH and R. THOMAS; for assistance to the handicapped, R. JACKSON and L. SANFORD; for being helpful in recovering a lost article, C. REDEMSKI; for attention to duty, K. CHRABASZ, and for being considerate in curbing, A. JACQUES. For November: for attention to duty, M. MCCARTHY, M. BYSTREK, R. SPAKOWSKI, T. OFFERGELT and C. AIKENS; for assistance to the handicapped, C. LESTER, J. LYNCH and F. KONOPKA; for exceptional courtesy, J. GREEN, D. SKOWRONEK, A. KISZKA, R. PEACOCK and H. FIELDS; for a heroic act, P. GONZALEZ, and for excellent street announcements, J. BACON...A number of the boys are taking their pensions. Bus Hiker JOHN P. WALSH from Archer left on December 1, and he and his wife, FLORENCE, are planning on traveling around the U.S.A. Now for our January 1 pensioners. Operator ARTHUR BRINDLEY and his wife, MARINA, plan to visit California for a second honeymoon. Supervisor EDWARD STRZYZEWSKI and his spouse, CATHERINE, plan a trip around the states and more time with their hobby raising tropical fish. Operator CHESTER ELKE leaves us after 30 years of service. He and his better

half, CLARA, plan a fishing trip down South. Also headed for the easy life are Supervisor STANLEY LECK, District Superintendent RAYMOND REIGHARD, Storeroom Clerk GEORGE DeGIORE, Repairman JOHN O'DONNELL and Operators ROY BERGLUND, JERRY HURT, G. BONKOWSKI, PHIL WAGEMAN, J. SUKIS, DONALD CARLSON, E. WEIDENHAMER, C. MULLINAX, FLOYD CREAL and HERBERT LINDEMANN...Received a postcard from Pensioner VIGGO WINDFELD and his wife, ZORA, who spent their vacation in Los Angeles, California. They visited Hollywood and Beverly Hills where they saw some movie stars' homes and Universal Studios...Pensioner JOHN SENKO and his spouse visited Russia and Poland...Operator JERRY HURT became a grandpa for the seventh time when his son, EDWARD, and his wife, KATHY, became parents of a baby girl on October 27. Jerry now has six granddaughters and one grandson. Our congratulations to all...I met Pensioner TOM SCANLON who is looking and feeling better than ever. He asked about "Otto Mobile" who, you may remember, is Pensioner BILL ECHOLS who wrote a column under that name years ago. I'm also certain you remember Tom's antique car with a mind of its own, and ran with or without gas. Tom finally retired it to the junk pile...Pensioner NEIL COTTER writes that they had so much autumn rain in Portage, Wisconsin, that the farmers couldn't get some of their corn harvested. The deer hunting was good...Pensioner JOE REINHART and his wife, VIOLET, have a new address: 513 School street, Harbor Beach, Michigan 48441. Joe was in the hospital in November, but he's home now and doing well...A note from Pensioner BARNEY CALLAHAN tells us that he and JOSEPHINE spent the holidays in Wichita, Kansas. They visited their daughter, MARGARET, son-in-law, and ten grandchildren...Pensioner LARS PEARSON and his wife, ANNA, are keeping busy. Lars is keeping up with his trout fishing at his home in Mountain Home, Arkansas...Pensioner ART MOILANEN and his spouse, BETTY, visited Chicago in November. They bought some Rosen's Jewish rye bread, which they can't get in L'Anse, Michigan. When they got home, the bay was full of lake trout, rainbows, brown trout, etc. The Indians had put out their nets and got hundreds of pounds of fish. They couldn't sell them so they threw them back into the water. There were dead fish all over...Bus Hikers RALPH POTTS of Kedzie and FRANK KNORR of 77th passed away in December. Ralph was an old school pal of mine from Morton High...Pensioner BILL BUETOW lost his wife, ANNA, after a long illness. Last May she was confined at the Mayo Clinic. Until this fall, they thought she would make it, but she passed away in the hospital and was buried on November 4. We extend our sympathy to the families of these departed. Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you that where I am, there ye may also be..."We received a Christmas card from FLORENCE BLAKE, the widow of our old friend, JERRY BLAKE. She is well, but lonesome. She comes to Chicago frequently to visit her family...Thanks to all of you who sent me lovely Christmas cards. They came from Pensioners E. BOCK, B. CALLAHAN, F. COLEMAN, N. COTTER, E. DEEGAN, W. ECHOLS, J. HIEBEL, H. HABBESTAD, A. KOEHN, J. KULLOWITCH, H. LEMIEUX, R. MAU, A. MOILANEN, G. MAY, L. PEARSON, L. PLUSKOWSKI, J. REINHART, J. SENKO, W. STRAUBING, V. WINDFELD, O. WIKRENT and E. DIETZ. Elmer Deegan has a mobile home in Payson, Arizona. It's good fishing country. Living near him are Pensioners PETERSON, CHRISTIAN, JACOBY, MACHOWSKI and PARADISE. Frank Coleman gets around fairly well after his illness. Now to the operators, I have cards from Operators E. GUNDLACH, D. KISSANE, H. LINDEMANN,

J. RICHARDSON, R. STEELE, F. DWIEL, A. AMOS, G. DI MEO and R. SHOLTENS. Also cards from Bus Dispatcher BILL KOSEK, Clerk E. LOTITO, and last, but not least, my friend and co-reporter, WALTER BLIX. I hope he will be back at work soon, also helping me with this column. See you purty soon, Walter. And cards from Garage Clerk BILL MIEDEMA, Forest Glen, and Garage Clerk WAYNE MIEDEMA, North Avenue, who also happen to be my No. 1 and 2 sons...I want to thank the pensioners who have been so helpful sending me news. I wish I could do as well with the operators. How about it? Thanks to Operator JULIUS BISWURM for his contribution...Here's hoping you're all off to a good start for the New Year.

- William Miedema & Walter Blix

NORTH PARK -

Hope you all had a Happy New Year. May you find 1973 to be healthy, happy and prosperous...The North Park credit union's annual business meeting was held on Friday, January 12, at River Park Fieldhouse. Dividends were declared and refreshments were served. There were also drawings for door prizes...The Sambruca Club dinner dance was held on Saturday, November 4 at the Chateau Royale. Operator PAT SCIORTINO, who was chairman of this fine event, would like to add his thanks to the many CTA families who patronized this event...Clerk JOE DIGIOVANNI retired on January 1 after 43 plus years of service at the age of 58. Joe, who is one of our most respected and congenial clerks, plans along with his lovely wife, CONNIE, to do a lot of traveling in the future...Also going on pension January 1 were Operators CARL SANDBERG, 38 years; TED KINDERMAN, 32 years; ANDY HOLZMAN, 31 years; HAROLD JULITZ, 31 years; LYNN BUTLER, 30 years, and RAY GOLDSTEIN, 24 years. We at North Park take this opportunity to wish these fine gentlemen many years of happiness in their golden years...BOB ZIENTARA, the son of Operator EDDY ZIENTARA, shot a large buck deer while hunting near Westfield, Wisconsin. The Chicago Tribune showed a picture of Bob and the deer in the sports section of the Sunday, November 26, edition...JOHN STEINBEISS, the son of Instructor WALTER STEINBEISS, along with his wife, VICKIE, spent the holidays with his parents. John, who is a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force, will be stationed at Rapid City, South Dakota. John was working as a bus operator at North Park when he was inducted into the service...SHELDON BAKER, the son of Operator SAM BAKER, has accepted a position with Montgomery Ward as a copywriter working on advertising...JOHN GUZALDO, who has been off sick, is now back to work as a street collector. We are all happy to see John back on the job again...Operator FRANK SAUCIER, who is a patient at Veterans hospital, has gone on disability pension. Our prayers are with Frank for a complete recovery...Happy anniversaries are extended to the following: Pensioner WILLIAM STINESPRING and his wife, DOLLY, their 43rd; Pensioner MIKE PARK and his wife, GLADYS, their 19th; Pensioner LARRY BENNETT and his wife, JULIA, their 32nd; Pensioner ELY PESTINE and his wife, RUTH, their 40th; Pensioner IRVING WEINER and his wife, IDA, their 42nd; Pensioner WALTER LINDEMANN and his wife, ELEANOR, their 45th; Operator LEO HARA and his wife, ANN, their 36th; Operator JESSIE GILMORE and his wife, ROSE, their 16th; Operator JOHN WAIT and his wife, LUCILLE, their 34th; Operator SAM BAKER and his wife, HELEN, their 32nd; Operator ALLEN LICHTER and his wife, SUSAN, their

31st; Operator BUCKY WALTERS and his wife, DORCAS, their 36th; Operator SAM POSNER and his wife, ETHEL, their 34th; Operator JOHN EISELT and his wife, LOUISE, their 15th; Operator DAVE ARREGUIN and his wife, THERESA, their 16th; Operator JIM HALL and his wife, VIRGINIA, their 22nd; Operator BILL HODGSON and his wife, LORRY, their 23rd, and Instructor WALTER STEINBEISS and his wife, MARY, their 36th...Happy Birthdays are extended to: Supervisor GEORGE HAND, Operators PETE MARCHISOTTO and HAROLD ANDERSCHAT, Pensioners CARL SANDBERG, ROY LEMKE, TOM CONROY, MERVIA HAND and JIM KURCZEWSKI, DEBORAH and MONICA AYOTTE, BARBARA ANDERSCHAT, WILLIAM and TAMMY RAY, Mrs. EULALIE DOWEY, Mrs. MARY HOLZMAN and Pensioner JOE DIGIOVANNI...Our sympathy and condolences are extended to the family of TONY BRUNO who passed away suddenly on Monday, December 7. Tony was assistant treasurer of the North Park credit union and a most respected and likeable person. Also to the family of Retired Supervisor HUBERT JIMMY MORAN we express our condolences...I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the pensioners who sent me Holiday Greetings...Repair Department Chit Chat: Repairman FRANK SIBLEY and Electrician RICHARD ROCK were winners of turkeys at the Wauconda Gun Club shoot-out. Repairman BUCKY BAKER is in charge of the charity project...Enjoying vacations this month are Repairmen BOB JOHNSON, PAUL SCHREVES, LEN TROZANOWSKI, FRANK SCHENDL and GEORGE WITT, and Servicemen GENE DRZEWICKI, JOE MAREK and ROBERT BOTH.

- Melvin Fanning

SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

CHARLES KEELER, traffic clerk, and his wife flew to Los Angeles, California, and celebrated Thanksgiving with friends...GEORGE HANUS and his wife drove to Redington Beach, Florida, and other parts to visit...WALTER THOMAS, assistant superintendent of schedule makers, and his wife flew to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to spend Thanksgiving...The Schedule Department was blessed with many Christmas season birthdays. Best wishes to KAY BATINA, ED RELLY, WALTER THOMAS and JOE SABOL...WILLIE SCOTT was promoted to schedule clerk...RUTH HAVLIK and her sister flew to Spain to spend the holidays there. They became part of the jet set when they stayed in the sunny resort area of Costa Del Sol...ARVIN A. KREUTZER, supervisor of traffic data section, retired on December 29 after 41 years of service to CTA and the CSL. Better known as Fritz, he started as a traffic checker November 1, 1931. He worked as a traffic checker and traffic clerk until transferring to Burnside Station in 1933 as a conductor and one-man car operator. He returned to the Schedule Department in 1942 and was promoted to schedule clerk. In 1961 Fritz became supervisor of traffic clerks and was promoted to supervisor of the traffic data section in 1965, the post he held at retirement. His dedication to his work and his candor will long be remembered in the Schedule-Traffic Department.

- Kathryn Batina

PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -

Now that 1973 has begun and all of you have started in an honest effort to live up to your resolutions for the year,

John and I would like you to add one more resolution to your list; we can't invent news, we need your help, so let's all resolve that 1973 will be the best year yet for news...Congratulations are in order for EDWARD W. TOBIN, Purchasing, who has been promoted to assistant to superintendent of stores. Good luck, Ed!..We have a special note for BECKY COUSIN who has been on the sick list for quite some time. Dear Becky, HELP! Signed, Jill. Hope you're feeling better real soon!..Congratulations to JOANNE BOETTIN, who became an aunt for the third time. Joanne's nephew, DAVID W., was born on December 5 and weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces...The welcome mat is extended to WILLIAM DOERING, stock clerk I, Stores Department. Bill transferred from the Treasury Department. Welcome aboard, Bill...Congratulations to JAMES WHITTLEY, stock clerk I, and his wife who were blessed with a beautiful daughter, LATASHA, on October 29...ANDY CUNNINGHAM spent his vacation traveling with a jazz band while on vacation. Andy also stopped at Monte Carlo Bay...DAVE SMITH, laborer, has returned from his "honey-do" vacation...GRANVILLE CHEATHAM, stock clerk I, is off the sick list and back to work. While recuperating at home Granville received a surprise visit from his son who is on leave from the army. Your son's visit was probably just what you needed for a speedy recovery. Glad to see you at work once again.

- Cecilia Trucco & John Gell

SOUTH SECTION -

Happy New Year to all! May 1973 be a good, happy, and healthy year for everyone...Congratulations to Conductor NEIL SULLIVAN who had such a big smile when he became a grandpa again. His son and daughter-in-law had a baby girl named TAMMY. This makes two grandchildren for the Sullivans...Relief Station Superintendent ED MITCHELL, West Section, and his wife, South Section Agent SAUNDRA, celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary at the Playboy Club in Lake Geneva over a weekend. Best wishes to the happy couple...Hooray! Back to work from the sick list are: Work Train Conductor THOMAS SCHWARZ, Work Train Motorman DOMINIC CESARE and Motorman SIDNEY EDWARDS...Agent ALBERT HOFER, who has been on the sick list for some months, went on pension December 1. We sincerely hope Albert regains his health real soon and enjoys his pension...Retired Conductor JOSEPH MASCOLINO stopped by recently upon his return from a trip to California. While out there he visited with retired Conductor JOHN LOUGHLIN and retired Towerman CHARLES RUMMEL. They said hello to everyone. Joe looked great for his 83 years young; he's been on pension 18 years...Our heartiest congratulations to the winners of the Division 308 election: President LEONARD BEATTY, Vice-president CHARLES LOUGHRAN, Secretary-Treasurer HUGH HEGARTY, South Section Board Member WILFRED SPEARS, and to all the other people elected...Our Ashland parking lot attendant, STAN from 69th Street Depot, went on pension December 1. He is one swell guy and everyone misses him. Happy retirement, Stan...Hello to newly-hired Conductors RONALD HENDERSON and LEWIS STEWART. We're also glad to see Student Conductor CARL DAVIS who decided to return and be a full-time conductor...We were very shocked and saddened to hear that Agent CHARLES GRIFFITH passed away quite suddenly. Our deepest sympathy to his family...Retired Conductor PHARAOH (Mother-in-law) CAIN dropped in to see us. It sure was good to see

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYES

CLIO E. BERGER, 65, North Section,
Emp. 7-15-36, Died 11-16-72
WILLIAM BETSANES, 86, 61st Street,
Emp. 10-16-42, Died 11-6-72
WILLIAM H. BONNEFOI, 70, North Park,
Emp. 11-10-25, Died 11-7-72
VASSILIOS BOUSIS, 77, South Shops,
Emp. 8-8-26, Died 10-22-72
TONY BRUNO, 50, North Park,
Emp. 10-4-43, Died 12-4-72
HARRY C. CROSS, 83, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 3-6-13, Died 11-17-72
BRUNO DINTER, 63, Property Accounting,
Emp. 5-22-34, Died 12-6-72
MARCO DUNDEVICH, 61, Skokie Shop,
Emp. 3-19-29, Died 11-27-72
CHARLES GRIFFITH, 53, South Section,
Emp. 1-2-58, Died 12-9-72
MILDRED I. HUMES, 84, Executive,
Emp. 12-4-05, Died 11-7-72
MAURICE T. HYLAND, 72, Kedzie,
Emp. 8-31-27, Died 11-11-72
JOSEPH J. JAROS, 58, Lawndale,
Emp. 5-8-42, Died 12-8-72
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MICHAEL J. KOHUT, 74, Skokie Shop,
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ARTHUR LAVIGNE, 81, West Section,
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BERNARD J. LAZISKY, 62, Beverly,
Emp. 2-2-38, Died 11-29-72
OTTO A. LINK, 76, Skokie Shop,
Emp. 3-18-43, Died 11-4-72
KENNETH L. MANAUGH, 67, North Section,
Emp. 9-21-26, Died 11-7-72
EDWARD J. MARSH, 68, Kedzie,
Emp. 5-18-28, Died 11-6-72
WILLIAM McTIGUE, 73, 69th Street,
Emp. 12-16-24, Died 11-14-72
WILLIAM MITTELSTAEDT, 62, Archer,
Emp. 11-2-36, Died 12-10-72

EBERT C. NYBERG Sr., 78, West Section,
Emp. 6-25-17, Died 11-22-72
THOMAS F. O'BRIEN, 68, Internal Auditing,
Emp. 10-18-23, Died 11-5-72
JOHN D. O'LEARY, 89, Halsted Yard,
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EDWARD SMITH, 72, South Section,
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Emp. 6-22-48, Died 11-17-72
GEORGE STRICKLAND, 80, North Avenue,
Emp. 8-4-21, Died 11-30-72
CHARLES C. SVOMA, 85, Kedzie,
Emp. 10-5-07, Died 11-3-72
MICHAEL J. TAYLOR, 84, Devon,
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FRANK H. WEISHAAR, 64, North Park,
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him. He and his wife had just returned from New Orleans where he visited with Retired Conductor MOSES GILES and his wife, who live there. They really enjoyed New Orleans. Moses says "hello" to everyone, too. New Orleans is one of my favorite vacation spots...The officers of the South Side "L" credit union and their wives were feted at a dinner at David's restaurant recently. My hubby, ROLAND, president, and myself really enjoyed the dinner and get-together with the other officers and their charming wives. My little quote for today is: "Put a little money away in the credit union every payday for a rainy day."...Mrs. IRENE DOUGHTY, the wife of deceased Conductor RAY, has moved to Van Nuys, California. She said the winters were getting too hard here and she wanted to be in sunny California. Good luck to you, Irene, all your many friends here in Chicago will miss you...Agent CORRINE DALMAS was in the hospital recently for an operation but is home now recuperating. We all hope you can get back to work soon, Corrine... Retired 308 Board Member CHARLES

BURNS has left Chicago for the winter to stay in Phoenix, Arizona. He sure is lucky to escape this ice and snow... The agent's pension club held their Christmas dinner on December 3 at Sharko's East restaurant and a good time was had by all. We take this time to thank retired Assignment Agents LULU HAMANN and ROSE HEIDENBLUT for the wonderful parties they put out each year. Retired Agent MARY KLUMPP, who lives in Jacksonville, Illinois, was to be honored at this dinner having gone on pension this year, but she took a trip to Florida and wasn't able to be here for the festivities. We had a Christmas grab bag which everyone enjoyed. Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE RILEY, superintendent of operating stations, were there to help us celebrate. Talked to all the retirees and they looked wonderful: Retired Clerk JOE BRENNAN and his charming wife, Retired Yard Foreman JOHN LEMKE and his missus, Retired Agents CECILIA MORAN, GRACE GRIFFIN, KAREN FRIDDLE, HAZEL DUNN, MAE DRISCOLL, CATHERINE COLLINS and HELEN SHANNON, Retired Towerman PAT

HICKEY and his missus, Retired Motorman JERRY HANAFIN and his wife, and many more...On the sick list at this writing are: Agent LEONARD HEILBRONNER, Janitor ALPHONSO NERI, Towerman ADAM MODELSKI and Supervisor JAMES FAHEY...Assignment Agent LILL CULLINAN is in the hospital at this writing. Hope you get home real soon, Lill, and also hope that all our ailing people have a quick recovery and be back to work soon...Mrs. VERNON (Alice) AMMONS, the wife of deceased Conductor AMMONS, who worked in the South Section office at 61st Street years ago, passed away. She was a wonderful person...Conductor LONNIE PERRY received a passenger commendation for his efficiency and good announcements. Keep up the good work you South Siders...Former employee ALFRED CRISLER, who was sick for many months, passed away recently. Our condolences to the Crisler family...Retired Conductor CARL MAGNUSON called the other day to tell everyone hello and to say that he is well...Resigning recently for other positions were Clerk ROBERT HARVEY, Switchman ROBERT BRADFORD who went with Standard Oil, Motorman JONATHAN GIBBS, Switchman JOHN PRINCE and Conductor WILLIAM TALLEY...Our sincere sympathy is extended to Towerman ADAM MODELSKI in the loss of his mother; Conductor GARY GLEASON who lost his mother, and Motorman ALEX KOMIS whose brother passed away...Clerk JOHN BARRY was elated when his son, who was in the air force, came home from the service with his family to reside in Chicago.

- Verna Hartney

SKOKIE SHOP -

Congratulations to Laborer FRANK PIENTO and his wife on the birth of their granddaughter, KATHLEEN PIENTO, on December 8. The proud parents are FRANK's son, JOSEPH, and his wife, CHRISTINE. Joe is a power supervisor in the Electrical Department in the Merchandise Mart...Electrical Worker KERRY HOWE and his wife, MARGARET, had a baby boy November 28. Little KERRY weighed in at 8 pounds 8 ounces...Machinist Apprentice GREG MARSHALL and his wife, BEV, are happy to announce the arrival of CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM, born December 14. Christopher weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces and was 22 inches long...Machinist Apprentice HORACE GREEN and his wife, BEVERLY, had a son born at home November 16. KYLE weighed in at 9 pounds 12 ounces. Congratulations and best wishes to all the happy parents!...FLASH from technical services--Stenographer MARY JANE HARNETT surprised everyone when she arrived the day after Christmas wearing a lovely diamond ring. The lucky fellow is BILL ARSENEAU of McHenry. A fall wedding is planned. Our best wishes to the happy couple...Congratulations to Carpenter GEORGE KIMSKE and his wife, FRAN, on their 20th wedding anniversary on November 29...Happy retirement to Laborer PAUL CEROTZKE, Electrical Worker DENNIS CLIFFORD, and Motor Line Foreman JOSEPH DECKER. You are going to be missed, fellows, and we hope to hear from you. Best of luck! Attending the retirement doings were Pensioners CHARLIE QUALIARDI, CASEY LASKOWSKI, MARTY GRIFFIN, JOHN MCGEE and JOHN LEAHY. Nice to have had you with us, fellows! Speaking of pensioners--JULIUS ELENBOGEN keeps himself very active. Julius can be found making lovely latch hook rugs in his daughter's handcraft shop in Long Grove. The shop is called "The Slipped Stitch." Julius received quite a writeup in the Long Grove papers. Thanks for

letting us in on your activities, Julius...We were very sorry to learn that Retired Welder WILLARD LUCAS passed away. Our sincere condolences to his family.

- Catherine Ann Tregarty

SOUTH SHOPS -

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the CTA a healthy, happy and prosperous year ahead. We also hope the future will bring joy to all of our fellow employees...GAIL HATHAWAY, South Shops receptionist, just bought a new 1973 Camaro. It's bright red with a black interior. Gail says it's running great. Gee, it must be nice to be rich!...We in the South Shops office are bidding a sad farewell to EDNA WALKER, secretary in Technical Services. We wish her the best as she leaves us to go to the Mart as secretary to GEORGE RILEY, superintendent of operating stations in the Transportation Department. Do keep in touch, Edna...Now for the Out in the Shop news...A banquet was held on December 21 for seven of our retiring co-workers. Sharko's East was the place. Plenty of fun, food and Christmas cheer was had by all. Best of luck for a long, happy and healthy retirement to OTTO SMITH, Area 342, PAUL SPOLEC, Area 317, Foreman BILL HANSEN, Area 317, FRANK BRADY Sr., Area 317, LAWRENCE AGIN, Area 314, STEVE ZITTMAN, Area 312C, and JOHN ZARZDA, Area 312C. Believe it or not, these men compiled a total of 240 years of service with the CTA...LOU DRINKER, mechanic of Area 335, and his wife, IRENE, were invited as guests to witness the launching of Apollo 17 at Cape Kennedy. In his own words, Lou said he was awed by the spectacular lift off. Lou is such a pro, that in case of any mechanical failure or an attempted hi-jacking, they could depend on him. Congratulations, Lou...MADONNA GUSTAFSON, the daughter of JEAN GUSTAFSON, Print Shop, and GEORGE HOLLENDONER recently exchanged the holy vows of matrimony at St. Thomas More church. The reception was attended by co-workers in the Print Shop and from the rapid transit...Congratulations are also in store for JEFF JANKUS, Area 313, and his new bride, MARYANN. Best of luck, Jeff...BULLETIN! Christmas comes but once a year, especially to GENE PAGE, Area 348. Gene recently tore the wrappings off his 1973 Plymouth station wagon. Since he is single, we wonder what his need is for a station wagon. Maybe he's contemplating giving CTA competition at the bus stops...Congratulations to AL YODUAL, dynamometer room, and his DOLORES on their 25th year of wedded bliss. Wonder why he wears his hard hat home...The DENNIS FERGUSON family is elated on the birth of their daughter, GINA LYNN, who weighed in at 7 pounds 14 ounces. Congratulations!...Congratulations also go out to JOHN LASKEY, Area 312C, and his wife on the arrival of BRIAN JOHN, 7 pounds 8 ounces...The stork was really busy as he also made a delivery to the JOSEPH REED household and presented them with their third beautiful daughter...Congratulations to LEROY HUNTER and his lovely wife on the adoption of a baby boy, ANTOINE. With the tender loving care of the Hunters, I know he is welcome in their home...And now for the grandfathers--The proud ones are RAY SPATZEK, Area 342, with a granddaughter, JENNIFER NORAE; Pensioner FRANK BRADY Sr. has a new grandson, BRIAN MCGUIRE, and last but not least is JOE LUKSO, Area 349, with a grandson, PAUL JOSEPH...Good luck to RICHARD BRYAR, formerly of Area 317, on his new assignment in Technical Services. Don't work too hard, Dick...ED MYSKOWSKI has returned

after spending ten days visiting relatives in Phoenix, Arizona. Ed said the temperatures were about 76 degrees most of the time. Quite a difference from Chicago; right, Ed?..IRV KRAULEDIS, Area 348, and his wife, PAULINE, jetted to Mexico City for the Thanksgiving weekend. Irv says there are a lot of beautiful sights to see and the people are very congenial. Irv and Pauline visited the Floating Gardens, the Lost Pyramids and took in a few night clubs and the bits Mexico City has to offer. Irv and his wife are planning to make another trip around Easter time...Nice to see the smiling face of SAVARINO BIAGIO back on the job in Area 312C...The watermelon business must be very lucrative because AL COX, Area 344, managed to buy a 1973 Pinto wagon. I wonder how many melons will fit in the back of that car?..We wish a speedy recovery to JOHN BROADNAX, Area 333, who is recuperating from surgery at St. Francis hospital in Blue Island. Hurry and get well, John...Congratulations to RICH STANTON and JAKE WEBER. Both men received honorable mention awards from the Chicago Area Camera Club Association on their fine art work.

- Denise Patheiger & Howard Burns

69TH STREET -

To begin with, we would like to thank everyone who helped us out during the cold spell...Those enjoying winter vacations are: FRANK ANDREK, STEVE MURRAY, CHARLIE WILLIAMS, JIMMY LEE and J. (Dick) DICKERSON...We heard from Pensioners DENNY GRIFFIN, LEO GLOMBICKI, FRANK KERMAN and BILL LORENZEN who are doing well. We wish them many more years of happy retired life...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. FRANK HIGGINS on the birth of a son. We also hope that Frank will recover soon from his illness and return to work hale and hearty...Good luck and good health to JIM LUNDY and JOHN WALSH who retired on December 1, and to MIKE MORAN who retired on January 1. They all started with the CSL...We also heard from Pensioners JIM DONALDSON, MATT BASSO and MARTY GRIFFIN who are doing well and enjoying their pensioned life.

We may be in the middle of winter, but one look at the fish that Superintendent PEYTON caught will warm the hearts of all fishermen. He even cut it open so we could see it was real...We certainly lost five good men via the pension route; E. MEYER, L. JOLLY, A. SZUREK, D. KELLY and J. DAVIDSON. May all these men have many happy and healthy years of the easy life...JOE and ETHEL DAVIDSON celebrated their 43rd anniversary January 20. They have nine grandchildren, and the youngest just born December 9 is called JACQUELINE REBECCA...I met an R. A. PAUL of Ordland Park who has a lifetime badge from a local in Fort Wayne. He worked for us from 1947 to 1951 and is now foreman of quality control at Electromotive. He says hello to all his old friends...One of our bowling teams out of 69th is fighting for first place at the Oak Lawn Lanes. Only eight points out are WALTER WANTROBA, STEVE CHATLOS and WILLIE WILLIAMS. Lay it in there fellas and go all the way...The 69th Street Credit Union will hold its annual meeting on February 16 at 8 p.m. in the depot clubroom. Something new has been added in addition to the meeting, election and raffle. A buffet lunch from soup to nuts will be served...Is it true that Instructor SWANSON is getting ready to put a for sale sign on his uniform?...Superintendent Peyton had Instructor

O'DONNELL, Clerk CLARK and Sanitary Engineer RAY try their darndest to open his locked car (the keys were inside) Along came Operator RICHARDSON, and with a little twist here and there with a coat hanger, bingo the door was open...The instructors ask us to slow down during the winter as the streets can get mighty slippery. They also remind us to check for fire extinguishers and to be sure to write up any defects in the buses...Haven't heard much from the Gout Club lately only some soft moans and groans...KUNIGUND (Olga) GREEN, the wife of Operator R. GREEN, spent 11 days in intensive care. She is now home and well on the way to recovery...Instructor JOHN-SON became a grandpa again as did SCOTTY HIGGINS who passed out cigars when his son's wife gave birth recently... We regret to report that the mother of retiree JOHN LYNCH died. JAMES J. STANTON, a supervisor and formerly of 38th & Cottage Grove barn, passed on. The family of your co-reporter, ART BUESING, also suffered a great loss when my eldest son passed on suddenly at the age of 34 on the day before Christmas. Please accept my thanks for all your kind expressions of sympathy...One wish for the new year would be that all you operators keep my mail box filled with news.

- Art Buesing & Jimmy Alton

77TH STREET -

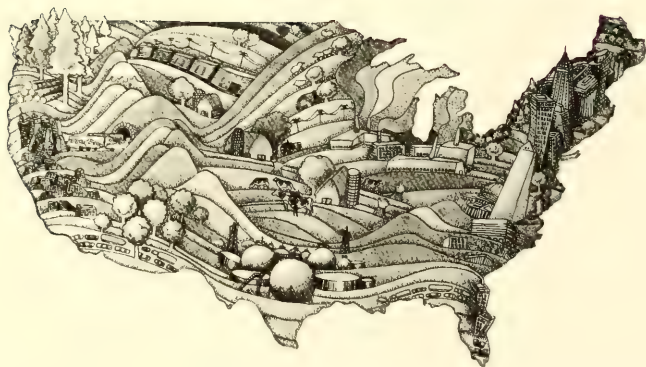
Congratulations are in order for the new treasurer of the 77th Street Depot credit union, REDO HALL. Mr. Hall is replacing a fine man, Former Treasurer TOM SHEEHAN, who has retired. The assistant treasurer's post was filled by BEN GULLEY. In Mr. Hall and Mr. Gulley our credit union has two competent and deserving men, And for the first time in history, our credit union is paying six per cent interest quarterly...Another first at 77th was a holiday drawing sponsored by Executive Board Members A. BUTLER and E. GRESHAM. The prizes were five hams. The winners were Operators O. C. COLEMAN, E. L. CHANEY, A. J. FOWLER, LEON DAVIS and H. A. WILLS. Congratulations to the lucky ones and thanks to the board members for the prizes and the drawing...If you note a certain air of pride about ANTIONE AYERS nowadays, it's because of the lovely baby girl presented to him by his charming wife, JOYCE. The little lady, Princess ANTIONETTE ANDREA AYERS, was born November 28 and has Antione and Joyce well trained for 2 a.m. feeding...On January 23 Mrs. PAT DeBONNETT will have been married to this reporter for 13 years. When we were married I promised her a long honeymoon, so she's hanging around to see that I keep my promise...Mrs. CLAUDIE MYERS, the wife of Operator CHARLES MYERS, spent the Christmas holidays with her grandmother, Mrs. OZIE McCLURE in Pulaski, Tennessee. Hope her trip was pleasant and her return safe...DORA, the wife of Operator ROBERT L. BARCLAY, is recuperating from illness. Mrs. Barclay is employed by the U.S. Postal Service. We would all like to take this opportunity to wish her a speedy recovery...We were all saddened by the passing of a fellow operator, FRANK KNOR, on December 18. Mr. Knor was also a respected officer of the 77th Street Depot credit union... Good luck and Godspeed to retiring Instructor TOM SPRATT. Speaking of retirees, JOHN SHAW, on pension since 1964, received his gold union membership card on January 1.

- Allison De Bonnett

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ON MARCH 27 the Illinois Legislature gave final approval to an operating subsidy for CTA which assures that operations will continue at the present level and rates of fare until June 30, 1973. The legislation provides financial aid for CTA totaling \$18.9 million; \$12.6 million from the State of Illinois and \$6.3 million from the City of Chicago and County of Cook combined.

TO ALL EMPLOYEES:

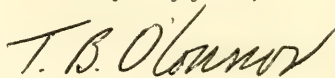
During the month of May, CTA will conduct its annual campaign to acquaint employees with the benefits of purchasing U.S. Savings Bonds through the payroll savings plan. All employees will be contacted and given the opportunity to begin a savings program or increase their present programs.

Give something to yourself each payday! U.S. Savings Bonds can provide money for your children's college education, a down payment on that new home, extra comfort for retirement, PLUS a bonus--extra security for your country. All it takes is regular saving, and that's where the Payroll Savings Plan comes in. You name the amount you want to set aside each payday for U.S. Savings Bonds and the pay office does the rest; it's automatic, sure and painless. Write your own ticket.

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Very truly yours,



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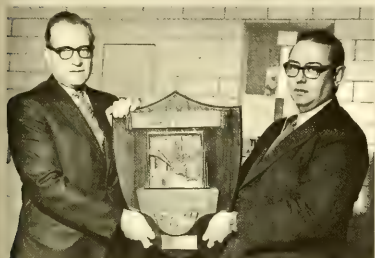
OUR COVER: Nearly 6,000 CTA employees are saving for the future by participating in the payroll savings plan. Bi-weekly payroll deductions currently amount to \$97,500 and result in the production of 3,300 U. S. Savings Bonds every two weeks. Inspecting bonds which have been imprinted is Mary Ann Bandur, programmer trainee in CTA's Computer Operations Room.

ISC, ESC award winners named for fourth quarter

ISC



Lawndale Station



Forest Park Station

ESC



Keeler Garage



**61st-Racine
Maintenance
Terminals**



South Shops

FOURTH QUARTER winners of safety contests among groups of Transportation and Shops & Equipment Department employees include three locations which had won awards previously in 1972.

First place winners in the Interstation Safety Contest (ISC) pictured above include Lawndale Station, which placed first among 12 surface operating stations, and Forest Park, which took the lead among nine rapid transit operating stations. Forest Park's first and fourth quarter wins in 1972 were accomplished with perfect scores of 5.00. Lawndale's second win of 1972 was accomplished with a point score of 61.40, exceeding its second quarter win with 58.26. Displaying Lawndale's plaque are, from left, Superintendent J. B. Morris, Relief Superintendent J. J. Lahey and Assistant Superintendent F. J. Vitek. Station Superintendent T. D. Boyle (right) is shown accepting Forest Park's plaque from Assistant Superintendent of Operating Stations C. W. Gibes.

Holding the No. 1 spots in the three areas of competition within the Employee Safety Contest (ESC) are Keeler Garage, 61st and Racine Maintenance Terminals and South Shops. The winner within each group had the lowest number of injuries per one million man-hours worked. Keeler's rate of zero for the fourth quarter and 43.7 for the year made it No. 1 among surface garages. A fourth quarter rate of 29.9 and 1972 rate of 56.7 made the combined 61st-Racine Terminals No. 1 among rapid transit maintenance terminals. South Shops, first and fourth quarter winners in 1972, had a frequency rate of 38.0 in the final quarter and 64.9 all year, placing it first in the shops competition. Accepting Keeler's award from Supervisor of Garages T. Riordan (left) is Garage Foreman R. F. Vance. The award presented to 61st and Racine Terminals was accepted by Foreman J. J. Molloy (left) from Senior Foreman of Maintenance Terminals R. E. Flowers. Holding the South Shops award is Superintendent of Surface System Shops J. A. Rosendhal who is being congratulated by Superintendent of Surface System Shops and Garages J. J. Repplinger.

MEDICALLY SPEAKING by Dr. George H. Irwin

CLIMATE and its good and bad affects on health have been the concern of the people for centuries. And this is surely instinctive, as most of us would like to live in an area which adds to our comfort, good health and longevity.

In looking over literature on this subject it has been interesting to learn what medical researchers and weather experts say about climate and health. Before leaving your native land for an extended vacation or a permanent change of location, it would certainly be wise to do some investigating first yourself.

While it has been said that thousands of individuals have been helped, health-wise, by a change of climate, the experts say there is no guarantee attached to such a change. It is well to remember that there is no such thing as the perfect climate. The purpose of this article will be to inform you of the general viewpoints, good and bad, of climate and your health.

Research has shown that a temperature of 66 degrees is the best for the normal functioning of the human body. Temperature range, variability of weather, suddenness of weather change, humidity and atmospheric conditions are all strong influencing factors.

Age is an important factor in considering the affect of climate on health. Studies show that persons under 25 are not strongly affected by weather changes. Persons between 25 and 50 are moderately affected, and those past 50 years of age are strongly or seriously affected. This does not mean, however, that younger people are more resistant and more physically adaptable to weather fluctuations. The study on disease resistance also points out that cool-zone people in the U.S. withstand disease better than do the warm-zone people up to the age of 50. Above 50 the person in the south has a longer life expectancy than his northern counterpart. The ideal climate for the older citizen is a place where outdoor living is at the maximum, where weather changes are slight, where the temperature stays a little below 80 degrees during the day and seldom goes below 50 degrees at

night. Healthy people bear up under weather change better than those in poor health. It is also true the women are less affected by weather changes than men.

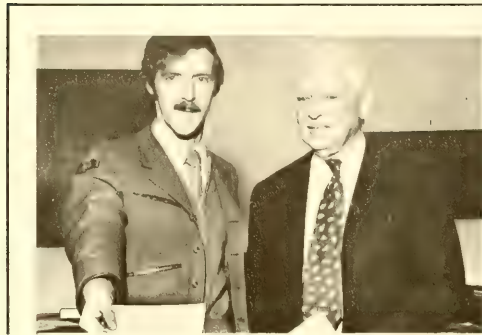
What the weather does to us: Man is notorious weather sensitive. Every change in the weather, altitude and velocity, degree of electric activity and of positive or negative ionization, barometric pressure or relative humidity brings about alteration in the acid-base (chemistry balance) and changes in body metabolism. These changes are reflected in the functioning of the nervous system, circulatory system and body temperature and indirectly affect body resistance and disease control.

It is generally known that cardio-vascular (heart) and arthritis cases do better in an equable warm dry—but not too hot—climate. Tuberculosis, respiratory cases such as bronchitis, asthma, emphysema and allergy patients are also definitely benefited. Extremely high altitudes are not favorable for heart cases. To confirm the advantages of a warm climate, one recent study showed that respiratory infection are four to five times more frequent in January than in July. Other statistics reveal that diabetes, ulcers, heart disease, arteriosclerosis, stress diseases, including mental diseases and even cancer (excepting skin cancer), occur less frequently in the south and are also more controllable.

In conclusion, I wish to emphasize the following: some of the information in this article may be helpful to you in selecting the proper climate to live in. It is well to remember that even though your friends may have been helped by certain climates there is no guarantee that you will be. Before moving to a different climate discuss the change with your family doctor. A short visit to the area in question may not give you the proper evaluation so you may want to make several trips before making a permanent decision. In addition to the climate factors, one may wish to consider schools and medical facilities. For certain people, cost of living and availability of work may be important factors.

Package found on bus yields \$2,500 reward to operator

LIMITS STATION Operator John Cradick is \$2,500 richer now because he made a routine terminal inspection of his bus. The reward was presented to him by Edward F. Blettner, vice-chairman of the First National Bank, for recovering a package containing \$375,000 in negotiable bonds. Operator Cradick found the package at the Union Station terminal of the No. 156 Wilson-LaSalle route only minutes after a bank messenger left it on a seat.



Old yoke not such a tough egg to crack

XCAVATION ALONG Clybourn avenue hasn't exactly uncovered the archeological find of the century, but it did produce some relics of early Chicago history dating back over 80 years.

And the truth is, the team of "archeologists" aren't too happy about what they're finding. They're working between the old streetcar tracks digging a trench to bury a duct line for Commonwealth Edison cables and the job went smoothly north of Fullerton avenue. As the crew worked south, however, they began to uncover huge castings right in the path of the duct. Unable to identify the objects which looked like ornate ruins from a long-lost civilization, they consulted CTA. The objects were promptly identified as cable yokes--400 pound cable car track supports that should have been removed 65 years ago.

It may be hard to believe now, but Clybourn avenue was once one of nine busy transit routes that warranted use of cable car trains. CTA predecessors may well have copied the travel mode from San Francisco where it was originated in 1873, but in doing so they formed the largest cable car network in the world--totalling 86 track miles.

Chicago's first cable cars served State Street in 1882 between Madison and 21st streets; by 1887 cars went through to 63rd street. Cottage Grove service started late in 1882. North Side service began on Clark in 1888, Lincoln-Wells in 1889, and finally Clybourn in 1891. West Side lines included Milwaukee and Madison completed in 1890 and Blue Island and Halsted which were opened in 1893.

Incidentally, the introduction of cable cars to Chicago was in no way occasioned by geographic features of the area, as was the case in San Francisco. Rather, the cable system was chosen because the seem-

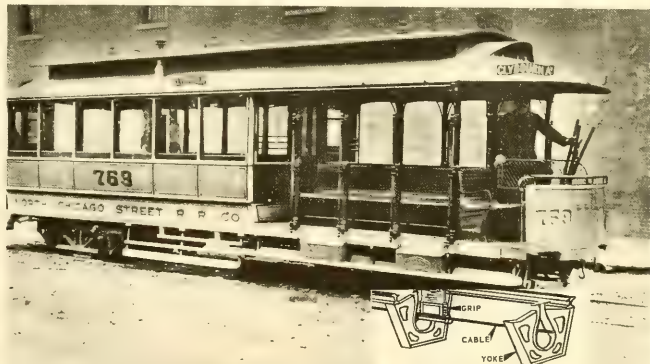
ingly limitless power source had the capacity to move more people faster than was ever possible with horsecars. Frequent trains of three to five cars in length were not uncommon, each one carrying up to 250 people.

Installation of the cable car system proved to be an expensive venture in itself though--costing in excess of \$100,000 per mile, including the powerhouses, boilers, engines, pulleys, continuous cables and special track. Cable car track was unusual in that it included an underground slotted tube to enclose the moving cable. Supporting the running rails as well as the tube were a series of yokes set in concrete every 4½ feet. The cast iron yoke was designed to maintain a constant slot opening at street level while resisting side pressure from packing of soil under the weight of heavy wagons and expansion due to freezing.

Added to the cost of the fixed plant was the construction of more than 500 cable cars, each of which was equipped with a grip mechanism suspended beneath the car into the slot. The moving cable passed through the open jaws of the grip even when the train was standing; however, by pulling a lever the gripman tightened the jaws, gripping the cable and accelerating the train to its maximum speed.

San Francisco's cable car system is now 100 years old; Chicago's lasted only 24 years. Conversion to electric streetcars brought the last cables to a standstill in October 1906. Except for a few remaining old car barns, powerhouses, and a grip car at the Museum of Science and Industry, little evidence remains of Chicago's cable car era, save for the occasional discovery of a buried treasure from bygone days. Buried treasure, hah--at 400 pounds each you could almost say the yoke's on the guy who finds one.

INSTALLED IN 1891 on the Clybourn avenue cable car route, yokes like the one below are being removed to make way for an underground electric duct. Positioning of the yokes, spaced every 4½ feet along cable routes, is shown in the inset of the cable car picture at right.



Service anniversaries in February

30 years

J. R. Boland, Property Accounting
J. W. Bruen, North Avenue Garage
C. A. Desch, North Park
J. J. Dubinski, 69th Street
J. J. Duffy, North Park
J. P. Esposito, Keeler
A. Fricano, Archer
P. P. Gerame, North Avenue Garage
C. R. Giltmier, Beverly
O. Goers, West Section
R. J. Howe, Archer
R. N. Jewett, 52nd Street
T. P. Kaminski, Archer
E. S. Kawczynski, Lawndale
C. J. Lachner, West Section
T. J. Lenihan, Forest Glen Garage
J. D. Lombardo, Forest Glen
S. V. Lukasik, 69th Street
J. J. Madigan, Electrical Distribution
E. W. McLaughlin, Lawndale
C. P. O'Connor, Kedzie
J. Pope, Treasury
R. J. Redding, Insurance & Pensions
A. F. Reszotko, Forest Glen
A. Tranchita, Archer
R. D. Zielinski, North Avenue

25 years

L. F. Ashley, Investigation & Claims
J. Capaccio, Congress Maintenance Terminal
D. L. Casalino, West Section
J. J. Cirino, Electrical Distribution
H. J. Clark, Investigation & Claims
N. M. Clesen, North Section
G. W. Deuter, Investigation & Claims
M. G. Gilmartin, Kedzie
C. A. Haynes, 69th Street
E. Huffmon, 77th Street
R. C. Jerozal, 77th Street
C. C. Jones, 52nd Street
F. M. Kaisher, Kedzie
E. C. Kennard, 77th Street
E. P. Killian, Skokie Shop
M. Kissel, South Section
J. Kovatz, 69th Street
J. Marecek, Limits
N. Murden Jr., 77th Street
D. F. Noncek, District D
W. A. Schmarje, South Shops
C. E. Skora, Stores
L. Smith, 52nd Street
A. M. Tennelle, District A
G. H. Ward, North Park
E. White, Instruction - 77th Street
T. W. Wiczorek, Power Operations
H. Williams, District A
R. K. Williams, Travel Information
A. J. Wolowicz, Forest Glen

March

45 years



J. A. Lohrmann,
District D

35 years

H. G. Geier, Power Operations

30 years

E. G. Baden, North Park
A. DelGiudi, Kedzie
T. Friend, Dan Ryan Maintenance Terminal
J. A. Gorecki, Archer
L. S. Hara, North Park
W. D. Hart, Utility & Emergency Service
W. J. Kenna, Kedzie
J. A. Malloy, 69th Street
R. K. O'Callaghan, South Shops
W. R. Peters, North Park
C. F. Pieluszyński, Archer
S. S. Polniaszek, Forest Glen
J. F. Radloff, 69th Street
T. J. Roan, Forest Glen
F. W. Schade, Limits
H. Schumer, Mechanical Maintenance Division
P. J. Sciortino, North Park
M. W. Sereda, Limits
A. D. Stahl, Stores - South Division
G. W. Steigelman, North Section
S. Steinberg, North Park
F. P. Steinmetz, 77th Street
C. P. Vandervest, Forest Park Maintenance Term.
J. J. Violto, Lawndale
W. F. Wantroba, 69th Street
R. H. Williams, 69th Street

25 years

L. P. Anasenes, Building Wiring Division
V. Burgess, Rapid Transit District - North
C. W. Dupass, Kedzie
R. D. Green, 69th Street
A. M. Hinton, Track
M. Imbraguglio, Building Wiring Division
W. F. Knabe, 77th Street
J. Moore, 52nd Street
F. D. Riggins, 77th Street
E. F. Saenger, 69th Street
J. A. Siebert, Stores - South
E. L. Smiley, West Section
N. F. Suero, Congress Maintenance Terminal
M. B. Vasquez, Congress Maintenance Terminal
F. A. Wilson, Utility & Emergency Service

April

45 years



J. C. Williams,
Investigation & Claims



T. Guiheen,
Building Maint. Division

30 years

P. Alessi, 69th Street
C. J. Bachara, Forest Glen
F. Benanti, Kimball Maintenance Terminal
A. J. Canova, Limits
A. F. Delcorse, South Section
S. Gianpiccolo, North Park
J. S. Guzaldo, Limits
V. F. Guzniczak, Forest Glen
E. J. Juric, Schedule-Traffic
F. T. Karl, North Park
D. P. Leahy, Beverly
P. J. Miaso, Kedzie
W. L. Nelson, Electrical Distribution
J. E. Rusnak, Power Operations
S. Scellato, 69th Street
J. R. Sutherland, Archer
A. W. Szymell, Keeler
A. J. Tchelebian, Operations Control
R. J. Valerious, 52nd Street Garage
R. Wenzel, Limits
H. W. Zych, North Avenue

25 years

J. D. Brown, Archer
J. S. Chambers, Operations Control
M. W. Chatman, Beverly
M. J. Fitzgerald, Electrical Distribution
J. Gilliam, 77th Street
P. M. Haralamos, Electrical Distribution
W. S. Harvey, 77th Street
C. G. Hanath, Archer
A. J. Jackson, 77th Street
I. Lewin, Limits
J. H. McCarty, West Section
P. J. Meinardi, Finance
F. W. Nichols, 52nd Street
J. A. Ryan, West Section
J. T. Summerson, North Park
C. J. Urbik, 69th Street

1972 Retirement Plan report

- 386 take pensions
- April distribution announced for cards showing Plan credit

SYSTEM-WIDE DISTRIBUTION of report cards showing each employee's credit in the Retirement Plan as of December 31, 1972, will be made between April 11 and 19, according to W. A. Ashley, Plan secretary.

Information provided on the face of each employee's card may be used in the formula on the reverse side to estimate retirement benefits and total credit with the Plan as of the last payday of 1972. Employees with LESS than five years of service, for whom no "estimated five year average earnings" is provided, can make the projection by using the earnings credit for 1972. Employees are advised to retain the cards for ready reference.

Mr. Ashley also announced that during 1972 approval was given by the Retirement Committee to 386 retirement applications of CTA employees. Of that total, 139 applicants had reached the normal retirement age of 65 years, 207 were early retirements in the age group under 65, and 40 were disability retirements.

Exercising survivorship options were 42 retirees; five of whom chose the "all" option, ten the "2/3" option, and 27 the "1/2" option.

Contributions to the Retirement Plan during 1972 totaled \$29,092,692--contributions by employees were \$10,182,466 and CTA contributions amounted to \$18,910,226. Approved during the year were disbursements totaling \$13,875,899 covering payments to retired employees, refunds to employees who terminated their services and to deceased employees' beneficiaries and expenses of administration.

During 1972 assets of the fund increased \$20,278,-387, making a total of \$118,709,385 as of December 31 held by the Continental Illinois Bank and Trust company, trustee for the Plan.

These funds held by the trustee are invested in U.S. government securities, Farm Home Administration loans, corporate bonds and notes, common stock and CTA revenue bonds.

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (General) -

Congratulations to TONY and KATHY SCARDINA who were married in St. Francis DeSales church on November 25. A lovely reception was held at Fontana D'Or for about 300 relatives and friends. Among those attending was your scribe who was lucky enough to catch the bouquet!...ANDY and LEONA FITZSIMONS sent greetings to all their friends at CTA from beautiful Hawaii, where they spent a 16-day fall vacation. The message was sent via FRANK McGUIRE of the Specifications Department who enjoyed the company of the Fitzsimons on the tour...Among other fall and winter vacationers were LOIS JAHNKE who toured South America and ESTELLE KALECKAS who visited Panama City and Costa Rica...Get-well wishes are in order for TOM McGrATH, DENNIS McFADDEN, BILL PARRILLO and GI GI GARMISA. We hope by the time this reaches print you'll all be feeling lots better!

- Judy Cuci

(Payroll) -

Our sympathy is extended to JOSEPHINE COLEMAN whose father, ROMAN CARBONELL, passed away February 6. Josephine and her family would like to thank all their friends who sent cards, monetary gifts and Mass cards. All were greatly appreciated...We were glad to welcome CHRISTINE CAMERON back on deck after her bout with a broken arm and hand. She is still sporting a bandage, but we hope it will soon be discarded and she will be as good as new.

- Clara Lawrence

CTA SECURITY -

The Security Department would like to express its sympathy to the family of Sergeant ANTON MOKSTAD in the death of his mother-in-law, CONCETTA LA CATA...Officer HARRY LAATSCH spent some of his vacation time at the Playboy Club and visiting friends...We've been hearing rumors of a brown flash being spotted on the North Side at various times. It's not your imagination, it's none other than Officer AL COOPER sporting his new 1973 Cutlass Supreme. Yes, he finally got rid of his red jinx. Happy motoring, Coop...Sergeant TOM SULZER and his wife, MARY, and their son and daughter-in-law, TOM Jr. and PERCY, recently took a vacation to Tampa, Florida, as guests of the Tampa Police Department. Tom said one of the most thrilling parts of the trip was flying down on a private jet...Officer JIM SYNN and his wife, DIANA, have decided that raising children is too expensive so they have switched to breeding Samoyeds. They're beautiful dogs, Jim, and I wish you a lot of luck.

- Pat Flynn

ELECTRICAL (General Office) -

Retired Estimator ADOLPH KUTZ sent us greetings from Florida where he vacationed for a few weeks this

winter. What happened to that sunny weather in Hot Springs, Adolph?...Welcome to JERRY GUTH, draftsman I. He was formerly a signal maintainer...MICHAEL KELLY, testing engineer, had a surprise visit from his brother JOHN, of Green Belt, Maryland. Mike's look-alike is a student at DePauw university in Greencastle, Indiana...Have a happy springtime.

- Kay McAlister

(Blue Island) -

Congratulations and best wishes to WILLIAM POWELL, AL BRONZELL and JULIUS CICHON who retired on January 1. They were each presented with a \$100 bond. A breakfast was held for them, and A. R. SANDBERG presented them with their riding cards and folders and gave a nice short speech. Also present were R. SWINDELL, G. CHRISTENSEN, J. J. HARTL, J. STEWART and MIKE RICKSON, all from the General Office. Pensioners present were: W. YOCIUS, C. SCHUMACHER and W. SPITZOCK...We want to remind everyone that the annual corned beef and cabbage dinner for retired electrical employees will be held at Harringtons on Friday, May 4. Contact the following men for tickets: H. COYNE, W. BECKMANN, L. ANA-SENESE, K. MIKOTA, R. DORGAN or R. BOOTH...Received a card from our traveling pensioner, JOHN DARCY, and we don't know why he has an apartment as he lives out of a suitcase...SAM GAFFEN, another pensioner, is vacationing in sunny California...BRUNO CZANSTKOWSKI and his wife are spending their time in the various cities of Florida...Off sick at this time are HANK GABAUER, ROBERT O'BRIEN and ROMAN PRIESBE. Drop them a card or make a visit; I am sure they would appreciate it.

- William Rehder

(Chicago Avenue) -

KEN and KATHY HOFFMAN announce the arrival of JULIE MARIE on December 31 weighing 6 pounds 7½ ounces and 19 inches long. How's that for timing--a tax break for the whole year. Julie Marie is the second granddaughter of SIGGY DOBOSIEWICZ...I talked to CHARLIE PAXTON via amateur radio and he sends his regards to all his old friends back here in snowland. Charlie resides in Pomona, California, where he has been retired for many years...JIM ROEBER paid a short visit to the hospital and returned to work to take over for CHARLIE SALVATORE, who also went to the hospital. Charlie is now resting at home. Help!...CHARLIE NOLTE is now off sick. Returning ?...On January 26 Local No. 9 held an Old Timers party at Plumber's Hall on Washington Boulevard. A corned beef dinner with liquid refreshments was enjoyed by all. The party was given to honor all members who had retired during the past year. CTA men honored were C. KNUTSON and C. SCHUMACHER. The retirees received a gift in a wallet from the union. I was glad to see many CTA men: BILL WATERS and WALLY YOCIUS were there, and TOM HENRY came in by Greyhound from Minnesota for the party and returned to St. Paul afterwards...There are many new faces around the shop now. Many fellows that were

over at Blue Island are now at Chicago Avenue. If you have news items please let me know, and WELCOME...February 12 was the 24th anniversary of the BILL MAROSES and also the birthday of HARRY BUEGER who is still convalescing...CHARLIE KNUTSON has been in the shop a few times and I had forgotten to mention it in the column. For this I was soundly reprimanded. Purely an oversight, Charlie. Really.

- Ben Nielsen

(Rapid Transit Signal Division) -

At our union meeting prior to the holiday season, PAT DOYLE and LUKE HOWE each won a 13-pound turkey in a raffle...The burglar alarm system installed at the 47th Street "L" Station on the North-South turned out to be more like a body alarm system when it sounded bringing security men to the area. They found the alarm equipment case lying on the ground by the "L" structure with a man lying next to it. He apparently fell from a train knocking it to the ground with him. No one could explain how it happened, neither could they explain how the person could get up, insist he was not hurt, then just walk away...FRANK HALPER, JOHN GAY and D. TOPOLINSKI returned from jury duty without serving on any exciting cases...I heard from Pensioner GEORGE E. WAGNER who says he and his wife are fine...I talked with TOM NOLTE who is in the hospital. He sends his best regards to all the fine fellows in the Signal Department...HOWARD HELT is now living in Florida...GEORGE DEARING and his wife are now residing in the Chicago area and doing fine...VICK ZASTERA ran into some very unusual weather conditions during his four-day excursion to the ski slopes near Salt Lake City, Utah. Because of something called a temperature inversion, it was 15 degrees at street level with choking smog, while high on the ski slopes it was clear and sunny with a temperature of 32 degrees. I always thought there was an advantage to skiing, but wasn't able to figure it out until now...A dinner party honoring PAT DOYLE on his retirement after more than 43 years of service was held on December 30 at Zum Deutschen Eck restaurant. Signal Engineer PAUL CLEAVER presented Pat with a gift, and a congratulatory letter from General Manager T. B. O'CONNOR was read. Our thanks to FRANK HALPER and DAVE GREIG, the party committeemen, as well as to the m.c., DENNIS DOBBYN, for a fine evening. We wish you a long and healthy retirement, Pat...JEFFREY M. KEATING, blacksmith, was in the hospital with a back ailment, but is now home. Watch it, Jeff, let's keep those vertebra properly stacked so you can be on your way toward lower Wilson Avenue again...Please say a prayer for little KIMBERLY ANN WOUFLE, the 11-month old daughter of JOHN WOUFLE, who suffered burns on her chest and tummy when something hot spilled on her. Doctors contend that she will be alright, but it will take time...LEON WILSON and SUSAN DANN exchanged marriage vows on November 18 at First St. Paul Lutheran Church. The maid of honor was COLEEN WARD and the best man was T. HARTSOUGH. The reception followed immediately with over 150 guests in attendance. The Wilsons joined in with the other guests in dancing to music provided by a jazz band. Their favorite tune, "We Are Lovers Together," was very appropriate. Congratulations and best wishes...FRANK BONK and his wife, MARGE, and their daughter motored to Disney World in Florida during the Christmas holidays. They enjoyed the visit very much. So much in fact that his 19-year old daughter elected to stay on awhile. This, of course, worked out fine as Frank

has a sister living in Florida. Frank has some suggestions for those who want to visit Disney World in the wintertime; go, but not at Christmas time. The place is too crowded with schoolchildren...Apparently there are better jobs in this department than signal maintainer. At least JERRY GUTH thinks so. He recently applied for and was promoted to signal draftsman I. Congratulations!..Signal Helper LEON WILSON recently became a journeyman, filling the vacancy created by the retirement of PAT DOYLE. Congratulations and lots of luck to you, Leon...DONALD WORCESTER on his return from Europe said he had a wonderful time traversing the country of Switzerland. He also had a lot to say about their railroads, how you can travel anywhere by train. He did it, and enjoyed every moment of it. ..FRANK GUAGENTI, BILL BAKER and JEFFREY KEATING were off sick for awhile and Jeff has already returned to the daily grind. Bill and Frank are still recuperating at home...JACK PIPP, who has been struggling against a persistent back ailment for some time, went on disability pension March 1...A bigger and better Old Timers' Party was held Friday, January 26, at the Plumber's Auditorium. This was the seventh annual dinner given by Local No. 9, with about 600 men attending. As always, a number of our signalmen were there: Pensioners CLARENCE ZAK and PAT DOYLE, CLYDE YOUNT, DANNY WATERS, ROY WILLIAMS, ROBERT BROWN, FRANK HALPER with his father and brother-in-law, RICHARD GAVRYS, DAN MORLARTY, RICHARD VIETH, CHARLES LASKOWSKI, DAVE GREIG, DENNIS DOBBYN and yours truly, to name a few. The men devoured tasty corned beef and cabbage dinners and drowned their cares with beer. Each of the 25 retiring members received a leather wallet containing \$20. I talked to TOM HENRY, a retired lineman from Chicago Avenue who is 81 years old. He was making his rounds looking for old buddies. He said he traveled by bus from Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota, for this affair. Our sincere thanks to J. A. McCann and President Fred Hince and the other union members who made all this possible.

- Tommie Lowery

ENGINEERING -

A hearty welcome is extended to DOTT HUDGIN, our first lady co-op trainee. Dott is a senior at Lake Forest college and is majoring in economics and mathematics. After graduation this June, Dott is considering employment with the CTA. Hope you decide to join us, Dott (hooray for women's lib)...We also wish to welcome RAYMOND SHEA, graduate trainee, who is presently working for G. KRAMBLES...Our sincere sympathy is extended to JOE DUGO and his family in the passing of his mother, MARY DUGO...ED HESS has been wearing a proud smile since the arrival of his second grandchild, JENNIFER. You're giving away your age, Ed...Sorry to say that DIANE TRAXLER, FRANK MISEK's secretary, has left us to go to Public Information. We shall miss you much, Diane, and hope you will stop by once in awhile. By the way, who's going to fill the candy dish now?..Congratulations to JOE DUGO on his retirement. May you enjoy it in the best of health and happiness.

(West Shops) -

Many happy retirement years to JAMES SINCLAIR, steamfitter foreman. We will miss you, Jim...The credit union held their annual meeting January 26. Many thanks to TONY SPARK and his wife, JUANITA, for the delicious buffet. It was good to see MARY GALLON again, and she



H. R. DONIHI
46 Years



G. P. MIKOTA
47 Years



G. T. KELLY
48 Years



A. GASPAROVICH
45 Years



J. NASTI
43 Years



F. R. ZIMMERMAN
41 Years



T. RIORDAN
45 Years



R. L. MANVILLE
42 Years



H. L. HEIL
43 Years



J. A. WITKUS
44 Years

NEW PENSIONERS

JOINING THE ranks of the retired during the months of February, March and April were the ten employees pictured here who had 40 or more years of transit service each with CTA and its predecessor companies.

ANDREW J. ALEXANDER, Bus Repairer, Archer, Emp. 12-10-44
HAROLD A. ANDERSON, Operator, Beverly, Emp. 5-14-34
JOSEPH J. BADALUCO, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 11-25-42
ALEXANDER J. BISSING, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 9-17-45
M. I. BLAKE, Conductor, West Section, Emp. 1-13-42
ALBERT CALABRESE, Operator, Lawndale, Emp. 12-12-57
ARNOLD P. CHRISTIANSON, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 10-31-42
JOSEPH C. CISZEK, Operator, Archer, Emp. 9-1-37
CECIL R. CLINE, Assistant Foreman, Keeler, Emp. 11-18-36
ANDREW DALSTROM, Bus Repairman, Forest Glen, Emp. 3-3-40
CONSTANTINE A. DESCH, Operator, North Park, Emp. 2-6-43
MILES H. DeWITT, Superintendent, Limits, Emp. 10-16-35
GEORGE J. DIPPLE, Operator, Archer, Emp. 1-13-36
HAROLD R. DONIHI, Coordinator of Office Operations, Treasury, Emp. 10-14-26

LEONARD A. DONOFRIO, Chief Operator, Electrical, Emp. 2-19-41
JOSEPH DUGO, Senior Clerk, Engineering, Emp. 7-10-25
JOSEPH DURCZAK, Trackman I, Engineering, Emp. 5-16-40
FLORIAN C. DWIEL, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 5-5-42
MARINUS H. DYKHUIZEN, Collector, 77th Street, Emp. 12-2-43
ANTON GASPAROVICH, Electrical Worker A, South Shops, Emp. 9-15-27
HARRY A. GINTER, Supervisor, District D, Emp. 6-17-41
OTTO GOERS, Conductor, West Section, Emp. 2-15-43
EDWARD J. GOETTERT, Operator, North Park, Emp. 2-9-37
ROBERT GOTTLIEB, Bus Repairer, Keeler, Emp. 10-26-37
ROBERT S. GRAY, Supervisor, District A, Emp. 4-22-42
FRANK GUAGENTI, Signal Maintainer, Electrical, Emp. 8-27-48
GEORGE P. HARPER, Operator, 69th Street, Emp. 9-28-36
PATRICK J. HARRISON, Laborer, Stores, Emp. 7-27-59

HARLAN L. HEIL, Assistant Foreman,
Howard Maint. Terminal, Emp. 6-24-29

HENRY W. HELLER, Conductor,
West Section, Emp. 7-12-43

JOSEPH P. HENNELLY, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 8-20-42

HENRY M. JARECKI, Bus Repairer,
North Avenue, Emp. 8-26-42

ROSCOE P. JONES, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 3-28-44

THOMAS P. KAMINSKI, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 2-24-43

GEORGE T. KELLY, Switchboard Supervisor,
Transportation, Emp. 2-5-25

WILLIAM H. KEOUGH, Supervisor,
District B, Emp. 1-13-36

JOHN A. KOCHER, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 1-16-34

ROBERT A. KOSTECKI, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 1-27-42

WILLIAM H. KUGELBERG, Operator,
Keeler, Emp. 9-2-42

WILLIAM H. LINGL, Supervisor,
District B, Emp. 2-24-42

ROBERT L. MANVILLE, Superintendent,
Purchasing, Emp. 8-18-30

VICTOR E. MARINO, Box Puller,
77th Street, Emp. 9-4-41

WARDER C. MARKS, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 1-7-57

NEIL MCGILL, Car Repairman A,
Wilson Maint. Terminal, Emp. 2-8-51

EDWARD L. MELANT, Collector,
Archer, Emp. 9-20-45

GEORGE MIKOTA, Assistant Superintendent,
Stores, Emp. 5-8-25

JOSEPH A. MILLER, Machinist,
South Shops, Emp. 2-23-42

ANTHONY J. MULLEN, Clerk,
North Section, Emp. 9-28-35

JAMES NASTI, Yard Foreman,
West Section, Emp. 7-27-29

MARGARET M. NOLAN, Ticket Agent,
South Section, Emp. 1-18-46

EDWARD W. NOVAK, Superintendent,
District B, Emp. 9-4-41

JAMES B. O'BRIEN, Mechanic,
South Shops, Emp. 3-24-47

EDWARD J. O'KEEFE, Clerk,
North Avenue, Emp. 2-27-34

DANIEL A. O'LEARY, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 1-27-43

JULIA T. O'MAHONEY, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 8-11-56

DAVID O'MALLEY, Motorman,
South Section, Emp. 11-6-45

HENRY C. PETERSON, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 12-30-66

GUSTAV F. PETRUS, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 7-9-48

CHARLES F. POSCH, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 11-22-46

JAMES P. QUAIN, Blacksmith & Welder,
South Shops, Emp. 9-8-47

JOSEPH REILLY, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 3-24-37

CAROL J. REYES, Tire Repairer,
Tire Center, Emp. 1-22-47

WALTER E. RICHARDS, Mechanic Foreman,
South Shops, Emp. 8-11-47

TIMOTHY RIORDAN, Garage Supervisor,
South Shops, Emp. 9-13-27

FRED W. SCHMIDT, Night Foreman,
Keeler, Emp. 11-29-33

CONSTANT P. SCHMIT, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 3-27-34

PETER SCHULTZ, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 8-25-42

PATRICK SCULLY, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 8-30-43

ELIZABETH M. SEGERSON, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 6-7-46

JAMES L. SINCLAIR, Mason Foreman,
Engineering, Emp. 11-7-50

JOSEPH A. SWIATEK, Traffic Checker,
Schedule & Traffic, Emp. 8-21-41

CARMEN TARANTINO, Operator,
52nd Street, Emp. 12-12-42

GEORGE L. TYSL, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 9-11-42

JAMES VICEK, Group Leader,
Engineering, Emp. 4-2-29

ANTHONY VIDMONT, Upholsterer,
South Shops, Emp. 12-23-42

ADAM H. C. WAAS, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 9-23-40

JOHN P. WALTHER, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 10-1-52

BOOKER WATSON, Trackman II,
Engineering, Emp. 12-15-45

WALTER A. WEISSGERBER, Switchman,
Kimball, Emp. 4-29-42

JOHN A. WITKUS, Electrical Worker A,
South Shops, Emp. 12-5-28

FRANK R. ZIMMERMAN, Adjuster I,
Claim, Emp. 4-16-31

BERT E. ZODY, Box Puller,
North Avenue, Emp. 12-21-36

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

LORRAINE D. BUEHLER, Revenue Clerk,
Accounting, Emp. 1-22-52

ALEXANDER W. FARLEY, Painter,
Engineering, Emp. 6-12-47

JAMES JACKSON, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 9-6-56

HIAWATHA M. MOSS, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 3-4-52

EDWARD F. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 5-6-41

SAMUEL W. PARRILLI, Conductor,
West Section, Emp. 1-11-46

CONNIE PEOPLES, Collector,
Archer, Emp. 2-16-45

JACOB C. PIPP, Signal Maintainer,
Electrical, Emp. 2-14-40

FRANK L. SAUCIER, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 2-16-42

PETER A. SCHMANSKI, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 1-22-62

EDWARD L. SMITH, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 9-19-57



DEBERAH E. JACKSON, the daughter of Archer Station Operator JAMES JACKSON Jr., received her bachelor of science degree in education from Chicago State University on January 15. Commencement exercises were held at the Chicago Civic Opera House.

just happened to have a picture of her son, SEAN. Sure is a doll (Sean I mean)...Our deepest sympathy is extended to WAYNE HANSEN and his family in the loss of his father... A get-well cheer to J. BEDNARIK, electrical worker. Keep the faith!..We want to welcome AL BOFFICE, a new-comer to the West Shops, and at the same time bid a fond adieu to HELMUT SCHWEITZER who will be working at the Mart... Congratulations to C. D. ALBERTS, steamfitter helper, whose wife presented him with a beautiful daughter. Babies are wonderful!..M. STRAKA, machinist, returned from a three-week vacation in San Salvador, Central America, where he visited his family. He had nothing but praise for this beautiful country.

- Kathleen Brady & Jennie Scott

GENERAL OFFICE (Internal Auditing) -

The Chicago Legal Secretaries association, of which DENISE BENSISH is president, celebrated its 25th anniversary on January 16. Denise formerly worked as a stenographer in the Law Department and is the daughter of GEORGE BENSISH and RONALD's sister.

(Medical) -

We wish a speedy recovery to HARRY SOREGHEN, whom we hope to see back to work soon after his unfortunate accident. While being a good "boy scout" and taking the garbage out for his wife he accidentally turned on his ankle, sustaining a good sprain... Birthday greetings to our karate nurse, MARY LEDWITH, February 21; EARL BOYD, X-ray technician, April 16, and HARRY SOREGHEN, medical technician, April 25... We welcome EARL BOYD to the department as an X-ray technician. He previously worked as a ticket agent on the West Side.

(Personnel) -

BILL SHOLDICE and NANCY ARNOTT, an employee of Rothschild Securities Corporation, announced their engagement to their families... We understand it's a little difficult to live with IRWIN WIECZOREK, ticket agent at Jefferson Park and the father of MARIE CLINE, who was one of the "Employees of the Year" for 1971-72. He and his family are proud of this award. BILL and MARIE CLINE celebrated a new addition to their family on February 3, a 3 pound 6 ounce tri-color wirehaired terrier named Sparky. They have only one complaint, they now must purchase all

four daily newspapers; that wouldn't be so bad except the don't get a chance to read them all... Our deepest sympathy is extended to ERVIN HARRIS in the recent death of his mother, MATTIE HARRIS, who passed away on February 7 at Jackson Park hospital... JOE O'SULLIVAN and his wife HELEN, flew to San Francisco on a 747 jet. They rented car and drove to Fresno to visit with their son, Dr. MARTIN O'SULLIVAN. While traveling they fell in love with model house in Mesa, Arizona, and put a down payment on a lot and will probably build at the end of 1973. It looks like Joe and Helen are going to spend their retirement years down there... JESSE RODRIGUEZ, acting superintendent of Employment and Placement, and his wife became proud grandparents when their son, DANIEL PAUL, and his wife presented them with a baby girl named VALERIE LEZ weighing 7 pounds. Daniel is stationed with the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology at Walter Reed General hospital in Washington, D.C. While Jesse and his wife were visiting in Washington, D.C., they also visited with their other son, GLENN R. RODRIGUEZ, who is stationed on the USS Kitty Hawk and was recently married on February 3... CINDY SYKORA and her husband, BILL, had a home built a two story colonial in Wheaton, Illinois, and plan to move in by May 1. Good luck to both of you in your new home and lots of happiness.

(Public Information) -

We are proud to report that Brother TIMOTHY NAVI (a former summer employee), now at St. Procopius Abbey and a senior physics major, was among 49 students who earned first honors and made the dean's list at Illinois Benedictine college in Lisle... A small luncheon was held and a gift presented to QUENTIN (Ski) MICHALCZEWSKI who left CTA to enter mortuary school. Lots of success in your new profession... RUSS WARSTEDT, CTA employee suggestion coordinator, has been named first vice-president of the National Association of Suggestion Systems, Chicago Chapter. Congratulations.

(Insurance & Pensions) -

Things and happenings are popping in the department again. To start with, RITA OPFERGELT became Mrs. WILLIAM KRUEGER on January 10 at Las Vegas, Nevada. JOAN LISAGOR received a sparkling diamond ring on February 2 from KENNETH STAIR, an electronics technician for the FAA at O'Hare Airport, and they were wed on March 22 at Unitarian church in Evanston, Illinois. MARY LABUS received a sparkler on February 12 from RUSSELL BLATCHFORD. Wedding plans are indefinite at this time... EMMA HUDGINS became an aunt again on January 25 when her brother, JAMES, a bus operator at Forest Glen Station, and his wife became the proud parents of a baby boy named GARY DEAN weighing 7 pounds 2 ounces.

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neunauer

KEDZIE -

The Kedzie Federal Credit Union held their annual meeting on January 20 at 937 N. Pulaski. The meeting was presided over by our president, WILLIAM LARSEN, and reports by all the committees were read and accepted. Treasurer and Manager T. J. HEFFERNAN gave his report and said he's still keeping up the insurance for our members, but this can only be on a year to year basis... I hear that the wife of Pensioner JACK WILLIAMS was hospitalized after a fall and now Jack has to do all the housework...

Good luck and good health to Operators V. RISCOSSA and L. CARTER who retired on January 1. Keep in touch, fellows...Our deepest sympathy is extended to Superintendent M. HARRINGTON in the loss of his brother, JAMES HARRINGTON; to Clerk C. (Red) O'CONNOR in the loss of his brother, MAURICE O'CONNOR; the family of retired janitor P. NAUGHTON who was laid to rest on January 8; Operator W. CANDY Jr. in the loss of his mother, Mrs. MARY CANDY, and the family of FRANK VONDRASEK who passed away in February...To everyone on the sick list we wish you a speedy recovery and hope to see you back on the job real soon...Don't forget your credit union--save a little each payday.

- Raymond Graham

KEELER -

Hi all you wonderful people. It is with heavy heart that I write what is probably my last Keeler column. Perhaps as you read this, I'll be giving my all at Kedzie depot. Truly, over the years I've made some wonderful friends through this column. Some I've had the pleasure to meet and some I've had beautiful words by proxy. So continue to think good things of me and all your neighbors...A special thanks to a good friend, Big LOU OLANDESE, who has been a source of much of my garage writings. We missed Lou on January 4, but discovered that he was taking a much needed rest in preparation for starting his 27th year with CTA...The new face in the repair department belongs to AIDAN MURPHY...That big smiling face belongs to JOHN COLEMAN. He and his "missus" are expecting a new tax exemption...The sad faced one is R. GOTTLIEB whose wife underwent a serious operation. We hope that all will be smiles soon...It seems that only the garage foremen were permitted to have birthdays in February. Happy returns to J. VANCE, February 2; C. CLINE, February 22, and FRED CHMIDT, February 17. Fred also joined the ranks of the retired on March 1 after 39½ years of service...Our good custodial constituent, SY GOLDMAN, commemorated 29 years of service on February 2. Pensioner GLONKEA roped by the station to give Sy a few pointers...Operator J. DAVILA was really proud of his wife, THERESA, who resented him with a daughter, LIZITTE, on January 12...Retired Chief Clerk JOHN SIMKO dropped us a letter from Idaho where he is enjoying himself...Well guys and gals, it has been a good relationship over the years. To one and all, may the good sunshine of life shine brightly upon you, henceforth, now and forever.

- Ernest C. Carter

LAWNDALE -

Well, fellows, Lawndale won the Interstation Safety Contest for the fourth quarter in 1972. That made it twice for 1972. On January 25 the men of Lawndale were congratulated for their efforts. Winners of ISC gift certificates were: A. SIMS, E. B. DUFF, C. WHITE Jr., R. J. HENLEY, J. L. FORD, F. LESCZYNSKI, S. R. HYERCHYK, M. RICKI, I. L. DAVIS, R. F. JONES, J. J. VIOLTT and E. L. JHA. Our congratulations to all of the winners...Congratulations to Operator RONALD and ANDREA JONES who celebrated their first wedding anniversary on March 8...Retired Operator EDWARD WISS and his wife recently returned from a vacation in sunny California...Our deepest sympathy to Operator SAM HARDY and his family in the

recent passing of his brother...Condolences are also extended to Operator THOMAS HOUSTON and his family in the recent passing of his step-father in Champaign, Illinois...Personnel on our sick list this month are MARTY KAROLICH and TILLMON SHAW...Operator CLEM KACZOROWSKI's wife is doing much better at this writing...Operator DOMINICK PAPA's wife is still in the hospital...Happy birthday to all the Lawndale personnel celebrating this month...That's all for now fellows, see you next time. Don't forget where the news box is.

- James Marshall

LIMITS -

A real good guy took his pension on February 1 after 30 years of service. He is Operator DANNY O'LEARY. His wife, BERNICE, who worked for another company, also took her pension. They are planning to live in Florida. So to Danny and Bernice we wish you both many years of health and happiness...We were sorry to hear of Operator CARTER's misfortune. A fire destroyed his home. Just 14 months prior to this he had a fire in his home. Board Member R. GOLDMAN, with the help of Operator CRUMP, took up a collection to help Carter and his family. We all wish them well...We would like to wish a speedy recovery to Operators ANDREW McDANIEL, WILLIE MITCHNER and EDDIE DAPPEN who were all hospitalized for a short time...Our sincere condolences to Operator UMBRA in the loss of his grandmother, and to Operator BALLARD in the loss of his mother...The annual credit union meeting and dinner was a big success. The dinner was served buffet style. Door prizes were awarded. Winners were: Mrs. BETTY BAXTER, Superintendent DeWITT, Mrs. KONIG, Mrs. COLUCCI, Mrs. BUCHWITZ, Mrs. DIEDEN and Mrs. MULLER. Some of those attending were Operator RUFUS MORRIS and his wife, DAISY, Operators VOSS, WENZEL, GLASBY, OTIS and his wife, ELLA, WILLIAMS, and GART, Instructor KADOWAKI and his wife, and Sanitary Engineer TUREK. The honored guests were Mr. and Mrs. LEONARD URBAN from Downers Grove and Mr. and Mrs. BOB QUETSCHKE. All the retired personnel attending looked very well. Those like LYNN, SYDELL and BOB BENSON, our former Transit News scribe...Congratulations to Operator ODOM on the birth of a 6 pound baby girl, and to Mr. and Mrs. DIEDEN on their sixth grandchild...Get this--we have some guys here who really love their job. I won't mention any names, but Operator GLASS came down on his

WEDDING BELLS rang for DERRICK and EVADNE HUGHES on January 13 at Our Lady of Peace church. The groom is a bus serviceman at Lawndale Station.



anniversary day, and everybody got in a line to shake his hand for being so loyal. A couple of days later Operator SANDERS came in on his day off but didn't stay long enough to make a dent in the air. Don't mention Operator CAN-NON, he got a "What are you doing here?" stare from the clerk, and was last seen running out the door...A very happy birthday to Repairman H. ZDRAVKOVIC.

- Charles Turner

MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

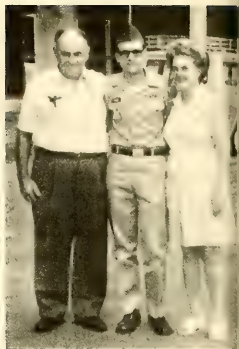
There really isn't much news for this time of year, other than that we are all wondering what will happen to the CTA if we don't get some help...Your Co-reporter GRACE MOUNTS was able to stay at Irving Park, so please send your news to me there or to KATY...Our sincere sympathy to JOHN CAROLAN in the loss of his wife...ADAM WAAS took his pension on February 1, and your co-reporter, Grace Mounts, and his daughters gave him a surprise party on January 28 at DiLeo's restaurant with about 50 CTA friends and relatives attending. Adam's wife, FLORENCE, also retired as a secretary and bookkeeper in a real estate office in Addison...Grace Mounts and her husband flew to Florida for a ten-day vacation where she visited her sister and brother...DOROTHY ADLER and a couple of other agents also visited Florida in February...The North Side credit union held their annual dinner on February 11 at the Queen Anne ballroom with about 300 attending. Everyone had an enjoyable evening...Don't forget to send me the news, folks, or the next issue will be shorter.

- Grace Mounts & Katy Moriarty

NORTH PARK -

North Park's annual credit union meeting was held on January 12 at River Park Fieldhouse and a fine report was delivered by Treasurer JOHN O'BRIEN. The officers declared a dividend of 6 per cent on savings, and all members are urged to bring in their books so that they may be brought up to date. BEN NEUMAN, JOHN COSGROVE and FRANK KOZIOL were elected to the credit committee, while John O'Brien, DALE PETERS and GENE DRZEWICKI were elected to the board of directors. Refreshments were served and the following won door prizes: Mrs. HELEN COSGROVE, Mrs. LILLIAN GILL, Mrs. HAZEL RENTSCHLER, Mrs. LEE GALLAGHER, Mrs. ANN WISNIEWSKI, Mrs. FLORENCE KOZIOL, Mrs. BARBARA BRUNO, Mrs. ASTRID ABERNATHY, Mrs. FELICIA MARCHISOTTO, Mrs. FLORENCE LEIDIG, Mrs. LEE UHLEMANN, Mrs. VIOLET HORNING, Miss JOAN STEINBERG, Pensioners PAUL LEIDIG, JULIUS MERSCH, VICTOR MICETIC, BILL STINESPRING and SIDNEY DUKE, Operators JACK BRECKINRIDGE, JOHN FIESTERMAN, ED BADEN, IRVING RICHMAN, BILL SMALL, JAMES DOLAN, ROBERT KESSLER, SAM POSNER, BOB MOSKOVITZ and BUCKY WALTERS, Receiver ED STENZEL, Bus Transferer JIM RENTSCHLER, Supervisors DAVE HINMAN and JOHN McEVILLY, Division 241 Clerk WARREN SCHOLL and Operator CHARLES WISNIEWSKI. Our congratulations to Treasurer O'Brien and Dale Peters for a very efficient job. A minute of silence was observed for our late assistant treasurer, TONY BRUNO, and PAUL COOK. A prayer was delivered by Operator FRANCIS GALLAGHER...Pensioner HARVEY GEHMAN and his wife, INGEBORG, were in Chicago for their annual visit with their children, TED,

PICTURED IN Bangkok, Thailand, visiting with their son are EDWARD and ANTONETTE PSIODA. Sgt. EDWARD PSIODA Jr. is stationed at Camp Same-San on the southern tip of Thailand. Ed is with the Electrical Department at Blue Island.



HELEN and MARIE. Harvey is living in Spring Grove, Minnesota, and invites his many friends to stop by for a visit when in the area...Pensioner HAROLD JULITZ and his wife, ANN, were honored at a surprise retirement party on December 31 hosted by their sons, BRUCE and DICK, and their wives, SHIRLEY and PAT. The evening was supposed to be a babysitting job for the Julitzs, but turned out to be a grand evening for all concerned...The medical bus was stationed at North Park for the month of January. Doctor BOLES PIERZYNSKI and Medical Examiner HARRY SOREGHEN are to be commended for their part in the examinations. The two gentlemen would like to take this opportunity to thank the personnel at North Park for their cooperation and promptness...Operator HAROLD NIEMIEC and his wife, MARY JO, became parents of their first child when a son, TIMOTHY EDWARD, was born on October 3 at Gottleib Memorial hospital weighing 9 pounds 5 ounces...Supervisor ROY RIPKA and his wife, IRIS, became parents of their fifth child when a son, JOHN PAT RICK, was born on December 22 at Edgewater hospital weighing 9 pounds 8 ounces...Pensioner IRVING WEINER said his third grandchild, MINDY JOY WEINER, will be one year old on March 21...At this writing Operator ED McDONALD is hospitalized at Northwest hospital with a broken leg suffered from a fall on the ice. While confined to the hospital, Ed had a major operation due to ulcers and at this writing is recovering satisfactorily...Operator JUNIOR BROADBENT fell in his kitchen and suffered a broken wrist...Operator ZEKE JAGST and his wife, HILDA, celebrated their second anniversary with a two-week skiing trip to Koloster and Grindenwald, Switzerland. The Jagsts are accomplished skaters and skiers...Pensioner RAY DONESKI and his wife, EVELYN, along with their grandsons RAY-RAY, came from Forsyth, Missouri, to spend the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. LINDA MOOLWINE...Pensioner STEVE HERMAN and his wife, HELEN, also of Forsyth, enjoyed their holidays with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. O'TOOLE, and their children...Operator STERLING O'NAN and his wife, BETTY, are always smiling these days. The reason--the 1973 Delta 88 Oldsmobile they are driving. Sterling's brother, HARRY, and his wife, LYDIA, presented the car to the O'Nans as a gift. Harry, a former CTA bus operator at Limits Depot, is now vice-president and board member of Davis Brothers Food Service of Atlanta, Georgia.

Repair Department Chit Chat: Repairman ROBERT VANDERMEIR Jr. and his wife, SHARON, became parent

f their first child when a son, ROBERT GUSTAV III, was born on December 16 at St. Joseph's hospital weighing 9 pounds 14 ounces. Robert III's grandfather is a bus repairman at North Park, while his great-grandfather is a pensioned supervisor. The CTA is well represented by this fine family...Enjoying vacations at this time are Repairmen LEN TROZANOWSKI, FRANK SIBLEY, ROBERT BOTH, JOE MAREK and ALBERT KALLISH...Pensioner JULIUS PERSCH donned his Santa Claus suit again and gave his even grandchildren another wonderful Christmas party...Repairman PAUL (On the Ball) SCHREVEs entertained his neighbors with his annual Christmas concert on his theatre organ...Remember the credit union is ready, willing and able to help all who need cash to meet those Christmas bills and income tax problems. So see JOHN or DALE for ready cash...Happy anniversaries are extended to the following: Operator JOE SCALETTA and his wife, DOREEN, their 15th; Operator HENRY NEUMAN and his wife, LEOA, their 41st; Operator MEL HORNING and his wife, JOLETT, their 35th; Operator ARTHUR OLSON and his wife, LENORE, their 33rd; Operator ED ZIENTARA and his wife, ROSE, their 37th; Operator ROGER AYOTTE and his wife, HELEN, their 14th; Pensioner JOHN KARASEK and his wife, LILLIAN, their 43rd; Supervisor ROY RIPKA and his wife, IRIS, their 9th; Superintendent EDWARD RODD and his wife, ANN, their 36th, and Utility Chauffeur JOHN MILLER and his wife, ROZIA, their 39th...Happy birthdays are extended to the following: Pensioners IRVING WEINER and WALTER LINDEMANN, Clerk BILL BERKAN, Operators ARMAND DELGADILLO, SEYMOUR TEINBERG, ED NEWTON, CHARLES KEMP, GARY OONAN, NICK GASPER and JOSEPH GUZZARDO, IRIS IPKA, GARY KEMP, FRANCIS NEWTON, SHIRLEY PAOLI, JULIA ZAHN, LINDA DIEDER, BONNIE NEUMAN, MIKE SCHRAMM and MIN SEIFERT...Pensioner ART MUIR portrayed his role of Santa Claus for the sixth year in Orsyth, Missouri, where he passed out candy and presents to the children...Our sympathy and condolences are extended to Operator PAT BROWN in the loss of his father; to operator CHARLES SILAS in the loss of his father-in-law, Mr. JEFFERSON DAVIS, and to the family of Pensioner PAUL COOK.

- Melvin Horning

ORTH AVENUE -

Congratulations to Operator CHESTER CORDEK and his wife, WANDA, who became proud grandparents for the fifth time when their daughter, MARY, and her husband, RICHARD ODWAZNY, had a baby girl, ANNETTE, on December 9...December Courtesy Caravan members are H. FIELDS, N. SCOTT, G. TAYLOR, W. WADE, F. DANIELS, W. EERRY, A. BATTLE and C. LEWIS...A letter from Pensioner ERNEST PEARSON tells us that he and his wife, NNA, are well. He says that Pensioner PAUL DAVIS and his wife are well and happy in Florida and send along their greetings to all, along with Ernie and Anna...Two more of our old friends are joining the ranks of pensioners, FLORIAN DWIEL and Operator JOSEPH BADALUCO. Florian has been thinking of moving to Florida, but I hope he hasn't because I hate losing a good fishing partner. We wish many happy years and the best of everything to him and Joseph...Operator RAY JACKSON and his wife celebrated their silver wedding anniversary at Mangan's Chateau in Lyons with their children, LINDA, 23; ALLEN, 19; SARAH, 17 and ROBIN, 11. They enjoyed a good dinner

TRYING HARD to suppress a happy smile is TOM LORENZ, enjoying his Hawaiian vacation as he escorts a beautiful native girl to a luau. Tom is a traffic technician in the Traffic Planning Department.



and show. We wish them many more happy years together. ..We wish all of you a blessed Easter. We are so thankful that our boys are home from those POW camps, and that our boys in the armed forces are leaving Vietnam. We pray that it is the beginning of a period of peace for the entire world...GEORGE HAAK sent a card from the Florida Keys to let all his old friends at North Avenue know how much he is enjoying retirement. He retired January 1 as an operator at Keeler.

A great big HELLO to everyone from your co-reporter, WALTER BLIX, after an absence of several months. The operation was a success and the patient will live and continue to annoy you in every issue from now on...During our absence there were others who were confined to various hospitals; Custodian RAY JABLECKI, Operator AL JACQUES, and the mother of Operator JERRY DUBIN... Some well earned retirements went to District C Superintendent RAY REIGHARD, Limits Station Superintendent MILES DeWITT and Clerk EDDIE O'KEEFE. Good luck to all of you and be sure to drop in occasionally...All of us that knew or worked with Retired Clerk ART BATES (at one time Art was quite a matinee idol, having appeared in several silent movies), and Retired Operator FRANK CALDRON of Keeler Station, were sorry to hear of their death and we extend our deepest sympathy to their families... President Richard Nixon wasn't the only one to run for office and win. Our own superintendent, WARD CHAMBERLAIN, did the same thing, only in the Kiwanis club. Next time you see him ask him about it. Congratulations, Ward...Once again the flying HICKEYS took to the air. This time TOM and his wife, BEA, headed for Hawaii. They had a great time, but it's just too bad we don't have a picture of Tom doing the hula in his bikini. They weren't home very long before Bea decided to take to the air again, this time to Rochester, New York, to visit their grandchildren... Senior Station Instructor JAMES and Mrs. BROGAN were treated to dinner on their 34th wedding anniversary by their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE WAGNER. Wonder if they had Dolly Madison goodies for dessert...In 1972 Operator RAY ZIELINSKI had the distinction of operating one of Chicago's oldest streetcars--the old red Pullman No. 144 at Union, Illinois, and one of CTA's newest GM diesel buses on his Armitage avenue run...To all of you who are celebrating your birthdays during the months of April and May, we send out best wishes and hope you all have many, many more...I almost forgot to thank all of you for those scads of get-well wishes that I received. They helped

immensely. I am also very grateful to those of you who donated blood, or wanted to but were prevented from doing so for some reason or other. A special note of thanks to Carpenter BILL CROSS of South Shops, Operator and Mrs. OTIS HALL of Keeler, and LINDA and MARIANNE KOCAR. ..See you all purty soon.

- William Miedema & Walter Blix

OPERATIONS (Transportation) -

On January 1 MAYNARD (Pinky) MORAN, radio-telephone operator, retired from CTA with 38 years of service. Coffee and cake were served in Operations Control where many of his friends came to say goodbye and wish him well. We all extend our wishes for the best of everything and a wonderful retirement...December 3 was a very big day in the lives of BOB and JUNE QUETSCHKE. This was the day their first grandchild, KIMBERLY ANN, was born. She came into the world weighing 7 pounds 8 ounces and was 19 inches long. The proud parents are BOB and JEANIE QUETSCHKE. Bob was formerly a car cleaner on the West Section. Congratulations to all...We want to welcome MARIE M. CASILLAS as a clerk-stenographer in the Transportation Department and EDNA WALKER, stenographer, who transferred from the Shops & Equipment Department at South Shops.

(Traffic Planning) -

TOM LORENZ recently flew to Honolulu, Hawaii, where he stayed at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. He did a lot of sight-seeing which included a tour of the city and Pearl Harbor. It was a wonderful vacation...MICHELE ALEXANDER, the daughter of MEL ALEXANDER of the Transit News staff, was married on February 3 to CHRISTOPHER LLOYD. Congratulations and good luck to the happy couple.

(Transportation Instruction) -

On January 17, Senior Station Instructor RAYMOND TREZISE became a grandfather for the second time. KRYSANNA TREZISE, his first granddaughter, weighed 6 pounds 13 ounces at birth. The happy parents are STEVEN and CATHIE. RAY PRYOR, supervising instructor at 77th Street, became a grandfather for the eighth time. RAYMOND W. PRYOR III was born to RAYMOND and MARY PAT on February 13 weighing 7 pounds 4 ounces, and is their first child. Ray now has six grandsons and only two granddaughters. Congratulations to both families.

(Supervision) -

District B Superintendent EDWARD NOVAK retired on February 1 after 31 years of service. A luncheon was held in his honor at the M&M Club on January 31. Also honored was Station Superintendent MILES H. DEWITT. Ed intends to relax and enjoy himself, spending much time in Florida and Arizona. We wish them the best of health and happiness for a wonderful retirement...District C Superintendent RAYMOND F. REIGHARD retired on January 1, after almost 37 years of service. Congratulations and best wishes for a happy retirement.

(Utility and Emergency Service) -

On December 1 BUD BECKER retired with 26 years of service. We hope he has now and will continue to have a happy retirement. Among those present to wish Bud well were JOE MULREE and MATT STIGLIC...PETE CARPINO stopped in to say hello before returning to Florida where

he and his wife will stay until the weather gets warmer...PAT PORCELIUS and his wife vacationed in California. He said the weather was ideal and Disneyland was wonderful...TONY CANDELA and his wife spent their vacation in the Los Angeles area, visiting their daughter and grandchildren. They went sight-seeing and to Disneyland and Santa Anita, but didn't say whether he made expense or not...Others on vacation were HAROLD FELTZ, WILLIAM MOOG, RALPH PELUSO, LEO DREWNIAKOWSK, LARRY LINDNER, JOE HAAS, LARRY HEISE, FRAN FIORE, ED SHIELDS, MILFORD CUMBERLANDER, TON KRAUS, HOWARD SURRETT, JULIUS KUTA and DON S JOHN...Congratulations to OTTO ERTL who celebrated his 25th anniversary with the CTA, and LARRY HEISE who celebrated his 43rd anniversary...JAMES ROCHE's son SP4 MICHAEL, was recently discharged from the U.S. Army after serving for two years, and JAMES was graduated from Illinois State university...Mr. and Mrs. HOWARD SURRETT had a chilly but enjoyable vacation at Niagara Falls...Our sympathy is extended to JULIUS KUTA whose brother recently passed away, to SAM McCULLER whose sister passed away at Dowagiac, Michigan; to CHARLE GAGE in the death of his mother-in-law; to A. C. WORKS whose mother-in-law passed away; to Pensioner BO GILMORE whose wife recently passed away, and to the CHARLES MARTENS family in the death of Mrs. MARTENS. Mrs. Martens was the sister of JOE MULREE.

- Colette Szyzpanek

RAPID TRANSIT MAINTENANCE TERMINALS -

Our condolences to the family of LEONARD STRYZAL 61st Street, in the passing of his father...Wishes for speedy recovery are sent to ABEL CASPER, 61st Street, who is at home recuperating after an operation, and to JOE HASSMAN, 61st Street, who is watching the bones in his broken arm knit...Best wishes for years of a happy and healthy pension are sent to H. L. HEIL, foreman at Howard, who retired on March 1, and also to NEIL MCGILL Wilson, who retired on February 1...The C. WILLIAM family had a wonderful winter vacation in Texas...Hope J. KOGER, Dan Ryan, will be up and around soon after his illness...J. ARMSTRONG, Dan Ryan, enjoyed a lovely surprise birthday party given by his wife, ANGELA. M. MCINTOSH and F. PICKETT also enjoyed themselves at the party...Our sympathy to JOHN CANNELLA, Congress, whose brother passed away recently...Congratulations to VITO COLLYARD, Congress, on his promotion to "B" repairman. Hope Vito likes Dan Ryan Shops...Welcome to JOHN HOFFSTEAD from all the boys at Congress...J. VANTOR, Congress, spent a glorious two-week vacation in Hawaii...Others enjoying vacations were C. B. BROWN, J. WATSON, W. MAJEWSKI, M. BOGIRA, 61st Street; J. ARMSTRONG, F. PICKETT, T. FRIEND and L. STEWART, Dan Ryan...Surprise visits were paid by Pensioners LOUI RICCARDI, CONNIE RIORDAN and WALTER WITKOWSKI

- Ray Szyzpanek

SKOKIE SHOP -

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of MARTY DUNDOVICH, electrical worker who passed away on November 27. Marty was a fine man and will be missed by his many friends here at Skokie. Marty's son, MARK, and brother, JOHN, are also electrical workers in the mot

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

EDWARD ADAMS, 62, West Section, Emp. 8-28-41, Died 1-2-73	MAURICE HICKEY, 54, North Section, Emp. 2-21-45, Died 12-28-72	WILLIAM B. REDDICK, 75, North Section, Emp. 4-7-43, Died 12-19-72
HENRY BADE, 52, North Section, Emp. 2-5-68, Died 1-30-73	JOHN W. HOBAN, 77, Forest Glen, Emp. 6-12-25, Died 12-29-72	GREGORIO RIZIO, 78, Way & Structures, Emp. 6-26-28, Died 11-24-72
JOHN T. BARRETT, 64, West Section, Emp. 2-16-51, Died 1-14-73	GEORGE HOBERG, 94, Blue Island, Emp. 10-24-44, Died 10-25-72	JOEL ROBINSON, 38, Kedzie, Emp. 6-21-56, Died 12-25-72
DENNIS P. BARRY, 80, South Section, Emp. 1-7-20, Died 1-25-73	BERNARD HOJNOWSKI, 78, Lawndale, Emp. 10-13-22, Died 12-29-72	MATHEW ROSGA, 89, North Avenue, Emp. 6-23-20, Died 12-14-72
HARRY F. BARRY, 70, 77th Street, Emp. 12-18-22, Died 1-20-73	RAYMOND W. JOHNSON, 73, 77th Street, Emp. 4-10-43, Died 1-30-73	RICHARD H. RYAN, 66, 69th Street, Emp. 3-11-25, Died 1-12-73
EUGENE BOHANNON, 56, Forest Glen, Emp. 1-24-57, Died 1-21-73	RICHARD G. KENDALL, 71, Electrical, Emp. 4-29-24, Died 1-18-73	VULE SAVOVICH, 82, Way & Structures, Emp. 4-6-29, Died 12-23-72
JAMES P. BRANNAN, 66, 77th Street, Emp. 6-18-29, Died 12-27-72	JAMES J. KESSNER, 82, Devon, Emp. 5-29-25, Died 1-20-73	NELL SCHNEIDER, 71, Executive, Emp. 1-2-48, Died 1-7-73
CARL F. BRUNN, 68, North Avenue, Emp. 7-18-23, Died 1-23-73	CHARLES R. KIEHN, 74, Devon, Emp. 5-23-24, Died 12-8-72	THEODORE SHADBARAS, 80, So. Garages, Emp. 4-25-14, Died 1-28-73
JOHN F. BURNS, 80, Keeler, Emp. 7-17-34, Died 12-29-72	JOSEPH G. KLEIN, 76, Devon, Emp. 3-8-23, Died 12-13-72	RAYMOND R. SIERS, 63, 62nd Substation, Emp. 9-2-30, Died 12-18-72
MICHAEL CAFFERTY, 48, Transit Board, Emp. 5-11-71, Died 1-17-73	VINCENZO LAMPIGNANO, 74, Way/Struct. Emp. 5-4-22, Died 12-31-72	LOUIS L. SMITH, 70, Security, Emp. 4-17-29, Died 1-2-73
FRANK P. CALDERON, 68, Keeler, Emp. 6-27-27, Died 1-17-73	SHERMAN LANEY, 31, 52nd Street, Emp. 9-24-64, Died 12-28-72	EDGAR K. SNIDER, 77, 77th Street, Emp. 3-15-26, Died 1-17-73
EUCHARPIO CAMPIONE, 77, Way/Struct. Emp. 5-7-23, Died 12-15-72	ALEX LAPINSKI, 85, 77th Street, Emp. 10-15-14, Died 12-23-72	HOWARD B. STORM, 70, Ins. & Pensions, Emp. 9-30-24, Died 1-5-73
JOHN J. CARBONEL, 86, North Section, Emp. 4-21-08, Died 12-26-72	WILLIARD LUCAS, 68, Skokie Shop, Emp. 2-7-39, Died 12-16-72	EARL STUMP, 71, Forest Glen, Emp. 3-21-57, Died 1-24-73
JERRY F. CERNY, 73, South Shops, Emp. 9-10-17, Died 12-24-72	MICHAEL J. MALONE, 85, Devon, Emp. 4-9-18, Died 1-22-73	LEO SWEIDEL, 63, Engineering, Emp. 11-19-45, Died 12-11-72
ALEX D. CHALIKIS, 81, Devon, Emp. 8-4-26, Died 1-9-73	RUSSEL MILLER, 59, Archer, Emp. 5-6-46, Died 2-19-73	LOUIS J. SZACIK, 68, Archer, Emp. 9-6-23, Died 12-22-72
DOMINICK T. CONDELES, 79, West Shops, Emp. 1-28-20, Died 1-26-73	DAVID B. MITCHELL, 78, West Shops, Emp. 11-15-26, Died 12-26-72	FRANK SZYDLOWSKI, 85, Armitage, Emp. 2-8-13, Died 9-8-72
PAUL F. COOK, 64, North Park, Emp. 2-5-30, Died 1-4-73	HUBERT J. MORAN, 69, District C, Emp. 2-7-24, Died 12-9-72	PATRICK TILLAPPAUGH, 75, Lake Street, Emp. 4-7-43, Died 1-10-73
FRANCIS J. CRUMB, 78, West Section, Emp. 9-24-23, Died 1-31-73	WILLIAM E. MULLINS, 78, Limits, Emp. 11-28-25, Died 1-9-73	GUST TRAINA, 74, Shops & Equipment, Emp. 5-9-24, Died 12-12-72
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ine. I'd like to apologize for the delay in reporting this news...Congratulations to ROBERT BUEGL, machinist apprentice, and his wife on the birth of a daughter, SAMANTHA HOPE, February 5...Electrical Worker STANLEY RAVEN became a grandfather again when his son, DANIEL, and his wife, PEGGY, announced the arrival of WILLIAM JOSEPH RAVEN on January 21. Little William weighed in at 11 pounds 9 ounces. Congratulations, gramps. MARY JANE HARNETT and her fiancé, BILL ARSENEAU,

were in a car accident on January 21 in which Mary Jane suffered a sprained ankle...KATHERINE SUSAN BUEGER, the daughter of Carpenter ROBERT BUEGER, has been wearing a POW bracelet for Captain Howard Hill for the past two years. Kathy was very happy to see that Captain Hill was among the first POW's to be released. He had been held prisoner since December 16, 1967...Some of the men from the motor line that take Addison street to work reported seeing an old friend up bright and early. Pension-

er MIKE CONDON bought his wife a 26-inch three-wheel bicycle for Christmas, and apparently Mike uses it to go for the morning paper. Happy cycling, Mike...Speaking of pensioners, we'd like to wish a speedy recovery to HOMER DOUGLAS. Homer had been in the hospital but is now home recuperating...LES REICHARD, retired superintendent of shops and terminals, recently visited us. Retired engineer TED NIENABER also stops by every now and then to say hello...The North Side "L" credit union held their annual meeting and party at Johnny Weigelt's Sunday, February 11. They had a great turnout and a wonderful time was had by all. Our congratulations to the board of directors for all their time and hard work in planning this fine affair...Shopman ANGELO VENTICINQUE and Electrical Worker FRANK DELAQUILA are on the sick list as of this writing. We hope you'll both be back and feeling better soon.

- Catherine Ann Heganry

SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

PHIL LEAHY was one of the guests at the Governor's Inauguration in Springfield. Phil is also sporting a new 1973 Plymouth Fury III with all the extras...JOE SABOL is sporting a 1973 Plymouth Valiant. Congratulations to Joe who was promoted to supervisor of traffic clerks on January 15...Best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement go out to JOE SWIAK, traffic checker...JOE LYNCH and his family took a winter vacation by driving down to the Florida Keys...Mr. and Mrs. BILL STANLEY celebrated their third wedding anniversary. Congratulations!...We welcome NICK ZAHN and WAYNE SUSSEX as traffic clerks...Pensioner BILL DEVEREUX has moved to Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, with his family.

- Kathryn Bialas

SOUTH SECTION -

Congratulations to all our South Siders for making 1972 our third consecutive safest year in the history of the CTA. Ashland, 61st Street and Dan Ryan all received plaques to commemorate the event, and coffee and rolls were served. Also, Ashland Avenue received a plaque for making 1972 its safest year...Retired Supervisor HUGH KELLEY was in town from Florida visiting his sister and called us. He's doing fine, but his granddaughter passed away several months ago and he is still broken up about it...Super congratulations to our newly appointed supervisors on January 21: Motormen OLLIE WINSTON and MYRON WOODS, and Yard Foreman ROBERT GRAHAM...Retired Division 308 Board Member CHARLES BURNS is back from Phoenix, Arizona, where he spent a couple of months. He said the weather was rather cold there this winter. While there he visited with Retired Motorman ED HENNESSY and THOMAS and NANCY McINERNEY, retired collector and former assignment agent...Motorman MARCUS WALKER went on pension January 1 after 42 years of service, and the men at 61st Street gave him a nice send-off. They had a get-together with sandwiches, cake and coffee and they presented Marcus with a nice radio. He will be missed by all his co-workers...Agent RUTH LOVELL has just returned from a nice vacation in Colorado Springs where she visited with her daughter and her family...Just heard that Retired Agent BRIDIE MULDOON and Retired Conductor DENNIS BARRY passed away...Happy, happy news--back from the sick list are Motorman McRAY FIELD CALDWELL, Tower-

men ADAM MODELSKI and IRVING RAMEY, Conductor JOSEPH MITTLER, Assignment Agent LILL CULLINAN and Agents CORRINE DALMAS, LEONARD HEILBRONNER and BENNIE HARRIS...Also going on pension January 1 was Conductor CARL SCHEUERMAN. Carl had 30 years of service and will be missed at Ashland Terminal. Coffee and rolls were served and a token of remembrance was presented to Carl from his co-workers...Isn't this a wonderful bit of news--Retired Switchman and Mrs. GEORGE LaFAIRE, the parents of Switchman RAYMOND, came up from Florida to celebrate their 70th (yes I said 70th) wedding anniversary with their family at the Millionaire Club on February 11. Congratulations to the "young couple!...Motorman TONY JAGLA and his wife, MARIE, vacationed in beautiful Hawaii. They said that everyone should take a vacation once in Hawaii as it is so beautiful...We were sorry to hear that Retired Station Superintendent RICHARD MEISNER was in an auto accident and was in the hospital. We sure are thankful to hear that he's home now recuperating...Two of our well-known supervisors also went on pension January 1, DAN HAYES and CHARLES SOUTHARD. They were feted at the district office before they left. Our heartiest wishes to them and to all our new retirees for a happy pensioned life...Last month I forgot to mention the nice notes and letters we received during the holiday season from Retired Clerk and Mrs. JOHN HEFFERNAN, who live in Milbank, South Dakota; from Retired Conductor WILLIAM DOHERTY who lives in St. Petersburg, Florida; from Retired 61st Street Shop Clerk CLARENCE and Mrs. BIRMINGHAM, who live in Algonquin, Illinois, and from Retired Superintendent of Operations and Mrs. JOHN HIGGINS, who live in California. Thanks loads...Agent VELMA HUSBAND wishes to thank all her friends and co-workers who were so wonderful to her during the time of her bereavement when her husband passed away suddenly...Retired Conductor WILLIAM ROWE told us he was going to take a trip to St. Petersburg to look at houses, and see if he'd like Florida...We were all saddened to hear of the untimely death of Ticket Agent ANTOINETTE STIPATI, who went on disability pension January 1. Tony had been off sick for several months. Our deepest sympathy to her family. She will really be missed...Our condolences to Conductor ARTHUR FOREST whose mother passed away recently...Retired Yard Foreman CLIFFORD BECKER stopped by Ashland recently and he looks wonderful and is enjoying life. Also, Retired Towerman FRANK PINTA and Retired Motorman ANGELOS YPSILANT stopped by not long ago to say hello...Clerk JOHN BARRY's wife was in the hospital, but is home now recuperating. John is sure glad she's home...Retired Assistant Station Superintendent JOSEPH TVRDIK called me and stated he's really enjoying pensioned life, just fishing and traveling.

- Verna Hartney

WEST SECTION -

Dear readers: I would like to apologize for not writing often enough. With the magazine coming out every other month, LOU and I promise to have a column in each issue...The passing of MIKE BELLEZZO, JOHN BARRETT and Pensioner BILL HEN has saddened all of our lives, for they were all fine men. All of us send our sincere condolences to all their families...Now for a bit of glad news. Shopman DAN RENO's lovely wife, FLORENCE, gave birth to a beautiful girl named DAWN MARIE. With the signing of the peace treaty we hope Dawn will never have to see



THIS HAPPY little cherub is **SHELLY RENAE MILES**, the six-month old daughter of **DONNELLY** and **DEBORAH MILES**. Donnelly is a clerk in the repair department at 52nd Street.

ar...**EDWIN SCHULTZ**, one of our fine janitors, has gone a pension and hopes to reside in Arkansas. We wish him health and success. To **DAVE JOHNSON** and his wonderful crew, thanks a lot for the great party you gave Schultz...At an unusual hour of the morning when I report to work, I take the steps three at a time just to greet the many fine people working at Lake Street. The comedy act of **JAMES (Southern) HOOD** and Yankee **ROBERT L. CRAWFORD** (laying checkers puts a smile on everyone's face. Middle sits **JOHNNY BRIGHT** holding everyone spellbound with his knowledge of the world. He has helped us all get a little smarter. **JOHN CIMMERER** and **LEROY HASLAM** are holding fort at the other end of the table selling coffee. I feel sorry for anyone who forgets to put a dime in the coffee can. Their screams pierce the air. Coming up the stairs are the ding-a-ling pair, **STEVE DUDASIK** and **ARTHUR NEWMAN** who carries his rosary with him every morning since he rides in with Steve. Sitting and not saying anything is **GEORGE WOODMORE** who everyone would like to be like when we get older. **JIM LANE** also sits there for no one wants to hear his old-time jokes and it sure has saddened him. And standing behind us all is **DAN CAW-HORN**, all nine feet of him. The great Dan is the best initiator of them all. Any may God bless anyone who drops paper or cups on the floor. And there I sit not saying anything and enjoying it all...My motorman, **BARNEY CHROM-ZAK**, is calling me to get on the train so see you all in a couple of months.

- *Santo Siciliano & Lou Payne*

OUTH SHOPS -

Congratulations go out to **SUE JURKATUS** on her new job as secretary in the Technical Services Section of the South Shops. Good luck on your new job, Sue...Word has it that **WALLY FEULNER** will soon be offered a pro-Hockey contract with the Chicago Cougars purely on his skating ability. Keep up the good work...The "Muff Dividers" of the South Side Milkman's Bowling League at Ford City Bowl soared to three big wins on Wednesday, February 7. The team was led by **JIM FELTZ's** 683 scratch series and the clutch spare-making of his teammates: **D. ROHE** (318), **H. JOLLENDONER** (312), and **J. LASKEY** (312)...And now for the "Out in the Shops" news...Well, let's begin by wishing some of our fellow employees a happy wedding anniversary. Best wishes go out to **FRANK GRAY**, Area 336, and his wife on their eighth; **MAX HAMILTON**, Area 348, and his

wife on their 34th; **JIM LARSEN**, Area 348, and his wife on their fifth; **ED NAUSIEDAS**, Area 348, and his wife on their 18th, and **RALPH BERNDT**, Area 348, and his wife on their eighth...Brace the walls fellas! **FRED PETROZZ**, Area 348, known as "Groovy" by his friends, is seriously contemplating getting a haircut. What'll it be, Fred? Flat top with fenders? Well, anyway, happy 30th birthday to you from the boys...Birthday greetings also go out to **TOM PORTER**, Area 345, and **JOHN TARCZUESKI**, Area 338. I won't give their age, I don't think I can count that high...Gee, it's sure nice to see **DAVE MAGEE**, Print Shop, back at work after being off sick for three months...It also was a welcome sight to see **TILLY MORA** back at the job after her illness...**BOB HACKBARTH**, Area 344, and his wife, **MILLIE**, returned recently from spending a week in Puerto Rico. Bob was filled with words of joy describing their fabulous vacation. Boy, it's a good thing they put limitations on how much booze you can take out of that country, huh, Bob?...Due to a recent illness the smiling face of **HENRY STUVEE** has been missing in and around the engine line area. Your fellow employees and friends miss you and wish you a speedy recovery, Henry...The same feelings go out to **CARL LIDZBINSKI** of the air gang who was hospitalized recently. Get well soon!...Best of luck and a long, happy and healthy retirement go out to these men who will be leaving us soon: **WALLY RICHARDS**, Area 345, with 26 years of service; **JOE MILLER**, Area 348, retiring after 31 years of service; **JIM QUAIN**, Area 314, retiring after 25 years of service, and **TONY VIDMONT**, who put in 30 years. Best of luck fellows!...Congratulations go out to **GEORGE LACEY** and his wife, **MARY**, on their first grandchild, **JOHN GEORGE**, who weighed in at 6 pounds 8 ounces. Grandma, grandpa and grandson are all doing fine...Finally, if anybody tells you that you can't buy a house by selling peanuts, let them talk to **EMIL** (Peanut Man) **VELKAVERH**, Area 318D. Business must be terrific Emil.

- *Denise Patheiger & Lawrence Barnes*

52ND STREET -

The 52nd Street Depot Federal Credit Union held its 12th annual membership meeting on Saturday, January 20, at Bethel A.M.E. church center, 4448 S. Michigan avenue, with President **ERNEST A. HILL** presiding. Reports were given by the president; **TYLER M. PHILPOTT**, treasurer; **ALVIN POTTS Jr.**, assistant treasurer; **ROBERT B. HOLMES**, chairman of the credit committee; **WILLIAM HILL Jr.**, secretary of the supervisory committee, and **CHARLES O'KANE**, chairman of the membership committee. All reports were well received and reflected the continuing progress being made. The membership re-elected **LAWRENCE M. BARNES**, **TYLER M. PHILPOTT** and **SAMUEL E. WILLIAMS** to the Board of Directors, and elected **BYRON D. DEAN** and **WILLIE HENRY Jr.** to serve on the credit committee. The meeting was well attended by our lady members and it was gratifying. Among the honored guests were: **Mrs. LAWRENCE BARNES**, Mr. and Mrs. **H. BEY**, Mr. **GEORGE BROKEMOND**, **Mrs. WILLIAM HILL Jr.**, Mr. and Mrs. **E. HIMMEL**, Mr. and Mrs. **DAN McFADDEN**, Mr. and Mrs. **JAMES A. PATE**, **Mrs. LAWRENCE ROCKMORE**, Mr. **WARREN E. SCHOLL** and Mr. and Mrs. **JOHN TIFFY**. Refreshments were in abundance and 12 prizes were awarded. To those members who didn't attend, you missed a very nice affair.

- *John L. Hudson*

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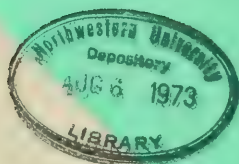
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Milton Pikarsky elected CTA Board Chairman



ADDRESSING MEMBERS of the news media after his election as Transit Board Chairman on May 24, Milton Pikarsky is shown beside Clair M. Roddewig who served as acting chairman since January 19. At right, Chairman Pikarsky is congratulated upon his election by Mayor Richard J. Daley.



MILTON PIKARSKY, former commissioner of public works for the City of Chicago, was unanimously elected chairman of Chicago Transit Board on Thursday, May 24.

Mr. Pikarsky, 49, was appointed a member of the Board by Mayor Richard J. Daley. He succeeds the late Michael Cafferty and completes the term of Mr. Cafferty which expires September 1, 1973.

Since 1964, Mr. Pikarsky had been commissioner of public works for the City of Chicago. He joined the public works department in 1960. As commissioner, his position covered the management and control of all matters pertaining to the department of public works and its bureaus—engineering, architecture and building maintenance, and maps and plats. He had the responsibility for the design and construction of capital improvements, participation in the planning of future public works requirements, beautification of the city, and continuing performance of a variety of essential services to the public.

Prior to joining the city government, he was project coordinator for the Blue Island Railroad Group (B&O) which involved liaison between four railroads, and for the railroads with municipal, governmental and administrative agencies.

From 1956 to 1959, Mr. Pikarsky was a partner in the firm of Plumb, Tuckett and Pikarsky which designed and supervised construction of highway and railroad bridges, roadways, office buildings and parking facilities. As assistant engineer for the New York Central railroad from 1944 to 1956, he was responsible for design, field engineering and construction of the LaSalle street station in connection with the Congress expressway work in Chicago.

Mr. Pikarsky received a bachelor's degree in engineering from the City College of New York and a master's degree in engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Mr. Pikarsky is registered as a structural engineer in Illinois, and as a professional engineer in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Missouri and Texas.

He is a member of the Urban Mass Transportation Advisory Council of the U.S. Department of Transportation and of the standing policy committee on Transportation and Communications for the National League of Cities. He was co-chairman of the Transportation Committee of the U.S. Conference of Mayors in 1972.

Mr. Pikarsky holds memberships in the American Society of Civil Engineers, the National Society of Professional Engineers, the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers, The Western Society of Engineers, the American Public Works Association, the Highway Research Board and the State of Illinois Transportation Study Commission.

The highest tribute paid to professional engineers in the United States was conferred on Mr. Pikarsky on May 3, 1973. He was installed as a member of the National Academy of Engineering. Only 429 engineers have been elected to the academy, a private organization established in 1964 to advise the federal government on engineering matters. Mr. Pikarsky was honored for his achievements in urban transportation.

Other awards held by Mr. Pikarsky include the Top 10 Public Works Men of the Year, presented in 1966 by the American Public Works Association, and the Townsend Harris Medal for Outstanding Achievement presented in 1969 by the City College of New York.

CTA Board approves experimental fare reductions

Free fare experiment

In Evanston rapid transit

THREE-WEEK experimental Free Fare plan for local riding in Evanston and Wilmette on the Evanston rapid transit route was approved June 7 by Chicago Transit Board. The test period will be from June 11 to June 30.

"We are experimenting with this Free Fare plan to determine whether we can lure people out of their cars in favor of public transit. Tests like this have been made in other cities throughout the world, but we want to try it here in metropolitan Chicago to gather our own data. At present, there are about 120 round-trip local weekday riders on the Evanston service," said Chairman Milton Pikarsky.

The free rides are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for persons boarding and alighting between South Boulevard station in Evanston and Linden Avenue station in Wilmette.

On southbound trips, all through riders into Chicago continue to pay their fare at their boarding station and obtain a transfer or identification check. They are checked at the South Boulevard station for identification proving that they have paid their fares to Chicago. Those who do not have identification are required to pay the regular rate of fare, 75¢ without transfer and 85¢ with transfer, for the continuation of the ride to Chicago.

On the northbound trips, no checks are made because all through riders have already paid the correct fare when boarding in Chicago.

Test 2 for 1 bus fare

on So. Western, 83-95 routes

MIDDAY RIDERS on two South Side bus routes, No. 49A So. Western and 95 83rd-95th, receive two rides for the price of one under an experimental reduced fare plan which began June 11.

"We are experimenting with this program for a 90-day period to determine if riding can be increased by lowering the fares," said CTA Board Chairman Pikarsky. "By offering a round-trip ride for the price of a single ride, we hope to encourage more people to take advantage of midday bus riding for shopping, business, and pleasure trips.

"The No. 49A So. Western and 95 83rd-95th bus routes were selected for this test because they travel through high-density population areas and serve major business cores along 95th Street and Western Avenue, the South Chicago shopping area, and Evergreen Plaza," added Mr. Pikarsky.

A person boarding a bus on either the So. Western or 83rd-95th routes and paying a full fare (45¢) between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays, will receive a check good for a return ride anytime on the same day. The special rate is not applicable to children, students, and senior citizens who already ride at reduced rates of fare, or persons desiring transfers.

The So. Western route operates between 119th Street and 79th Street via Western Avenue. The 83rd-95th route operates between 83rd-South Chicago and Evergreen Plaza at 95th-Western.

Contracts let for escalator renewal, construction, diesel fuel injectors

At its meeting on June 7, Chicago Transit Board approved the awarding of contracts for escalator renewal, the new Kimball-Lawrence transit terminal, the 14th Avenue inspection shop, and for anti-pollution injectors for 1,050 buses, all being purchased under CTA's \$140 million capital improvement program.

Contracts amounting to \$1,346,589 were awarded for the renewal of 38 escalators at various rapid transit stations.

"Escalator renewal has been given top priority because of the inconveniences that our patrons have been subjected to because of their frequent breakdowns," said Chairman Pikarsky. "Some of these escalators are 30 years old and are beyond repair."

The contracts were awarded to the Otis Elevator Company for the renewal of 35 escalators at a cost of \$1,285,777, and the Houghton Elevator Company, Division of Reliance Electric Company, for the renewal of three escalators at a cost of \$60,812.

The escalators to be renewed are: State Street subway—22 escalators; Dearborn Street subway—12 escalators; State-Lake escalator from street level to elevated station; and escalators at the Central, Austin and Oak Park stations on the Lake service of the West-South route.

All of the escalators will be treadle operated which will allow them to run in the direction desired. When

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A CONTRACT for the purchase of 545 air-conditioned buses at a cost of \$22,719,093 was signed April 16 by Acting CTA Chairman Clair M. Roddewig (left) and Edward Stokel, assistant manager, coach sales, of the Truck and Coach Division of General Motors. Looking on, from left, are Frank Bates, GM sales representative; CTA General Manager Thomas B. O'Connor; Board Member Lawrence G. Sucsy; Assistant Secretary Bernard G. Cunningham, Illinois Department of Transportation; Board Members Wallace D. Johnson and James R. Quinn, and E. Jarvis Ransom, GM regional sales manager.

The buses are being purchased as part of the \$140 million two-year capital renewal program being

Award contract to GM for 545 air-conditioned buses

funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Illinois Department of Transportation. This is the largest single order of passenger equipment in CTA's history.

General Motors corporation, of Pontiac, Michigan was the successful bidder with a cost per bus of \$41,686.49. Other bids were received from AM General corporation, Wayne, Michigan, with a price of \$42,850 per bus for 500 and \$42,950 per bus for additional vehicles, and from The Fleible company, Loudonville, Ohio, with a price of \$43,194.80 per bus.

The buses will be similar to the 525 purchased in 1972 and will have the latest type anti-pollution devices in order to meet all federal, state and local standards for exhaust emission and noise control.

Delivery of the first 100 buses will be complete by mid-October and the total order is to be complete in late December.

Escalator renewal (contd. from page 3)

not in use, the escalators will shut off automatically. The automatic operation will enable CTA patrons to use them 24 hours a day.

A contract for the construction of a new terminal for the Ravenswood rapid transit route at Kimball-Lawrence was awarded to the B. R. Abbot Construction Company at a cost of \$830,900. An entirely new complex consisting of a ground-level station, train platform and transportation office for operating employees will replace present facilities constructed in 1907 on the southeast corner of the intersection.

The modern station will include fluorescent lighting, radiant heating and an attractive barrier and landscaping which will screen the platform and standing trains from the surrounding area. The project is scheduled to be completed in March 1974.

A contract for the construction of a modern rapid transit car inspection facility near CTA's 54th avenue terminal in Cicero was awarded to J. W. Halm Construction Company of Elk Grove Village at a cost of \$891,857. The building will provide inspection and maintenance facilities for rapid transit cars serving the Douglas-Milwaukee route, and will replace an outmoded, open-pit operation now in use at this location. The building will be constructed of steel and masonry and will include two parallel inspection tracks, 4-

cars long each, with a depressed floor throughout their length making the entire running mechanism visible and easily accessible. The single story building includes an adjacent two-story structure with basement for a shop office, employee facilities, and parts storage. Located at the southeast corner of the present car storage yard north of Cermak road between 54th and 56th avenues in Cicero, the shop is scheduled for completion in June 1974.

As part of CTA's continuing program to preserve the environment, a contract was awarded to Interstar Diesel Service, Inc., of Cleveland, Ohio, for the purchase of diesel engine fuel injectors for 1,050 buses at a cost of \$178,992. The contract includes the purchase of 800 new injectors and 5,800 rebuilt injector all of the 10-sac needle valve (LSN) type similar to those in use in CTA's 525 new buses purchased during 1972.

The LSN injectors are to be installed in buses manufactured between 1960 and 1967, replacing less efficient injectors. Each bus contains six injector one per cylinder. Experience with the LSN injectors has shown that pollutant-causing unburned fuel has been virtually eliminated in the combustion chamber resulting in significant reductions of smoke, unburned hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide.

ON OUR COVER

TRANSBUS models introduce latest bus design advances

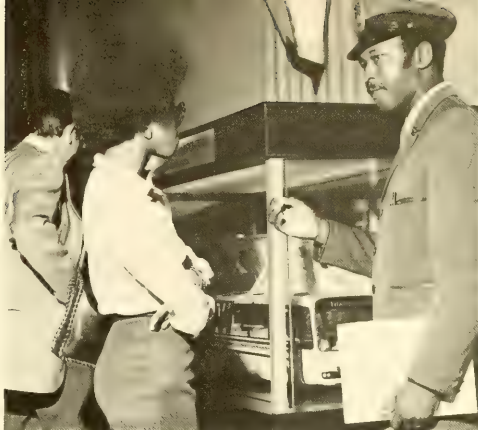
CHICAGOANS WERE given the opportunity to view three models of the bus of the future during the week of May 24-30. The five-foot scale models were displayed at the Civic Center, Museum of Science and Industry, and the Merchandise Mart lobby.

Known as TRANSBUS, the new vehicle will contain the first basic changes made in urban transit buses in more than 15 years. The scale models were of three TRANSBUS designs now being developed by AM General corporation, GMC Truck & Coach Division, and Rohr Industries.

The program to develop TRANSBUS is being funded with a grant of about \$25 million by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) of the U.S. Department of Transportation. In 1971 contracts were let to the three corporations to develop their own designs for a new-generation bus and produce three prototypes each. Evaluation tests will be conducted on all three designs, and UMTA plans to select the best design in mid-1974.

The project also includes the manufacture of about 100 buses of each company's selected design. The first few of these buses would undergo additional testing, some on city streets, resulting in final TRANSBUS design specification approval as early as 1976. Transit operators such as CTA would then apply under the normal capital grant assistance program for funds to purchase the new buses.

The nationwide tour of TRANSBUS models is being sponsored by UMTA and the American Transit Asso-



ciation. The primary objective of the display is to give transit users a preview of the engineering advancements setting TRANSBUS far apart from any mass transit vehicle yet manufactured. From its sleek exterior and low profile to its countless passenger comforts, TRANSBUS is an all-new bus. Wider doors and lower steps will enable riders to board and leave the bus more quickly. Seating will be roomier. Speakers inside and out will enable the operator to assist passengers with current route and stop information.

TRANSBUS will be safer, too. Its broad tinted windows will be resistant to the high impact of thrown or falling objects. Bumpers and extra strong body construction will minimize damage in traffic accidents. The design will also incorporate environmental advances making TRANSBUS quieter and cleaner, inside and out.

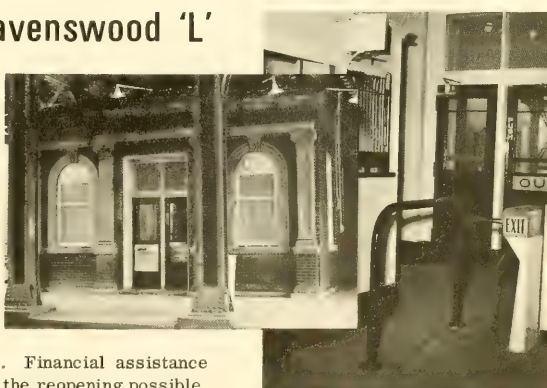
In the picture above, Central District Supervisor John Grayer is shown answering questions on the TRANSBUS display in the Merchandise Mart.

Sedgwick station reopened on Ravenswood 'L'

AFTER UNDERGOING complete renovation, the Sedgwick Station on the Ravenswood rapid transit route was reopened for passenger service on Monday, April 3. The reopening was approved by Chicago Transit Board on April 20.

The interior of the station, the stairways, and the platform area have been newly painted and the exterior of the building has been tuckpointed and sandblasted. The cleaning and brightening of the station was done to determine if a more attractive atmosphere will help to generate increased riding.

The station was closed January 13 as an economy move. Financial assistance totaling \$18.9 million from the State, County and City made the reopening possible.



September 2 departure announced for 1973 CTA group tour

A GROUP tour being planned for this fall will once again afford CTA employees the opportunity to visit a distant part of the world at a considerable cost-savings.

A 22-day tour leaving Chicago on September 2 includes scenic and historic stops in England, Hungary,

Czechoslovakia, Germany, Switzerland and France. The return flight from Paris will be on September 23.

Active and retired CTA employees who are interested in obtaining complete details should write to Miss Jane Mitchell, CTA, Merchandise Mart-Room 734, P.O. Box 3555, Chicago, Illinois 60654.



FOR OUTSTANDING safety performance during 1972, eight surface system operating stations were recently presented Transportation Awards by the Greater Chicago Safety Council. Shown here with Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn are superintendents who accepted the awards in behalf of operating employees at their respective stations: from left, Lawndale Station Superintendent J. B. Morris, 52nd Street Station Assistant Superintendent H. P. Braun, 69th Street Station Superintendent G. D. Peyton, Limits Station Assistant Superintendent L. R. Mueller, Mr. Flynn, Archer Station Superintendent W. J. Moser, Forest Glen Station Superintendent G. V. Daubs, Kedzie Station Superintendent M. F. Harrington, and North Avenue Station Assistant Superintendent W. Chamberlain. The awards were presented in recognition of reduced accident experience over 1971.

Appoint four to new posts

NAMED TO new supervisory positions during the months of May and June were four CTA employees in two departments.

Effective May 1, W. C. Roman was appointed supervisor of accounts payable & material accounting. The appointment was made by General Accountant H. F. Brown and approved by Comptroller P. J. Kole.

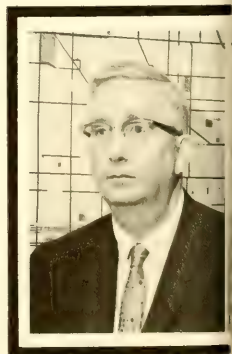
Appointed to new posts at Transportation Department surface operating stations effective June 1 were Beverly Station Superintendent J. E. Will, and Assistant Superintendent F. E. Zeiger. Named as relief superintendent of 52nd Street and Beverly Stations was E. R. Swanson. The appointments were made by Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn and approved by Operating Manager G. Krambles.

W. W. McKenna, former CTA board member, dies at 67

MASS FOR William W. McKenna, 67, a former member of Chicago Transit Board, was said on Monday, May 14, at St. Barnabas church on Chicago's South Side. Mr. McKenna died Friday, May 11, after an extended illness.

Appointed in 1945 by the late Mayor Edward J. Kelly as one of the original members of the Board, Mr. McKenna served as a member until November, 1971. He was an attorney and had served as executive assistant to the Mayor of Chicago, secretary to the assistant superintendent of the New York Central railroad, secretary to the staff attorney of the Public Service company of Northern Illinois, and executive assistant to the president of the Chicago Board of Education.

Survivors include his widow, Pauline; three sons, Dr. William Jr., Robert D., and Michael J.; three daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Simon, Mrs. Mary Lou Gravier, and Barbara Jean, and 16 grandchildren.



KEELER STATION, the last of five depots to be activated by the old Chicago Motor Coach company, locked its doors for good on March 24 after 40 years of service.

The building was originally erected as a boiler factory in 1923. In 1933, it was purchased by the Motor Coach and used as the general office, overhaul shop and bus garage. CTA acquired the property, as well as the Ravenswood, Rosemont, Wilson and 52nd Street Garages, in 1952 when it purchased the system. Only 52nd Street remains open today, and it, too, is scheduled to be closed.

Two bus routes requiring a total of 90 buses were serviced by Keeler Station, 152 Addison which has been transferred to North Park and 76 Diversey which has been transferred to North Avenue. Closing of the station is a move that CTA has wanted to make for many years to reduce operating expenses; until fueling facilities were expanded at other stations, however, the change could not be made.

A few of the last-day activities at Keeler Station are depicted in the photos reproduced here. Top—a group of Keeler operators chatting just one last time before departing for new stations on the system pick-up. Second row, left—Station Superintendent L. M. Keag and clerk Tony Arneri displaying two of the station's many safety awards. Right—Keeler Station Reporter Ernest Carter gathering news for the station's last Inside News column. Bottom—Superintendent Keag locking the door to the station closing out Keeler's 40 years of service.

Keeler station closed



Fanfare marks start of Rt. 64 extension

THE INAUGURATION of service on an extension of the 64 Foster-Lawrence bus route was marked by a ceremony on May 28 at Lamplighter Towers. The weekday route extension began operation Tuesday, May 29, serving the densely populated area within Chicago and Norridge bounded by Cumberland, Higgins, East River Road and Lawrence.

No regular transit service had previously been provided to the area which includes such activity centers as the Lamplighter Tower and Catherine Court Apartments, International Towers, All-American Building, O'Hare Plaza and the Marriott Motor Inn.

The Foster-Lawrence route operates to and from the Jefferson Park Transit Center and provides local service to the area from about 6:30 A.M. to 6:30 P.M. Express service to the area is provided in rush hours, operating to and from Jefferson Park via the Kennedy Expressway.



Breaking a champagne bottle to christen the new service are newly-elected 41st Ward Alderman Roman Pucinski and Jean Arrigoni of Lamplighter Towers. Others pictured are, from left, Hobart Radewagen, manager of Lamplighter Towers, State Senator Edward T. Scholl and CTA Supervisor of Research/Planning Frank J. Misek.

MEDICALLY SPEAKING by Dr. George H. Irwin

PHYSICIAN-PATIENT RELATIONSHIPS are dependent upon the selection of the proper personal or family doctor—a very important and necessary decision. And the time to select a physician is now, before illness strikes. All persons should have a family doctor in whom they have great trust and confidence. Regular visits and checkups are helpful. Put your doctor's name, address and phone number with other credentials in your wallet or pocketbook and next to your telephone.

How to select your personal physician. If you live in a small town or city where you have grown up there is usually no problem. Your family doctor will be the one your parents had and may be the one who brought you into this world. However, in this day and age with so many families on the move, a new location is possible every few years. In that case you should find yourself a doctor as soon as possible. Before you move, ask your present doctor if he knows anyone in your new location. If the recommendation proves useful, it will also give you an introduction as you can use your former doctor as a reference. Incidentally, to save money and needless tests in the future, ask your doctor to write a letter describing an effective form of treatment for whatever tends to ail you.

If you are seeking a doctor on your own, discussions with friends may help. If not, contact the local or county medical association. Often you may locate a good doctor by calling the community hospital for a family doctor. If he is on the staff he has to be well-trained and in good medical standing.

Having selected a physician, the next step is to make an appointment for a pre-illness checkup. This will give you a chance to become acquainted with the doctor and determine whether or not you like him. This will also give the doctor information which will help him in your future care. Every doctor realizes the disadvantage of seeing an unconscious patient in the home or hospital without any previous medical record. It would be a great help to the doctor if he knew in advance whether the patient was, for instance, a diabetic on insulin, an epileptic, or heart case on certain medications. A complete and mutual understanding between the physician and patient before an

emergency arises could make the difference between life and death.

A house visit by the doctor may turn out to be helpful. For example the cause of a patient's asthma may be noted by a pet animal or the bed of plants or flowers in the house to which the patient may be allergic. Furthermore, the illness may be related to the husband, wife, their children, in-laws or relatives. Without a house visit these factors would not be known to the doctor.

Physician-patient relationships in the hospital are very important and frequently misunderstood. According to an article by the Colorado Medical Society bulletin, a lot of "invisible doctoring" goes on in every modern hospital. Good patient care these days does not always equate directly with the amount of time the physician spends at the patient's bedside. Upon entering and during the hospital stay a tremendous amount of paperwork is necessary. After examination of the patient, orders for the nurses and interns must be written. Laboratory tests, X-ray requests necessary for proper diagnosis, pre-operative and post-operative orders, and daily progress notes are the responsibility of the attending doctor. Interpretations and consultations with the laboratory people and the X-ray department take a great deal of time. Study of the patient's chart and recording orders before and after the doctor visits the patient in his room are necessary. All of this information becomes a part of the patient's hospital medical record and as such it is a protection to the patient. It is estimated that four fifths of a doctor's time on any individual hospital case is spent outside the patient's room.

In conclusion, these general remarks should be remembered:

(1) Don't be afraid to see your doctor. Often patients postpone the visit to their doctor because they think he may find cancer or some other serious ailment. Often these fears are unfounded. On the other hand, the earlier the illness is diagnosed, the better the chance is for a cure.

(2) Don't expect the doctor to present inflated bills or unrealistic disability claims in accident cases.

(3) Take the medicine the doctor prescribes and also follow his other orders. Don't let it stand on the shelf unused. If it helps you, tell him, and if it does not help he will want to know that also. Try not to withhold any medical information from your doctor.

(4) Remember, doctors are here to help people. Perhaps the best plan is to have a close relationship with your doctor so you can think of him as a friar as well as your doctor. If you don't have confidence in him you should consider changing physicians. With your faith and the doctor's efforts, much good can be accomplished. Without it, the best medical treatment will be valueless.

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Service anniversaries in May

30 years

J. G. Bieniek, Forest Glen
G. DeMatteo, Stores
J. J. Corcoran, Forest Glen
P. Geoghegan, South Section
E. J. Hojnacki, Lawndale
R. Kershaw, Forest Glen

W. J. Lakoffka, Forest Glen
J. LeMond, Building & Construction
B. Pulick, 69th Street
R. B. Rose, Kedzie
J. Sabol, Schedule-Traffic
A. F. Strasser, Forest Glen
J. F. Wojcik, Forest Glen
A. R. Zahumensky, Employee Relations

25 years

L. A. Bates, North Park
S. Battle, 52nd Street Garage
J. W. Crusoe, Stores-South Division
P. J. Frank, West Section
A. Grimaldi, South Shops
S. Hoffman, North Park
F. B. Jenkins, Special Investigation
V. E. Kee, Power Operations
A. E. Lubke, Archer
G. T. Mathews, Lawndale
S. A. Maturio, Forest Park Maintenance Terminal

E. McGuire, South Section
A. L. Mednus, Archer
F. W. Mulree, Electrical Distribution
J. Naga, Archer
D. F. Petersen, Beverly
A. P. Porter, 69th Street
A. Powers, Schedule-Traffic
M. H. Sexton, North Avenue
S. A. Siciliano, West Section
F. J. Sommer, 77th Street
W. T. Speer, Limits
L. Streeter, Limits
G. A. Thurman, Kedzie
P. M. Ward, Archer

June

45 years

F. Pavesic, Building Maintenance Division

35 years

J. C. Kovarik, Mechanical Maintenance Division

30 years

N. P. Aleo, Track
W. C. Bahl, Limits
M. T. Barris, 69th Street
S. W. Dockus, 52nd Street
D. E. Doyle, West Section
H. V. Forbes, Kedzie
N. E. Gnad, North Avenue
R. M. Heinze, South Section

A. Kelley, North Section
S. LaMarca, Building Maintenance Division
P. A. Molfese, Lawndale
R. T. Nielsen, Archer
J. J. O'Connor, Employment & Placement
I. S. Schank, Forest Glen
A. M. Selva, North Section
R. W. Slingerland, Kedzie
M. Vitale, Investigation & Claims
R. W. Workman, Signal Division
E. W. Zientara, North Park

25 years

T. J. Basgall, Forest Glen
E. Blakely, 52nd Street
A. R. Habich, 77th Street
L. Jackson, Instruction-Kedzie
B. A. Jones, Electrical Distribution
W. E. Kelley, Beverly
P. J. Kielty, South Shops
B. Konarski, North Park

C. J. Kotara, Law
J. D. Lasinski, Instruction-Archer
J. T. Lynch, Transportation-General Office
A. J. Manoni, West Section
C. D. Mays, 77th Street
J. M. Meister, North Park
P. C. Owens, 77th Street
J. D. Riordan, Building Maintenance Division
L. Rockmore, 52nd Street
H. Thomas, 52nd Street

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (General) -

On April 27 a luncheon was held in the M&M Club honoring TOM McGRATH who retired as supervisor of Accounts Payable and Material Accounting on May 1 after 31 years of service. The number of pensioners, as well as present employees attending, was a tremendous tribute to Tom's popularity, not only as a supervisor, but also as a co-worker and friend. Also present were Tom's wife, ROSE, his daughter and son-in-law, CAROL and RICK SWETT, and his son, TOM Jr., who flew in from Boston for the occasion. Among the retirees present were former general accountants ANDY FITZSIMONS and BILL FOLTA, HELEN FRANSON, ELEANOR BROWNE, HARRY LAWRENCE, JOE McCLOWRY, and many more too numerous to mention here. A special guest seated at the speaker's table was Father TOM of Assumption church who has been closely associated with Tom over the years. Tom was presented with an AM-FM radio-television combination, a golf cart and golf accessories, along with a monetary gift. Tom, may you enjoy all your gifts during a long and healthy retirement...Congratulations are in order for BILL ROMAN who is replacing Tom as supervisor of Accounts Payable and Material Accounting...LORRAINE BUEHLER, Revenue Accounting, recently took a disability pension. A wish from all your friends at CTA is extended to you for an enjoyable retirement and improved health...JUNE NOREN recently returned from a vacation in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where she visited her nephew who is stationed at the Air Force academy. She suggested the beautiful chapel as a "must see" for anyone visiting that area...Congratulations to CHUCK DAVIS, General Accounting, who recently earned his B.S. degree in accounting from DePaul university...Our sympathy is extended to ESTELLE KALECKAS, Revenue Accounting, in the death of her husband, and your scribe would like to thank all who sent cards, masses, or monetary gifts at the time of the death of her father. Your kindnesses were sincerely appreciated by the entire family.

- Judy Cuci

(Tabulating) -

MARION SUTHERLAND flew to California to visit with her daughter and friends. On the way she stopped in Las Vegas where she saw the Elvis Presley show. Nice stopping, Marion. She also visited Travis Air Force Base where she saw some of our POW's returning from Vietnam, something which she will always remember. After a boat cruise along the southern coastline of California, they stopped at Carmel by the Sea for a day, wishing they could stay longer...If DAN PROFFITT seems to be a bit "puffed up" these days, it's with good reason. His son, PAUL, was on the winning four and eight relay teams for Morton West High school in the tough Oak Park relays. Paul also excels in football and baseball. A June graduate, Paul will attend Drake university in the fall on a football scholarship. And girls, he is most handsome. A sad note for Dan, was the death of his father, ARBA PROFFITT. We extend our deepest sympathy to Dan and his family...MARY GRACE CASTRO is recuperating at home after an unfortunate automobile accident. Hurry back, Mary Grace, you're really missed...We wish CLARENCE BUTHMAN and his family

many happy smiles in their new Ford Galaxie 500. Also his son, BRAD, is now walking around minus his tonsils... Her many friends will be glad to hear that Pensioner MARIAN BUCKLEY is recuperating at home after eye surgery.

- Evelyn Leu

(Payroll) -

MAUREEN HOULIHAN had the pleasure of attending the Governor's dinner at the Conrad Hilton hotel on March 16. She had a wonderful time and was especially proud when Governor Walker was presenting his cabinet and introduced her father, JOHN J. HOULIHAN, as director of the State Veteran's Commission...VICKI LEPEK was all smiles and proud as could be to show us a picture of her ninth grandchild, TINA MARIE, who weighed in at 7 pounds 5 ounces on March 21. Her parents, CAROL and JOE TOMASZEWSKI, are doing well and everyone is happy...YVONNE ZAJAC is all excited about driving her beautiful new Pontiac Catalina. Lots of luck and happy motoring, Yvonne!...DORIS and FRED YOST and friends enjoyed some time at King's lake in Northern Wisconsin. They also joined the Chicago fishermen at Montrose harbor for a little smelt fishing... We had another pleasant surprise when MARY BLACKMORE announced her marriage to JAMES LYALL on March 31. A luncheon at the M&M Club was held in her honor on April 5 by her co-workers and friends. She was very pleased with the rotisserie and steam iron which were presented to her. We extend best wishes to Mary and Jim for a long and happy life together...JOSEPHINE COLEMAN's daughter, JOYCE, was graduated from the Academy of Our Lady on May 22. Commencement exercises were held at the Arie Crown Theatre. Joyce will enter St. Norbert's college in DePere, Wisconsin, in the fall.

- Clara Lawrence

BEVERLY -

Operator HERB COBB is mighty proud of his daughter, CARMELITA, a sophomore at Academy of Our Lady High school who made a sculpture of Cub pitcher Fergie Jenkins and presented it to him. The work will be entered in the Scholastic Art Awards in New York... Pensioners FRANK PIERSON, LEROY ERICKSON and ED O'SHAUGHNESSY were observed holding up the corner at 11th and Kedzie, talking of the good old days when they separated the men from the boys...We wish a speedy recovery to the men on the sick list: Supervisor FRANK McGLYNN, AL SCHROEDER, JOHN SUTTER, FRANK CALEK, and also to Operator HARRY LEWIS' wife, who is on the critical list... We express our sympathy to Operator HAROLD FREIWALD in the loss of his wife; to Operator JOHN KING in the loss of his sister, and to Pensioner HARRY BERRY who was union steward at 77th for many years...BILL SHIPLEY of the repair department had his car tuned up for a vacation but didn't know where to go... Pensioner HAROLD ERICKSON celebrated his birthday in Orlando, Florida, by going fishing. Harold is quite a handyman and is fixing up his new home. Good luck, Harold, and say hello to all the brothers in sunny Florida...We will all miss Operator



THIS SMILING little bundle of joy is MAUREEN CRAWLEY, the eight-month old daughter of CLARENCE and LOIS CRAWLEY. Maureen's dad is a statementman in the Claim Department, and her mom is the former LOIS POTTS who also worked for the Claim Department before becoming a full-time housewife and mother.

WILLIE TRASK who was shot and killed while working the Pullman night bus... Pensioner BILL McCONNELL celebrated his 78th birthday with a visit to Beverly Depot... JEANETTE FORTUNA, the daughter of Mechanic EDWARD and SOPHIE FORTUNA, has been named to the "Who's Who" of high school students in America. She also won the Illinois State Scholarship award. Their other daughter, MARY, was graduated from Moraine Valley Community college this spring.

- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster

CTA SECURITY -

June is the big month for pomp and circumstance, and we have a few graduates in our department. CARRIE ANN HIGENS, the daughter of Officer JOHN HIGENS, was graduated from Healy Grammar school and will attend St. Barbara's High school in the fall... Officer PAUL WALLACE was graduated at the end of the spring quarter with a bachelor of arts degree in administration and criminal justice, and a minor in political science. He graduated magna cum laude with high departmental honors from the University of Illinois, Circle Campus... Officer BOB NAIF graduated at the end of the fall semester with a bachelor of arts degree in law enforcement. Let's apply all that good knowledge to help the betterment of the Authority... Officer FRANK INGRASSIA recently bought a new home in Hoffman Estates, and Officer BILL MCKENZIE moved to a new domicile in Chicago... A welcome back is extended to JOHN ACTON who was off sick with an injured foot... JOHN HIGENS' son, WILLIAM, is a very brave ten year old. He was in the hospital for four days after he was pushed into a parked car and had to get two fingers operated on. He is doing just fine now... Officer ED TOKARCZYK's wife, JUDITH, was recently operated on and we hope she will be well soon... Officer JOHN FIRLINGER has been strutting around with his pearly whites showing. The reason being his son, JEFF, who seems to be winning more medals than Mark Spitz for his swimming ability. Congratulations and keep up the good work.

- Pat Flynn

ELECTRICAL (General Office) -

Congratulations to PHYLLIS RAPPOLD, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM RAPPOLD Sr., power supervisor, who has a lot going for her at the tender age of 17. She is

a member of the National Honor Society, Tau Epsilon and the Emblem Club of Morgan Park High school. She also won a scholarship and plans to attend the University of Illinois at Urbana in September... TONY ANDREWS, engineer assistant III, became a proud father when his wife, CAROL ANN, gave birth to a baby girl, CHRISTY LYNN, on March 25 weighing 8 pounds 13 ounces. Best wishes to the Andrews family... AL MORF, retired estimator, who underwent surgery recently, passed away on April 21. Our deepest sympathy to his family... We welcome former signal maintainer PERCY ERVES as a signal draftsman I... MARIE HAVLIK, general clerk I, flew to Denver, Colorado, for a spring vacation. She visited Colorado Springs, the Royal Gorge and rode the cable cars and did a lot of sightseeing... HERMAN SMITH, engineer assistant III, and his wife went to Hawaii in April. The Smiths celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary and the trip was a gift from their children. That was really a beautiful present... While BILL REHDER of Blue Island is on vacation, your scribe has taken on the task of reporting his copy. The news from Blue Island is that BILL STAUNTON Sr. spent St. Patrick's day on the mainland, while his son, JAMES, celebrated the day in Hawaii. MARGARET LOUISE, the youngest of Bill's seven children, was graduated from grammar school and will enter high school in the fall... When little CHRISTINE LOUISE KORSGREN was born on February 15 weighing 8 pounds, she became the sixth grandchild for DICK and HELEN DORGAN. She was the third granddaughter born in four months... When JOE and JANET ZALUD vacationed in Florida they visited Disney World, Busch Gardens and the Ringling Brothers Circus. They were in New Orleans for the Mardi Gras and also visited with their niece and her family... Pensioner BILL LOOS and his wife, LEONA, also enjoyed a winter vacation. They toured Florida at their leisure, while ANDY BOURNE and his wife cruised the Caribbean... We hope that JOE LAMB is recovering rapidly from his recent illness... Best wishes for good health and happiness to LEONARD DONOFRIO who retired on March 1. The fourth annual dinner for retirees of Local 134 of the CTA is to be held on Friday, June 8, at the Diplomat restaurant. The honored guests will be W. CARLSON, B. TOAL and L. Donofrio... Our sincere condolences to the families of Pensioner JOHN DARCY and NORMAN WALLACE who passed away recently. We also extend our sympathy to M. COOK, J. ZALUD, R. TAUSCH and H. CORDT who lost their mothers recently... JOE PIENTO, power supervisor, and his wife and family vacationed in Florida. They visited Disney World, Busch Gardens and also visited with ART HANSEL, retired chief substation operator, at Homosassa Springs, Florida. They enjoyed a boat ride down the Gulf and had a great time.

- Kay McAlister

(Rapid Transit Signal Division) -

When I last heard from GEORGE WAGNER, retired blacksmith helper, and his wife, CLARA, they were living it up in Hawaii. This trip was a dream come true for George. The last obstacle was removed when his wife agreed to ride on the airplane. Remembering the fun-filled hours he spent in Hawaii during the war, George longed to get back there and start where he left off. I wouldn't try it if I were you, George. They stayed at the beautiful Kaanapali Beach Resort on the Island of Maui... Little KIMBERLY ANN, the daughter of JOHN WOLFE, is now home from the hospital with only a hint of a scar to show for her ordeal. She's walking, climbing and getting into all sorts

of things just like a 14-month old should, for which John and TERI are thankful...KENNETH KLEICH, signal maintainer, resigned to become a water plant operator for the City of Des Plaines. This job is much closer to home he said. And besides that, his wife, GERRY, thinks it's ok. Best of luck to you and your family, Ken, and please keep in touch...We extend a big welcome to our new signal helpers. They are DONALD GRUDECKI, JOHN G. LONG, ALEX D. NESBITT, GERALD THIVEL and JOHN ODDO. Congratulations, fellows...M. T. NOLTE, retired signal foreman, passed away on February 16 after a series of minor illnesses. He had been in retirement over nine years. Tom began working August 15, 1919, and was a signal maintainer until December 1, 1942, at which time he became signal foreman. His retirement of May 1, 1963, ended over 43 years of employment with the company... Since I last talked with you, the following signal helpers were promoted to journeymen: ROGER COMER, ART LUPESCU, BIRNIST HICKS, RONALD OCKLON and RON BEDOE. These men who are now officially classified as signal maintainers will find their work a little more interesting. Congratulations, fellows, I know you can handle it...PERCY ERVES, signal maintainer, was recently promoted to draftsman I. He took his place alongside JERRY GUTH, another former signal maintainer, who now occupies space in the front office...JACK PIPP, who went on disability pension, would like very much for some of the fellows to come around and talk with him sometimes. His wife, LEONA, said he's still unable to move about but does a bit of reading. When you go by there, fellows, take some reading material with you. Thanks a lot...Regrettably we report the death of THOMAS PATRICK STAUDT, the son of Signal Foreman PATRICK STAUDT. To the bereaved family, may you know an unending source of strength in your hours of sorrow...Signal Maintainer FRANK GUAGENTI retired and a dinner-party was held in his honor on Friday, March 2, in the beautiful Alpine Room of the Zum Deutschen Eck restaurant. The guests included Frank's two sons, DOMINIC and FRANK L., and Mr. LENNY WICKSTEN, former head of the Signal Department. The food was excellent and there was a good turnout of young signalmen. He was presented with gifts which included a wallet with one full day's pay; his free riding pass was presented by PAUL CLEAVER, head of the Electrical Department's Signal Division. Our sincere thanks to FRANK HALPER who did a good job of putting it all together. Thanks also to Big LOU and BIRNIST HICKS for the entertainment.

- Tommie Lowery

(Chicago Avenue) -

It is with deep regret that I report the passing of TOM NOLTE, the father of CHARLIE NOLTE. Big Tom, who served for many years as a signal foreman, passed away on February 16...On the sick list are CHARLIE SALVATORE, BARNEY JAUMAN, HANK GABAUER and MEL FELTON...Had a card from SAM GAFFEN who is having fun in California...It was reported to me that April 1973 was the 25th wedding anniversary for the BOB HORMELS and the BARNEY JONESES...On April 1 TERRY McANDREWS entered two Italian greyhounds in the dog show at the Amphitheater. Terry's dogs, Kimbe of Kashan and Jubilee of Kashan, won prizes in the toy group, then competed against a field of 3,490 for best of show. Last year they won two best of show prizes...CLARENCE MALOTKE dropped by for a visit. I guess the weather down in Florida isn't too good...Congratulations to JANET MICHALSKI, the daughter of

BERNIE MICHALSKI, who received her first communion in May...Late Flash: As I was writing this article I received a phone call from JIM BERGEN. His wife, PATRICIA, had just presented to the world JAMES RICHARD weighing in at 8 pounds 8 ounces and spanning 22 inches. Mother, son and father are all doing well. How is that for good luck on Friday the 13th?

- Ben Nielsen

ENGINEERING -

We bid adieu to PATRICIA REED of Real Estate who transferred to the Specifications Department, and bring out the welcome mat for SANDRA KILTZ who took Pat's place. We also say hello to JILL MISE who replaced DIANE TRAXLER as Mr. MISEK's secretary. Good luck to you all...A big thank you from CHARLIE DROZDA for all the get-well cards while he was recuperating from a broken leg. We're glad to see you back...Congratulations to both GENISE JONES and MARSHALL IACONO who were graduated May 27. Genise, the daughter of WILLIAM JONES, was graduated from Chapman college, Orange County, California; Marshall, the son of GRACE and FRANK IACONO, South Shops carpenter, was graduated from St. Ignatius High School. Good luck to you both in your new endeavors...DARLENE JANSEN, former Transit News reporter, gave birth to a 7 pound 8 ounce baby girl named KATHY ANN on April 3. Mother and daughter are both doing fine. Congratulations from all of us...KATHLEEN BRADY has been transferred to Governmental Programs and left her Transit News reporter job vacant. I have been elected to take her position as reporter, so be sure to save up all your news for later editions.

(West Shops) -

Our deepest sympathies are extended to: T. J. QUALTER and his children in the loss of his wife and their mother; to JOSEPH and MARION MILOS in the loss of their mother, and to C. J. MAGEROWICZ in the loss of his brother-in-law...Sorry to hear that DAN BALANDIS, carpenter foreman, is on the sick list. Get well soon, Dan...Happy to hear that Mrs. MARSZALEK, the wife of JOE MARSZALEK, is back home after a stay in the hospital. Stay well, Mrs. Marszalek...JEAN REDD has celebrated her first year with CTA. Seems like only yesterday, Jean, and hope it will be many, many more anniversaries you will celebrate with us...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. T. L. WOLGEMUTH on the birth of a son; also to Mr. and Mrs. R. HAMPTON on the birth of a daughter, LARHONDA MICHELLE, weighing in at 7 pounds 8 ounces. I still say

CELEBRATING THEIR 50th wedding anniversary on April 29 were FRANK and FLORENCE PORCARO. Frank worked as an upholsterer at West Shops before his retirement October 1, 1962. Their son, TONY PORCARO, is superintendent of rapid transit maintenance terminals.



babies are beautiful...Mr. and Mrs. E. P. WADE celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary. Congratulations to you both, and may you have many, many more happy anniversaries ahead...I wish to apologize to Mr. JAMES SINCLAIR. In our last issue I listed him as being a steamfitter foreman. Mr. Sinclair is a retired mason foreman. Sorry about that, Jim...Seems like a lot of us have been and some are going on vacations--but no matter--we all seemed to have enjoyed ourselves. Your scribe enjoyed one in Florida; lovely weather, lots of fish, and even a trip to Disney World. J. W. LEMOND, J. J. MARSALEK, W. HANSEN, V. HASKINS, W. MESSER, W. C. HALLFORD, LEE ANDERSON, J. P. UTTZ, E. P. WADE, J. FLORES, P. ANDERSON and A. W. MALMQUIST all were on vacation. Hope you all had a smashing good time and all are rested and ready to start all over again.

- Kathy Labahn & Jennie Scott

FOREST GLEN -

The stork presented Supervisor GEORGE HAND and his wife with their first child, a son born March 31 weighing 8 pounds 4 ounces named DANIEL CHARLES. Many more to follow according to Papa George...Operator BEN GARDNER and his wife, SHELLEY, greeted 9 pound 6 ounce son on March 30. Baby makes three and all is well...Repairman JIM HALLEN passed away suddenly. Our hearts go out to his beloved family...Our old friend, Box Puller HESTER BACHARA, transferred to North Park Station. Our smile will be missed by all of us. Good luck and the best to you...JIM and DOLORES STEED welcomed little AMES on January 13. He is the grandson of Operator JOSEPH and HELEN GRZELAK. Mrs. Grzelak was a former ticket agent...Big AL ALSTERLUND is now retired from Milwaukee avenue. He and the Mrs. have been visiting Florida for most of the winter. At least MARTHA is feeling better having Al home with her. Good luck on your retirement--and see us soon...Recently Operator JACK MURPHY and his lovely wife, ANNE, visited Hawaii. Understand Anne saved her money for a long time to take Jack on this trip...Operator LES DANDERS and his wife returned Europe. He says the wine was out of this world. They also dipped into the Mediterranean Sea...Operator TOM ROAN is back on the job after being off due to a heart condition (which turned out to be love). Anyway, Tom, welcome back...Operator ED MERK invites us all to his church to hear him sing in the choir...Operator PLACKO also believes in a winter vacation. He enjoyed some sunshine in Florida. Of course he got a nice tan...Our white-haired clerk, SAM GIRARD, will not use "Color Back"...The "Gray Ghost", REINHART, recently came out of the hospital and plans to retire June 1. We will miss you...Our outstanding clerk, RAGE, spent some time on the West Coast, but the Mrs. weren't up to par...Clerk MILLER's wife still puts her notes in his lunch...Loader JOHN MAHNKE was in the hospital for a short rest. He's now back on the job and feeling fine...To Operator WEBSTER who went back to Archer Avenue, we will miss your pool games. Sorry you left us but do visit once in awhile...Welcome to all the men who came over to Forest Glen on the system pick, and good luck to the ones who left us...ANDY KOSINSKI lost his brother, STANLEY. All our hearts go out to you, Andy, and your dear ones...CHARLES LATHAM's daughter, SHERRY, gave birth December 9 to a 10 pound 7 ounce baby boy named SHAWN CHARLES. Could Charlie be a young grandfather?..If you will take time, please notice our young re-

lief superintendent, Mr. BARHAM. This fine gentleman is doing a very fine job. The best to you, Mr. Barham...Our retired clerk, LOU TIGNAC, had open-heart surgery and from last report is doing quite well...Use your credit union for saving; it's always there when needed.

- W. A. Henry Don't call me Mr. Henry

GENERAL OFFICE (Medical) -

Congratulations are in order for MARY LEDWITH, our Irish nurse who received her yellow belt in karate. Keep up the good work, Mary...Well it seems like spring is here. Dr. ARNOLD PECK flew down to New Orleans to spend a few days for the Easter season...Dr. MOSNY and his wife and grandson took a two-week vacation motoring through New Orleans, Biloxi and Gulfport. A good time was had by all and the weather was wonderful.

(Insurance) -

The welcome mat was extended once again to DONALD P. LEMM who was appointed assistant superintendent of insurance and pensions. Don worked as assistant station superintendent on the West Section and previously was in the Insurance Department. . . Congratulations to JOHN BOYCE who was appointed director of industrial safety and fire prevention...Welcomed to the department was MARY ANN PRATT, clerk-typist, who was assigned to work in the Industrial Safety and Fire Prevention Section...Wishes for a speedy recovery were sent to KATHY KOHLMAN who recently underwent gall bladder surgery...We see FRANCES CALPIN motoring to work every day in her new 1973 Mustang. Looks like she gave up riding the CTA, but she will be back when gasoline rates go up. Never say "die"...JOAN STAIR left the services of the CTA to take up full-time household duties.

(Personnel) -

JOANNE FERLITO, receptionist at Limits Station, spent a four-day holiday at Las Vegas with her girlfriends, and we understand came back broke...A speedy recovery is being sent to DONNA SCHWAMB, clerk-typist, after her surgery at Resurrection hospital...On January 3, ARTHUR J. HUBACZ, national zone III commander, Polish Legion of American Veterans, represented National Commander Richard Gralinski at a plaque presentation on the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. With him were his wife, BERNICE, daughter-in-law, KAREN, and his son, ARTHUR G. HUBACZ, E/T 3rd Class, who is presently stationed at the naval communication station in Hawaii.

(Office Services) -

MELVIN SCHEINER and his wife were very proud parents when their son, EDWARD SCHEINER, was promoted to Lieutenant JG in the U.S. Navy. Their son received the Thomas Jefferson award for editing a cruise book while aboard the U.S.S. Coral Sea on a ten-day cruise in Vietnam. His son is presently stationed in Hawaii. Congratulations to the proud parents and their son...Well, it looks like our boy, LENNY SKRINE, got a raise, as he is now sporting a 1973 Oldsmobile...LARRY SHIELDS, mail clerk, spent six beautiful weeks down in sunny Florida. Have you noticed he has been wearing a bright sunburst colored tie with a royal blue shirt to show the folks the beautiful tan he inherited?..Sympathy is extended to SIDNEY JACOBSON, mail clerk, in the passing of his mother...JOHN PHILLIPS of the mail room recently became a proud uncle when his niece, SHAR-



PASTORIA AGUIRRE III
P. Aguirre Jr.
Lawdale



TERRIE ANDREWS
S. Andrews
Forest Glen



TOM ANDREWS
S. Andrews
Forest Glen



FRANK BAILEY Jr.
F. J. Bailey
77th Street



STEWART BAILEY
F. J. Bailey
77th Street



SYLVIA BENNETT
C. J. Bennett
Storeroom 30



JANICE CHRISTENSEN
G. Christensen
Electrical



DENISE DESVIGNES
R. Desvignes
South Section



MAUREEN DORGAN
R. Dorgan
Electrical



JERI ANN FALLEST
P. Fallest
South Shops



BENNY FLENAUGH Jr.
B. M. Flenaugh
North Avenue



JEANETTE FORTUNA
E. Fortuna
Beverly Garage



MICHAEL FOSTER
S. Foster
Limits Garage



SANDRA GRAZIOPLENE
S. Grazioplene
North Avenue

June graduates in CTA families



THOMAS HOGAN
T. Hogan
Operations Control



GREGORY HOUSE
J. House
Skokie Shop



DEBORAH KUJAWA
N. Kujawa
South Shops



JANET LAUBINGER
J. Laubinger
South Shop



PATRICK McNAMARA
J. McNamara
South Shops



ROBERT MOHR
W. Weber
South Shops



WILLIAM MOORE Jr.
W. Moore Sr.
District B



STEVEN MORROW
R. Morrow
77th Street



DONNA MURRAY
J. Murray
South Shops



PATRICK NALLY
P. Nally
South Shops



PETER NEGRO
J. Negro
South Shop



DEBBA ANN RITROVATO
F. Ritrovato
Archer Garage



ANNE MARIE ROCHE
J. Roche
Utility & Emergency Service



CASIMUIR SIMMONS
W. Simmons
North Avenue



TIM SIMMONS
F. Simmons
South Shops



MARY PAT SMITH
M. Smith
Engineering



NANCY K. SOELERT
Dr. G. Siler
Medical



MARGARET STAUNT
W. Staunt
Electrical



J. CHRISTENSEN
Christensen
Electrical



JOYCE COLEMAN
J. Coleman
Payroll



EUGENE CORKER
E. Corker
South Shops



KATHLEEN CURRY
T. Curry
South Shops



MARLEEN CURRY
T. Curry
South Shops



DALE DAUGHERTY
R. Daugherty
Specifications



VICTOR DAVIS
L. Davis
77th Street



H. HEALY
H. Healy
Jokie Shop



BONNIE HEFFERNAN
R. Heffernan
Treasury



JANET HELFERT
H. Helfert
South Shops



CHARLENE HENDRICKSON
M. Hendrickson
Skokie Shop



CARRIE ANN HIGENS
J. Higns
Security



JANICE MARIE HOBSON
E. Hobson
North Avenue



JOHN HOGAN
T. Hogan
Operations Control



L. HOWE
L. Howe
Jokie Shop



LUKE HOWE Jr.
L. Howe
Electrical



MAUREEN HOWE
L. Howe
Electrical



THOMAS HOWE
L. Howe
Electrical



MARSHALL IACONO
G. Iacono
Engineering



HOLLY KING
F. King
Electrical



BETTY LOU KRUMPREY
E. Krumprey
South Shops



M. LAUGHLIN
Laughlin
4th Section



MICHAEL LAVELLE Jr.
M. LaVelle
Howard Street



LYNNE LAZZARA
J. Lazzara
General Accounting



KAREN MAIDEN
D. Maiden
South Shops



MADELEINE MAJKSZAK
E. Majkszak
Skokie Shop



VANESSA MANN
W. Mann
South Section



MICHAEL MAY
R. May
South Shops



M. NICOSIA Jr.
M. Nicosia
Terminal Shop



KATHY NOLAN
P. Nolan
South Section



LEON POE
L. Poe
South Shops



TIM POST
C. Post
South Shops



BONNIE LEE PSZCZOLA
S. Pszczola
South Shops



PHYLLIS RAPPOLD
W. Rappold
Electrical



DENNIS REDMOND
J. Redmond
Skokie Shop



G. STRONG
Strong
4th Section



BENJAMIN THOMAS III
W. Odams
West Section



JOSEPH VODVARKA
J. Vodvarka
Transportation



CHERYL WEATHERS
G. Weathers
Beverly



THERESA WIECZOREK
I. Wiczorek
West Section



VERANDA WILLIS
E. Willis
77th Street



VADA WOODS
G. Woods
Lawndale

ON RICH, took her marriage vows on January 13 at St. Petronille Catholic church in Glen Ellyn.

(Reproduction Services) -

MARY NASTI, dictaphone typist, and her husband flew to Italy to spend a few weeks meeting and getting acquainted with her new in-laws. Hope everything was alright.

(Public Information) -

INGRID JANKOWSKI traveled with her husband, PAUL, on his smelt fishing jaunts to the lakefront and caught their fair share of the little fish...It was a happy Friday the 13th when PATRICIA (Mrs. JIM) BERGEN, a former employee, gave birth to a bouncing baby boy, JAMES RICHARD, weighing 8 pounds.

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neuwauter

KEDZIE -

The Illinois Credit Union League held its 43rd convention in Chicago at the Conrad Hilton hotel. TED HEFFERNAN, president of the Illinois League for the past two years, was presented a wristwatch as a token of appreciation. Ted is the treasurer and manager of the Kedzie credit union...FRANK SKRZINSKI now lives in Carol Stream, Illinois, just one of those happy suburbanites...It was like a reunion in the repair department when LESTER SIMPSON, JOHNNY NORTON and JOE PORCELIUS stopped in to say hello to all at Kedzie. It was sure good to see all of you...Operator ROBERT LEGG, formerly of Kedzie and now at North Avenue, wants to know why Box Puller TOM MURPHY bought a new hat since he says he is going on pension...Operator PETE MAISO's wife, WANDA, is in the hospital. I hope you're home by the time this issue comes out...Operator J. RICHARDSON's wife is home from the hospital after a series of tests. Also home from the hospital is Operator ED BARRY's wife, MARGE. Janitor RAY JABLECKI is back to work after an operation. He looks good and is doing fine. Janitor ED BREAST is home from the hospital resting. I wish all on the sick list and in the hospital a speedy recovery...Mrs. ALICE KATHRYN HENDERSON, the sister of Operator B. COLLIER, was laid to rest on March 10 in Bowling Green, Kentucky; Pensioner WILLIAM WEBER passed away on March 21, and JEAN LOMBARDO, the wife of TONY LOMBARDO of the Archer Repair Department and a close friend of your reporter, was laid to rest on April 3. Our deepest sympathy is extended to their families...Don't forget Division 241's golf tournament on July 6 at St. Andrew's golf course. WILLIAM (Bill) LARSEN is chairman...Don't forget your credit union, save a little each payday.

- Raymond Graham

KEELER -

Surprise! Yes 'tis your ole scribe again. I've been given the opportunity to indulge in a few last nostalgic moments. The feeling I have, penning this last Keeler column, is reminiscent of my high school graduation emotions. The old gang is separating, each to go his different way, some of us never to meet again. But we did have fun and unforgettable days together!...There will never be another fountain of knowledge on all subjects like ALLEN JACKSON, nor a family that could provide news for an entire month like the WHITEY SZYMELLS...Then there was

"Mr. Smooth Operator". WILLIE MCGANN, the hipster, "Ole Satch", and downstairs we'll never forget LOU and his American Legion affairs...Who can remember seeing a frown on the face of L. BANKS, or a smile on BABER'S? We really can't forget the hardest working street supervisor, AL OCHWAT, who still owes me some time! Where else will we find another scoutmaster, part-time policeman, and an all-around good guy like JARECKI?...No station can boast a succession of such real good bosses like Mr. LOUGHRAN, Mr. CHRISTIAN, Mr. BITEL and Mr. KEAG! When the going got tough, we could always depend on a much-needed charter from Chief Clerk ELMER RIEDEL...SY GOLDMAN and ZIELKE were the best Christmas tree decorators--especially Sy with his Kosher touch!...I'll never forget J. J. JOHNSON, the quiet one, FREDDIE HOLDEN, a true bible scholar, and DON SEGAR or his brother, ANDY...There are so many names I wish space would permit me to remember here, but all you "Keelers" rest assured I haven't forgotten a single one of you...And now, if I can insert the regular news: Foreman CHARLEY CLINE was fortunate to finish out his last days here, retiring April 1...Material Handler TONY BLAZEVOICH opened the birthday package with his wife, CINDY, curtsying prettily April 15. TONY Jr. bowed handsomely June 9, and dad stumbled up the rear June 10...Clerk DUANE KUCHENNY actually remembered his wife, MARIANNE's, birthday was March 9...NAOMIE ELLIS really tries to please our serviceman, WILLIE, because she presented him with little LEMANS ELLIS March 19. He's just the sweetest little tax exemption...Earlier I mentioned good scoop, WHITEY. Well, here goes again! The missus, HELEN SZYMELL and daughter-in-law, BARBARA, are both on the recuperating list. Son-in-law, RALPH ANTON, one of Chicago's finest, birthdated March 8 and grandson, RALPHIE ANTON, celebrated his 12th on March 26. Last but by no means least, Whitey celebrated 30 years with the CTA April 21, 22 of which were spent at Keeler...Would you believe that your old scribe and his VIRGIL saw 35 years of togetherness April 27? And they said it wouldn't last!...Did you know that ANDY SEGAR never worked another station till now? Fox is no longer number one!...After arriving at Kedzie and seeing so many of my past students, boy do I feel old! Say, fellows, do you think we can have a class reunion in about ten years?...This column

GOOD THINGS happened (as you can see by the containers in their hands) when CTA pensioners gathered to talk over the good old days at the home of BOB CHRISTIAN in Sun City, Arizona. Pictured left to right are: RAY REIGHARD, GEORGE MAY, Bob, JOHN JACOB and EARL PETERSON. Kneeling is RALPH VEN.



was co-written by my helpmate, VIRGIL, who said, "Actually, I really only tried to correct some of his mistakes this time, as I have been doing for 35 years! I really enjoyed meeting all of the grand guys of Keeler and hoped until the last minute that the station would never close. I'll just have to return to reading JIM MARSHALL's column. His was second to my husband's, I thought. Anyway, the best of luck to all the guys and a word of advice--A very wise man once said, 'If your wife really wants to learn to drive, please don't stand in her way'."

- Ernest C. Carter

LAWNDALE -

Hello there again fellows. As I am writing this the warmer weather is beginning to pamper us a little more each day. March was a very good month at Lawndale. We managed to break our pars again, and the Lawndale Credit Union showed its appreciation by treating us to coffee and rolls on April 5. We thank the credit union for its kind gesture. The Instruction Department at Lawndale also thanks each and every individual who took part in striving for that goal. Let's keep up the good work, men...We recently received a postcard from Pensioner CLIFFORD LUNDIN and his wife who are now residing in Phoenix, Arizona. Always nice to hear from you Cliff, you'll be hearing from us very soon...Our heartiest best wishes go out to Pensioner ALBERT CALABRESE who retired on April 1. Drop by and see us sometime, Al...On March 31 the Lawndale Credit Union held its annual meeting at the Lorraine Ballroom, 2801 South Hamlin. There were so many present that I'm unable to mention everyone, but we saw many of our active as well as retired personnel. Everyone enjoyed himself because it provided us with time to reminisce, and that can really be an experience in itself. On that same afternoon I met a friend of mine whom I've had the pleasure of working with for the past four years, former reporter of Keeler Station, ERNEST C. CARTER. We'll all remember those gassing Keeler articles that we've been chuckling over through the years. Well, the Duke is now at Kedzie Station where they already have a reporter, but had he known that Archer Depot needed a reporter, he might have gone there on the system pick. So wherever you are, good luck...Our deepest sympathy is extended to Superintendent JACK MORRIS in the recent passing of his wife, DOROTHY. Condolences are also extended to Operator CLARENCE SPEIGHTS in the passing of his grandmother...Personnel still off sick as of this writing are: MARTY KARIOLICH, CASIMIR WISNIEWSKI, CHARLIE SANDRICK and CHARLIE WAIR...We welcome back LOU KAZDA and VINCE PATELLARE. It's good to see Pensioner GEORGE MILLER up and around again...Pensioner JESSE CINKUS is still under the weather...Mrs. ROSE WISS, the wife of Pensioner ED WISS, recently won \$100 from National Foods' Fun at the Races. Congratulations!...We extend our sincerest condolences to the family of Operator WILLIE TRASK who met with a fatal accident in April 15...We recently saw MICHAEL SHELTON, the son of Repairman MELFORD SHELTON, displaying his artwork in Chicago's Channel 26...We welcome at this writing all of the personnel who have transferred to Lawndale from other stations during the recent system pick. We hope that you'll enjoy your stay here. There are also quite a lot of new faces in the repair department, and we welcome you too...For those of you who are celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, or any other special occasions--we wish you

CELEBRATING THEIR golden wedding anniversary on May 6 were **JOSEPH and HELEN KAREL**. A former motorman out of Lawndale Depot, Joe retired in April 1962 after more than 38 years of service. Their son, JOE, is a statistician in the Schedule-Traffic Department.



- James Marshall

the very best...Drop your news articles in the News Box near the clerk's window, for everyone's participation is appreciated...We'll see you next time around.

LIMITS -

Hello guys. It looks like we're going to have a long, hot summer this year, but coming from reliable sources it will be kind of cool on the new buses we're getting this year... Well, on to the news...First of all I would like to personally congratulate Operator JOHN CRADICK on his honesty and the reward he got for being that way. All the newspapers wrote about him so there isn't much more I can say other than I'm glad he works out of my station. Hey, John, don't spend it all in one place...Our sincere condolences to Operator BAHL in the loss of his mother...Congratulations to our very fine board member, R. GOLDMAN, on the birth of his grandchild, TRACY; also to Repairman FRANK GUARDERAS on the birth of little CHRISTINE...Happy retirement to Operator RETVEN...Well, they finally closed Keeler, and they did it by having a closing-out party. The funds for the party were collected by raffling off a TV set to the men at the station...Once again we welcome a very fine superintendent, Mr. KEAG...The Limits Credit Union board members had their annual dinner at the Club Martinique. Honored guests were: Mr. and Mrs. L. KEAG; Mr. and Mrs. L. MULLER, and Mr. and Mrs. RAGE. A good time was had by all...Hey guys--we have another forget-me-not in our midst. This flower of wit played a joke on himself--he came down on his company anniversary, March 7, at--get this--4:30 A.M. What a time to find out you don't have to work, huh, DAVID BUTLER?...A speedy recovery is sent to Operator MARR who is hospitalized at this writing...Sorry to hear the bad news about Operators LeDREE and SEREDA. They both were victims of acts of vandalism. Both are doing fine now, but let's all take notice and watch ourselves on the street...If there is any news of fishing trips or vacations of interest, please let me know. I'll be glad to put it in the Transit News.

- Charles Turner

LOOP -

Since we didn't make the last issue, our greetings and condolences are belated but nevertheless sincere...Birthdays

NEW PENSIONERS

JOINING THE ranks of the retired during May and June were the three employees pictured here who had 40 or more years of transit service each with CTA and its predecessor companies.



L. L. KAJPUST
46 Years



J. A. BURNS
45 Years



G. E. CARLSON
44 Years

MICHAEL T. AMBICKI, Box Puller,
77th Street, Emp. 7-17-37

JOHN T. BERQUIST, Motorman,
North Section, Emp. 10-22-56

THOMAS J. BUCKLEY, Janitor,
77th Street, Emp. 8-17-37

FRANK J. BUGLIO, Bus Serviceman,
North Park, Emp. 10-1-47

JOHN A. BURNS, Representative,
Community Relations, Emp. 6-17-27

GEORGE E. CARLSON, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 3-27-29

VICTOR G. CELEBRON, Shopman I,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 2-22-42

WILLIAM COOK, Conductor,
North Section, Emp. 1-20-42

DANIEL E. COUGHLIN, Supervisor,
District B, Emp. 12-10-40

JOHN S. DANEK, Conductor,
South Section, Emp. 9-6-45

ALBERTA M. DAVIS, Ticket Agent,
South Section, Emp. 5-21-69

VINCENT DENTAMARO, Car Serviceman,
Forest Park, Emp. 10-19-56

JOHN A. DePAULA, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 9-5-46

ANTHONY J. DeVAUX, Mechanic,
South Shops, Emp. 5-8-47

GEORGE E. EVANS, Superintendent,
Beverly, Emp. 8-14-41

SAM S. FIORITO, Carpenter A,
South Shops, Emp. 5-10-45

LEO J. FORD, Conductor,
West Section, Emp. 7-25-45

SAM GIANPICCOLO, Janitor,
North Park, Emp. 4-24-43

TIMOTHY GUIHEEN, Laborer,
Building, Emp. 4-3-28

MATTHEW V. HEAVEY, Bus Repairer,
North Park, Emp. 3-28-41

ASTRID V. HEDBERG, Assistant Secretary,
Transit Board, Emp. 12-15-36

DAVID T. HENNINGSSEN, Transit Technician V,
Engineering, Emp. 4-5-45

BERTRAND E. JOHNSON, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 12-2-46

HALVARD O. JOHNSON, Painter Helper,
South Shops, Emp. 1-27-42

RAYMOND W. JOHNSTON, Car Serviceman,
Wilson, Emp. 12-29-49

LEON J. KAJPUST, Electrical Worker,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 7-21-26

FRANK T. KARL, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 4-14-43

JACK LAPIDUS, Supervisor,
District D, Emp. 1-12-42

DANIEL J. LEMERY, Bus Repairer,
69th Street, Emp. 9-5-47

JOHN LOCASIU, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 5-26-34

MALCOLM C. LYONS, Supervisor,
Central District, Emp. 1-13-36

DAVID E. McGOWAN, Box Puller,
69th Street, Emp. 5-24-41

THOMAS F. McGRATH, Supervisor,
Accounting, Emp. 12-1-41

JOHN A. MOHAWK, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 8-12-41

JOHN F. NOLAN, Janitor,
Limits, Emp. 11-12-41

FRANK J. PELZMANN, Foreman,
Campaign Area, Emp. 9-7-25

CHARLES W. PETERSEN, Steamfitter,
Engineering, Emp. 8-22-46

LEONARD S. REINHART, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 12-2-42

CHARLES M. SHEEHY, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 8-11-41

BRUNO J. SHIMASHUS, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 4-30-42

ANTOINETTE R. SMAGON, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 1-21-56

JOHN S. SPOO, Supervisor,
District B, Emp. 9-29-36

MICHAEL SULLIVAN, Bus Serviceman,
North Avenue, Emp. 7-17-47

CLARENCE L. TAYLOR, Janitor,
Kedzie, Emp. 8-16-51

JOHN E. THOMPSON, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 6-30-37

HAROLD W. VonLAVERN, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 9-8-36

LOUIS WEINCORND, Conductor,
North Section, Emp. 4-24-46

HAROLD C. WILLIAMSON, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 9-1-37

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

HENRY BARBEE, Trackman I,
Engineering, Emp. 8-25-48

JOSEPH BEDNARIK, Electrical Worker,
Building, Emp. 9-21-36

JOSEPH CARROLL, Painter A,
South Shops, Emp. 5-12-47

OARY ELLIOTT, Bus & Truck Mechanic,
South Shops, Emp. 11-20-50

WILLIAM R. MOONEY, Conductor,
North Section, Emp. 1-27-49

GEORGE PAPPAS, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 1-3-44

ALFRED M. SCHROEDER, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 1-9-46

TILMAN SHAW, Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 9-24-53

MICHAEL L. WHITE, Lineman Helper,
Electrical, Emp. 8-27-45

wishes to Foot Collector ARTHUR SCOTT, and Agents JOYCE BROWN and DORTHE THOMPSON...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM PFEIFFER on their second wedding anniversary, May 8...Your co-reporter, M. WIXTED, enjoyed her ninth company anniversary on April 11 by having dinner and attending a play with her four daughters...MONICA LAMPKE celebrated her tenth company anniversary on April 20. Since it fell on Good Friday, she started the day at church. Monica also had a pleasant March vacation in Florida with her sister and family. She is now marking off the calendar in anticipation of a return trip next year...Our sympathy is extended to SAM STIPATI and his family in the loss of TONI STIPATI, South Section agent, who passed away February 23. Also to the families of Clerk E. ADAMS, Pensioner P. NAUGHTON, Janitor J. BARRETT and Chief Clerk JOHN CAROLAN in the loss of his wife, IRENE. May they rest in peace...Get well wishes to W. STRASSER who is on the sick list at this writing. Please hurry and get well and stay healthy...We hear that Foot Collector VERN NORSTROM is recuperating nicely from recent surgery. It should be interesting to have Vern tell us all about the operation so we can compare notes. Hurry back...Everyone had a marvelous time at the retirement party held for ADAM WAAS and his wife, FLORENCE. The party was given by his daughter, DIANE, at DiLeos Banquet hall. Adam and Florence have asked us to thank everyone for their gifts and attendance...We understand ELEANOR HASBROUCK hated to end her vacation in the Virgin Islands this year...BETTY RUSSO is now enjoying a restful vacation at home...DOROTHY ADLER resigned from CTA on March 16. Several of us enjoyed a pleasant evening with her at the Metropolitan "L" Credit Union dinner at Nielsen's restaurant on March 17. Dorothy is now living in Clearwater, Florida. We had a card from her and she asks to be remembered to all her friends. Dorothy's mother is recovering from a stroke and responding well to therapy. We hope she will soon be well enough to join Dorothy in Clearwater...BOBBY DUBOSE is happily settled in her new apartment, but says no more moving for her. Bobby and her husband have been working so hard painting and furnishing the new home, but the end result was well worth the effort...HATTIE ROHR was a vision of loveliness in her new blue gown at the wedding of her son, WAYNE, to SHEILA DERET, at St. John Birchman church. A reception was held afterwards at Robert Allen Regency Inn where 200 guests attended...Good luck to BETTY SEGERSON who retired on April 1. All your friends will really miss you...Congratulations to Janitor DOMINICK CASALINO who just completed 25 years of service with CTA...ROSEMARY ROBERSON has a special glow these days. The reason? Her son is in town visiting her from California...MORA HAASE is as happy as a lark these days. Her 1969 Chevy is back in running order and she is having a ball driving. If you are in the area of Circle and Lake, please drive defensively, that's where Mora parks. Just kidding, Mora...In closing: one and all, send us some news. We need your help to put forth a newsworthy column. We are counting on your cooperation. In the meantime, keep smiling.

- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wixted

MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

Hope everyone is satisfied with their new stations. It's hard to please all of the people, but we try. Your co-reporter, GRACE MOUNTS, will be working midnights, and KATY will still be in the assignment office. Let's hear

about those vacations...HUGH HEGARTY was in the hospital in March for surgery. He is now back at work and doing fine. Hugh would like to thank everyone for all the cards, calls and visits he received...FRED FRIEB was with CTA for 27 years on March 11; BETTY RUSSO follows with 26 years on March 13, and DOROTHY FORD celebrated her 19th year with CTA. Congratulations to all of you...MARY WIXTED was off for two weeks with walking pneumonia but is back to work now and feeling better...SONNY and EILEEN CARMODY are the proud owners of a new Chevrolet Caprice. They're riding around in real class now...DOROTHY ADLER has resigned and moved to Florida where she is now employed by the phone company. We all wish her the best of luck in her new venture...SHEILA MURPHY vacationed in Florida for a week and came back rested and ready for work...BETTY RUSSO spent her two week's vacation at home. I wish I had taken my vacation at this time of year, but when you have five weeks coming it's easy to carry two over into the next year. I had two weeks last year but will get three weeks this year, and would you believe--nothing planned...Superintendent JOHN FLYNN has returned from a three-week vacation in California. He had a great time just taking it easy and was eager to get back into the swing(?)...Superintendent JIM ROBERTS just returned from a two-week vacation in Hawaii with a beautiful tan...Superintendent BOB ROESING spent a week in Hot Springs, Arkansas...Our superintendents are being moved around again. TOM BOYLE has been assigned to the Mart as management training coordinator; JIM WALSH came to us from the South Section as superintendent at Forest Park; DON LEMM was appointed assistant superintendent of Insurance and Pension Department; ED MITCHELL was transferred South as assistant station superintendent; KEN BROWN was appointed relief superintendent of the West Section, and BOB JANZ replaced Ken as senior station instructor. Congratulations to all of you and good luck in your new positions...BETTY SEGERSON took her pension April 1. We all wish her a long and happy retirement...HAYWOOD OWENS has been on the sick book for awhile. We all wish him good health and hope he returns soon...Former assignment agent JEAN WASHBURN has been sick for some time. We hope to see her back on her feet and feeling fine soon...Congratulations to former assignment agents KAREN DOMINO and LUDARISH BUTLER who are now regular clerks. BARB COLWELL was appointed to take Karen's place, and CYNTHIA FLORENCE was appointed to replace Luddie...We extend a big welcome to the newly qualified assignment agents: BARB REEVES, DOREEN SORENSON, DELLA RICHARDS, SIDNEY TURNER and H. ISACK...Agent IRWIN WIECZOREK has a lot to be

THE REVEREND CLEMENS HAMMERSCHMITT was ordained on May 12 at the Cathedral of St. Mary in Miami, Florida, and said his first mass on May 20 at St. Benedict's church in Chicago. He is the son of Pensioner CLEMENS HAMMERSCHMITT, a former electrical worker at Skokie Shop.



proud of. On May 21 he celebrated his seventh year with CTA, on May 25 it was his 33rd wedding anniversary, and on May 27 his daughter, THERESA, was graduated with honors from St. Stanislaw Kostka High school and wore the gold ribbon of honor at the ceremonies. Irwin was very proud of her...Janitor CARDINE SMITH performed an act of heroism on February 25 when he caught a purse snatcher at Kedzie-Congress and held him until the police arrived. Congratulations, Cardine...JUNE BAREKMAN, the vamp of Van Buren, gave her partner, JOHN DALY, a card and a box of candy for Valentine's day. This will be interesting to watch--what happens when a Swede meets an Irishman...Well, the Transit News Staff has done it again--they goofed. ADAM WAAS' retirement party was strictly a "family affair", whereas we inadvertently stated that your co-reporter, GRACE MOUNTS, took part in planning the party. Sorry Grace, we hope this has exonerated you!

- Grace Mounts & Katy Moriarty

NORTH AVENUE -

Congratulations to our Couresty Caravan Club members: J. BRAZILE, W. JOHNSON, C. SMART, H. FIELDS, J. GREEN, J. DUBIN, L. PUGH, C. MADDOX, J. WHITSELL, E. NEAL, R. HARRIS, and E. AGUAYO. Let's all get busy with a good deed each day and put North Avenue Depot at the top of the list...The North Avenue basketball team took first place this year and the members hope to keep us on top in the future. They are Coach WADE SIMMONS, Captain TOM COLLINS, ALLEN GORDEN, BILLY STANBACK, BOBBY BARNES, CARLOS MADDOX, KENNETH BLUE, WILLIE BAKER, and LOUIS GARNER. Great work, boys!...Pensioner RUDIE KANNEWURF writes that he is enjoying life in Colorado Springs, Colorado. When he retired, he and his wife enjoyed a trip to Hawaii and would like to visit there again someday. They lived in Roswell, New Mexico, for awhile but it was too dry and hot for them. Pensioner GEORGE HAAK finds life great in the Florida Keys, but he neglected to send us his address. From Mountain Home, Arkansas, Pensioner LARS PEARSON and his better half, ANNA, write that they vacationed in Florida. A fishing trip on the Gulf of Mexico yielded no fish because of the strong winds. They had a visit from Pensioner W. HALLFORD and his wife, and they all spent some time with Pensioner GEORGE ROHRHUBER and his Mrs. Neither George nor his wife were very well for awhile but we hope both are back in the pink by now. In Florida Lars and Anna stayed with Pensioner PAUL DAVIS and his spouse and they had a nice visit with Pensioners R. O'BRIEN and ELMER TETCHOW. Pensioner FLORIAN DWIEL and his Mrs., EVA, are in Florida deciding whether they want to make their permanent home there or live back here. . . Repairman HENRY JARECKI joined the ranks of pensioners April 1. We wish him the best. Keep in touch, Henry...Chief Clerk WILLIAM PINASCO and his wife are terrific on the dance floor. Bill skips some of his fishing trips to attend square dance festivals arranged by groups all over the United States. Maybe now I'll have a chance when Bill isn't catching all the fish from the lakes...Superintendent LES KEAG is now at Limits Depot after being superintendent at Keeler which has now been closed. The red carpet was rolled out to welcome him back...We hope all of you have a safe and happy Fourth of July.

A great big HELLO to everyone! Here we are again, just as we told you we would be, every other month. Fel-

lows, don't forget to pick up your copy of Transit News at the station when it comes out. The only ones who still get it by mail are the pensioners...Speaking of pensioners, I'd be more than happy to hear from any of you, and you can be sure that your names will be mentioned in North Avenue's column...Maybe some of you old-timers can help me out. I'm looking for a picture of "Cook County #1", the old green streetcar that used to haul the inmates from the County hospital out to Dunning and Elgin State. Also, old CSL or West Town transfers...By this time all of you who transferred to North Avenue from other stations should be pretty well settled. We've seen a lot of our old buddies from Keeler and Forest Glen roaming around the driver's room. We wish you all a lot of luck and never mind asking, "When is the next system pick..."On the last clerk's pick I lost a mighty good partner when AL (Elkhorn) ROHDE decided he wanted to see how the other half lived and picked the token job. Come back, Al, all is forgiven. In his place I've got BOB ARENDT (who took up cigar smoking two weeks before he came; what a pity), and BENNIE (Please) MAZALEWSKI for his relief...The last two trolley buses to operate on Chicago streets were chartered by the Omnibus Society to make an eight-hour trip under existing wire on Sunday, April 1. Operators SPAKOWSKI and ZIELINSKI had the honor of piloting about 100 transit buffs throughout the city. In spite of the inclement weather, everyone had a ball. They also proved the statement that "it takes two hands to handle a whopper." Since Ray Zielinski pulled into North Avenue behind Spakowski, he has the honor of having operated Chicago's VERY LAST trolley bus. The end of an era...With the closing of Keeler Station, this magazine lost the column written by Operator E. CARTER. I want to say that you did a great job while it lasted. I only wish you had picked here instead of Kedzie, I could really use you...Another fatality was the column "Keeler Klusters", written by SY GOLDMAN for In Transit. Yours truly had the pleasure of originating that column and the name for the old Union Leader on July 15, 1955. After more than 17 years we sure hate to see it go, it's just like losing an old friend...Our deepest sympathy is extended to Clerk JACK HESTER in the loss of his father, who was a streetcar man from way back. Also to Lawndale Station Superintendent JACK MORRIS in the loss of his wife...By the time you read this, Supervisors CLEMENTE, FAY and I should be quite busy comparing the incisions we have from open heart surgery...After a stay in Jackson Park hospital, Relief Sanitary Engineer BILL OLIVER should again be with his two best friends, Assistant Station Superintendent WARD CHAMBERLAIN and me...Has anybody ever figured out why Relief Superintendent J. McEVILLY is off every St. Patrick's day? That shouldn't be too hard, it happens to be his birthday...To all of you who are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries in the coming months, we extend our most sincere best wishes for many, many more...Last May while Clerks E. WITEK, T. HICKEY, B. ARENDT and myself were all on vacation, who stayed and watched the store during our absence?...The Scandia House is a great place to run into such people as Instructor JOHN CRAIG and Retired Operator BILL LOUBSKY, who really looks great and is certainly enjoying his well-earned retirement...A recent station visitor was Retired Supervisor CONNIE (Smiling) O'SHEA. He really looks like a million...Instructor WEIR is doing a great job here at North Avenue, and Instructor HOEPFNER has been making quite a few surprise visits recently...A few lines to congratulate my own pride and joy, my daughter, Mrs. TOMI GRIESENAUER, who recently passed her Illinois State Board exam. This makes her a

full-fledged R.N. at Swedish Covenant hospital. If you're ever there, look her up on three south. Tell her I sent you. Also best wishes to Tomi and hubby, BILL, in their new four-bedroom, seven-room house. Wow, that's a house! ...Three last-minute communiques will tend to end this column on a rather somber note. Our vacation relief clerk, HANK ZYCH, was involved in a serious automobile accident that landed him in St. Mary's hospital. (Hank, that's NOT Swedish Covenant)...Our most sincere condolences are extended to the family of Retired Instructor ED WEHMEYER who passed away April 14. Also to the family of former North Avenue Operator WILLIE TRASK, who was fatally injured while operating a night bus on Chicago's Far South Side...See you all purty soon.

- William Medema & Walter Bliz

NORTH SECTION -

We welcome back Agents M. GRAFFELO and C. STEVENSON who have been on maternity leave... We wish a speedy recovery to Agent ED PORTER who underwent eye surgery on both eyes. Agent SHIRLEY KNIGHT is home after having been in the hospital for surgery, as is Agent MINNA KING, who was in the hospital with pneumonia. We send our well wishes to Agent LOLA DUCREE, who has been off work because of surgery. May you all have a speedy recovery...Agent BETTY FIFE and her husband, ART, flew to Las Vegas for four days. Betty said she was going to try and beat the system. We wonder how she did... Former Agent FEDELMA HENRY sent a brochure of the New Burlington hotel in Dublin, Ireland. Fedelma is employed there as a head cashier in the main dining room at the top of the hotel. The place looks fabulous. She sends her regards to all her CTA friends... Conductor LOUIE WIENCORD retired May 1. Louie has been with CTA for 27 years. Good luck, Louie, and may all your problems be little ones... Congratulations to Motorman C. PISZCZEK and his wife on the birth of a baby girl. They now have one of each, a boy and a girl... North Side Clerk ANTHONY MULLEN went on retirement March 1. May he enjoy a long and happy pensioned life... North Side Motorman C. EBENHOLTZ retired recently. Mr. Ebenholtz finished out his years on the Ravenswood line... Congratulations to Student Agent JEFFERY THOMPSON upon his marriage to IRENE TUCKER. May they both have many years of wedded bliss... Agent DOROTHY HARRIS is one happy person, but these days she's just about popping her buttons. Her son, RONALD, received a \$500 scholarship from the Sunbeam corporation. Ronald also has his own band, "The Nation Survivors"... Agents H. ISACK and D. SORENSON are in training for the assignment office. We wish them both luck... Agent LINDA LINDSEY and Motorman MORRIS SCZCZIN are now in the clerk's pool and are doing a terrific job of it. Good luck to you both... ANNABELLE DREW's daughter, CATHY (a former student agent), and her husband, GERRY, presented Annabelle with her ninth grandchild, JILL MARIE. This is four grandchildren in one year. Annabelle says she now knows what they mean by population explosion... Our sympathy is extended to Agent JANE JOHNSON in the untimely death of her son, THOMAS, who was fatally injured trying to help a holdup victim. Our sympathy also to Janitor J. BROWN in the death of his father who was killed in an automobile accident. May they both find comfort in fond and loving memories... Agent SARA SIMMONS, who sings with the "Caravans", recently performed with the group at the Arie Crown Theatre at

McCormick Place for the 20th anniversary celebration held in honor of Gospel singer Albertina Walker.

- Tina Henke

NORTH PARK -

With the coming of the college students, your help and consideration will be appreciated by the instruction force. The hiring of these young fellows makes summer vacations possible for most of us, so let's give them a hand... Supervisor GEORGE HAND and his wife, MERVA, became parents of a son, DANIEL CHARLES, born March 31 weighing 7 pounds 4 ounces... Operator FRANK VON SCHWEDLER and his wife, BETTY, became grandparents for the first time when their son, FRANK JR., and his wife, DIANA, became parents of a daughter, LISA MARIE, born February 24 at Lutheran General hospital weighing 7 pounds 10 ounces... GARY KEMP, the son of Operator CHARLES and HELEN KEMP, was married on Saturday, February 24, to DEBBIE MEACH at St. John's Lutheran church of Niles, Illinois. The reception was held at the American Legion hall with 100 guests attending. The young couple will be at home in Streamwood, Illinois, where they have purchased a new home... PATRICK KENNY, the son of Operator FRANK KENNY, was awarded his masters degree in education from Loyola university on February 4. Patrick is an English teacher at Cooley High school... KAREN PAOLI, the daughter of Operator GINO PAOLI, was graduated from Kelyn Park High school in June where she ranked fifth out of 392 graduates. Karen, who was president of the National Honor Society, will be attending the National College of Education in Evanston, Illinois, this fall. Gino's son, KENNETH, who is a music major at DePaul university, was cited again for his musical scores in several dramas that were presented around Chicago recently... Clerk STEVE PALLADINO recently resigned from CTA and is now with the Metropolitan Life Insurance company. We at North Park wish Steve much luck and happiness in his new position... Operator GREGORY ANTHONY rolled a 598 "scratch" plus a 75 pin handicap in the recent Beat the Champs tournament... Operator JOHN COSGROVE has been off sick for two months. At this writing he is convalescing and hopes to be back to work soon... Operator ALLEN LICHTER has a new '73 Pontiac Safari station wagon to park alongside his new home in Skokie. He is a very proud person nowadays... Pensioner JOHN KARASEK enjoyed his ninth visit to Palo Alto, California, to visit his son who is teaching at Stanford university... Pensioner LYNN BUTLER and his wife, ANNE, enjoyed a winter vacation in various parts of Florida where they hauled their camper trailer along with them... Operator LEN BAUECHLER enjoyed his annual vacation in Phoenix, Arizona, and Balen, New Mexico, where his daughter, LYNN, and her husband, ROBERT WILLARD, are living. Len reports that the weather in the Southwest was very poor... Operator ULISES RUIZ and SIDNEY HUTNIK were deer hunting in Elizabeth, Illinois, and Ulises bagged a 130-pound 8-point buck. Sidney wasn't so fortunate, but we believe Ulises will give him a few deer steaks... Operator SAM POSNER and his wife, ETHEL, celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary by going on an eight-day tour and cruise. They spent three days sightseeing in Florida and five days aboard the SS Emerald Seas cruising the Bahamas and stopping at Nassau and Freeport... Beginning retired life on March 1 were CONSTANT SCHMITT, 39 years; EDWARD GOTTERT, 36 years; CONSTANTINE DESCH, 30 years, and Sanitary

Engineer SAM GIANPICOLO, 30 years. We at North Park wish these fine gentlemen many years of health and happiness in their retirement...Our sympathy and condolences are extended to Lawndale Station Superintendent JACK MORRIS in the loss of his wife, DOROTHY; Operator MELVIN COLLINS in the loss of his mother, Mrs. COLLINS; Operator WILLIAM KNUDSON in the loss of his mother, Mrs. MABEL KNUDSON; Operator JOHN HALL in the loss of his mother, Mrs. ADA HALL; Operator PAT BROWN in the loss of his mother, Mrs. MARGARET BROWN; Operator JAMES DOLAN in the loss of his mother, Mrs. BRIGET DOLAN; Operator EDWARD JENKINS in the loss of his brother, SAMUEL JENKINS, and to the family of Pensioner FRANK SAUCIER...Repair Department Chit Chat: Foreman PHIL O'CONNOR welcomes the 24 men who picked North Park in the recent seniority pick and states that the door to his office is open at all times...Retiring May 1 were Bus Dispatcher FRANK BUGLIO who did an outstanding job of scheduling buses in the A.M. rush, and Tire Repairman MATT HEAVEY...Enjoying vacations at this time are the following: ART CARLSON, ANDY KARIOLICH, JOHN HENNELLY, GUST HENNELLY, ALEX FRITZLER, LEN TROZANOWSKI, FRANK BUCK, ED PALA, CARL OTTEN, RAY LEONHART, JOE JOHNSON and DONALD SPARKS.

- Melinda Wornag

OPERATIONS (Transportation) -

On April 1, GEORGE T. KELLY, supervisor of telephone operators and information clerks, retired from the CTA with 48 years of service. An open house was held in his honor, attended by many of his friends. We all wish him the best of everything for a wonderful retirement...Congratulations to JOSEPH, the son of JOSEPH and MARYLYN VODVARKA, who was recently installed in the National Honor Society at a banquet held at Conant High school in Hoffman Estates...The Transportation Department four-some in the sport of golf are at it again. The teams of CARL GIBES/FRANK WSOL and RAY PRYOR/TOM STIGLIC began their golf rivalry early this year. Getting a head start on the weather they went to Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, Georgia, where they enjoyed a full week of golfing. The weather was beautiful and the winners in the first competition were Ray and Tom...Your scribe, COLLETTE SZCZEPANEK, flew to Florida for two weeks of

rest, fishing, swimming, etc. I only caught one fish this trip, but it sure was a dandy and quite a thrill. In fact, it's the biggest fish I ever caught. What was it—a 49-pound cobia. I caught it while fishing at Haulover in Miami Beach, Florida, with a gig and balahoo on a 20-pound test line. It really put up a good fight. I had to have help to hold it up and Wayne Conn, captain of the boat, gave me a hand. As usual, I had a real good time...

Our sympathy is extended to WALLY OQUIST and his family in the death of his mother, EMMA, who passed away on April 3, and to the family of retired supervising instructor

at North Avenue, EDWARD WEHMEYER, who passed away on April 15.

(Traffic Planning) -

On April 7, FRANK and ETHEL, the parents of FRANK BARKER, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. A party was held in honor of this wonderful occasion, which was attended by many friends and relatives. We extend our congratulations and best wishes for many more years of happiness together.

(Utility and Emergency Service) -

Florida, that wonderful land of sunshine, draws vacationers like a magnet. ED KENNEDY spent his vacation in Florida, JOE RICCARDO went to Miami and NORBERT GEWELKE stayed at Fort Lauderdale. ED SLAMP vacationed in Las Vegas where he said the gambling was fair, whatever that means, and then went to Salt Lake City, Utah. After he returned he won \$100 in the National Supermarket "Fun at the Races" contest. If you happen to see Ed be sure to ask him for the address of Blue Island Garage...A couple of fellows on pension paid us a visit recently. BILL COLEMAN, who lives in Mount Olive, Illinois, when he is not traveling, stopped in to say hello. He plans to visit Hawaii and Mexico in the near future. BOB GILMORE also dropped in after his return from California where he spent the winter...MARTIN RICCARDO made the dean's list in communications at the University of Illinois in Urbana. Martin is the son of JOSEPH RICCARDO...DAN ST. JOHN has been elected alderman of the third ward in the City of Burbank...Pensioner DAN BOAL passed away April 16. We extend our sympathy to the Boal family...Our sympathy to GENE HILL whose mother-in-law passed away.

- Collette Szczepanek

PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -

A big farewell and best wishes are extended to pensioners ROBERT MANVILLE and GEORGE MIKOTA. Mr. Manville is now living in sunny Florida. Hey, Mr. Mikota, we have new buses on the Kedzie row now...More goodbyes to CECELLA (Trucco) PARENTI, MARY ANN BURNS and JILL MISE. Ce is now working in the Methods and Procedures Department. She was also co-reporter and will be missed by many of her readers. An acknowledgement of applause, Ce, for a fine job. Mary Ann has gone to the legal side of matters, and is now working in the Law Department, and Jill has gone to work in Research and Planning as a stenographer II. Best of luck on your new jobs...To JEAN O'NEILL who is Mr. J. T. HARTY's new secretary, and to PAT REED, our new Specifications stenographer II, a big welcome...After a speedy recovery, we were very happy to see ANN JOBARIS smiling back at us through the window of the Purchasing Department reception area...We also wish a speedy recovery for JANICE SMITH, the daughter of DAVID SMITH, laborer, who is recuperating at Jackson Park hospital. Janice is a former ticket agent...Our department received deep thanks from the Wally Phillips Neediest Children's Christmas Fund for its contribution...Our condolences are extended to the family of JIM WALLACE in the loss of his son...If you didn't believe it at No. 26, you're not going to believe that JOHN SPRINGER, stock clerk I, South Shops, is a granddad for the 27th time. WILLIAM RUDOLPH, 6 pounds 15 ounces, changed the 13 to 13 figure to 14 boys and 13 girls. Congratulations, granddad, again and again and again...And it's a first for



GRANVILLE (Chico) CHEATHAM, stock clerk I, and his wife, MILDRED, ticket agent (Dan Ryan), who became grandparents of a baby girl, CATINA, born February 8. Chico, we suggest if you need any grand-parental advice, give John a call. Congratulations...Storeroom 59 sends a big hello to everybody...DALE DAUGHERTY, the son of ROD DAUGHERTY, specifications engineer, will be a June graduate of Chute Junior High school. Dale and his class just returned from a typically beautiful spring week in Washington, D.C., and reports all is well with the President...Another graduate is SYLVIA DENISE BENNETT, the daughter of CHARLES J. BENNETT, Stores, South Shops. Sylvia is a student of Horace Mann Elementary school. Like her father, her uncles CLEVELAND BENNETT of Storeroom 48 and Operator JOSEPH BENNETT of 52nd Street are very proud of her achievement...Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT MCCARTHY are very pleased with the academic achievement of their daughters, MARY, a junior, and THERESA, a sophomore. Both made the honor roll at York High school. Theresa, congratulations upon making the girl's varsity basketball team. May you have many victories...We sadly report that LITA TOOLIS, the daughter of JIM TOOLIS, buyer, broke her leg during tryouts as a cheerleader for Mt. Carmel High school. We will all be cheering for you Lita...And now if I may introduce to all our readers your new co-reporter, MARYANN JOBARIS. We hope you will continue to enjoy reading our column.

- Maryann Jobaris & John Gill

RAPID TRANSIT MAINTENANCE TERMINALS -

Our condolences to the family of DON SANDUCK, Congress, who passed away on March 7...Congratulations are in order for JOE LaBELLARTE who was promoted to assistant day foreman at 61st; to GEORGE BARNES on his promotion to night foreman, and to R. M. STOWELL who was promoted to terminals instructor L...A hearty welcome to C. VIEIRA, C. RAMIREZ, P. GAZA and G. DIMITSAS from the crew at Forest Park...T. TOGHER and J. TRACY, Forest Park, enjoyed a spring vacation...Anniversary and birthday wishes to HERMAN and JOSEPHINE SWOOPE, Forest Park, who celebrated their second wedding anniversary; to EDDIE SHIELDS, Dan Ryan, who celebrated his birthday at the London House, and to FANNIE PICKETT who was honored at a surprise birthday party given by her husband, FRANK, Dan Ryan...Best wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to LEROY STEWART, Dan Ryan...Dan Ryan personnel welcome V. LINDSEY, H. BIGGS, C. JOHNSON and Y. PATE...The Dan Ryan softball team, under the leadership of G. NICHOLSON, is getting in shape for the coming season. The boys sure look professional in the new uniforms obtained with the help of Q. BONDS. Their first game will be with Skokie Shop.

- Ray Bryczek

SKOKIE SHOPS -

Laborer JOHN BEHOF and his wife, EVIE, had a wonderful vacation in Florida. They were given the royal treatment by Pensioner WESLEY WILSON and his wife, MARIE. They had a great time sightseeing together... WEDDING BELLS--Painter MITCH FACZEK and his wife, MARY JANE, announced the marriage of their son, MITCH, to PAULA GREELEY on April 7. The happy couple was married in the First Congregational church in Des Plaines

with a reception following at Heuer's restaurant...Machine Shop Foreman RALPH KEMPE and his wife, NORMA, spent a few weeks in Saipan and Guam in the Mariana Islands. They visited all the sites of World War II battles, and were entertained by the Trust Territory people who live there. Boy, it's nice to have a son working for the airlines!...Congratulations to Shopman DAVE GUERCA and his wife, JOSEPHINE, on the birth of their first grandson. LAMBERTO FIGUEROA was born March 30 and weighed 6 pounds 6 ounces. The happy parents are Dave's daughter, MARY ALICE, and her husband, LAMBERTO FIGUEROA...Carpenter GEORGE KIMSKE and his wife, FRAN, announced the arrival of a great-grandson, CHRISTOPHER HASKINS, born March 8 weighing 6 pounds 12 ounces...Skokie Shop will have its fourth annual picnic July 21 at the North-western Woods in Des Plaines. Everyone had a great time last year, so we'll look forward to seeing even more of you out there this year! Tickets are \$4.00 per family (free beer, pop, ice cream, cracker jacks and pony rides). The Skokie softball team will play the Mart team again! We'll also have games, races, horseshoe pitching and dancing. The picnic committee has worked hard all year to make the picnic a success, now all you have to do is buy a ticket and come out and enjoy yourself. Remember that date--July 21...Congratulations to Electrical Apprentice DON MOTYKA and his wife, PATRICE, on the birth of a son, BRIAN MICHAEL, February 25 weighing 8 pounds 8 ounces. Operator JOSEPH MOTYKA of Forest Glen is the proud grandfather... Congratulations to Electrical Apprentice EDMUND DELANEY and his wife, CAROLLE ANN, on the birth of a son, EDMUND DELANEY III, April 4 weighing 6 pounds 3 ounces...Proud father Painter PABLO CARIDE reports that his son, PABLO Jr., won a trophy for first place at Spry school and in the district for his science project entitled, "Science Behavioral." His project went on to be displayed for four days at the Museum of Science and Industry during the science exhibition. He also received a letter of congratulations from the board of education. Pablo will be enrolled in the honor class of Harrison High school. Congratulations!

- Catherine Ann Hegarty

SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

JOE SABOL was one of the first to receive a new pass holder from the Suggestion Department during their new promotion...BILL WORCESTER and his wife drove to California, Arizona, Texas and many other points west...Happy birthday to CHARLES KEELER, traffic clerk, who celebrated on March 2...Happy birthday to DOROTHY ETSCHEID, April 1, who celebrated by going on vacation...PHILIP LEAHY became a great-uncle when his niece gave birth to a baby boy...WALLY THOMAS and his wife, FRITZ, entertained their daughter and son-in-law who were here recently from Colorado...JAKE SUMNER, schedule maker, is home recuperating from ear surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery...BERNIE KINCANNON and his wife and son drove to Washington, D.C., and South Carolina.

- Kathryn Batina

SOUTH SECTION -

Now that we only write our column every two months, some of the news may seem old, but many of our people and pensioners haven't heard it and I think it bears reporting...

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Conductor LEONARD SUCECH, of Ashland Terminal, who passed away suddenly on May 2. It was really a great shock to all his co-workers and friends. He was a wonderful person and will really be missed at CTA...Good luck to all our janitors who transferred to other sections on the system pick, and hello to all the janitors who transferred to the South Section. . . Congratulations to Switchman THOMAS ANDERSON who was appointed yard foreman on March 18. . . Everyone was shocked and saddened to hear that Switchman JAMES CALDWELL passed away suddenly on March 3. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the Caldwell family. He was a good worker and a fine person and will be missed by all...We had several changes in our station superintendents on April 1. Assistant Superintendent DON LEMM was transferred to the Insurance Department; Assistant Superintendent RON BAKER went from the P.M. to the A.M. at 95th Street, and West Section Relief Superintendent ED MITCHELL was transferred as P.M. assistant superintendent at 95th Street. Also, temporary changes were made at Ashland and 61st Street: Assistant Superintendent JAMES WALSH, 61st Street, was transferred as superintendent of Forest Park; Assistant Superintendent ROBERT DESVIGNES went from the P.M. at Ashland to the A.M. at 61st Street; Relief Superintendent JOHN TAGLER was transferred as assistant superintendent at Ashland Avenue, and DAVID MARTIN was transferred from the Line Supervisor's Office to relief superintendent. So our fond goodbyes and best wishes to all who transferred to other sections, and congratulations to the new appointees...The trainmen and agents at 95th Street had a nice get-together for DON LEMM. The agents baked a cake for him and he was presented with two nice gifts. Don said it was a wonderful send-off...Ashland Motorman DAVID O'MALLEY, who was on the sick list for a couple of months, went on pension March 1. We take this time to wish Mr. O'Malley a wonderful retired life and a return to good health...The South Side Credit Union held their 36th annual meeting on March 11 at Robert's motel and the crowd that attended had a swell time. They had a nice room and a buffet luncheon. There was an election of officers and my hubby, Clerk ROLAND, who had been president, declined the nomination again as he no longer has the time that the position requires. Motorman CHARLES SPEARS was elected president, Retired Towerman PATRICK HICKEY, vice-president, and Motorman FRED GRONEMEYER, treasurer. Quite a few pensioners turned out, including Retired Motorman and Mrs. MARCUS WALKER, Assignment Agent LULU HAMANN and Division 308 Board Member CHARLES BURNS. Division 308 was represented by President LEONARD BEATTY and Board Member WILFORD SPEARS and his missus...Back to work off the sick list are Motormen PAUL DUCAR and WILLIAM MOUNT, Switchman RAYMOND LaFAIRE, Work Train Conductor THOMAS SCHWARZ, Supervisor JAMES FAHEY and Conductor CLARENCE HARRIS...Received a card from Retired Conductor PHAROAH CAIN who went down to New Orleans for the Mardi Gras and spent some time with Retired Conductor MOSES GILES and his wife. They went fishing, but the fish weren't biting...The Agents' Pension Club spring dinner was held on April 8 at Sharko's East restaurant, and as usual everyone had a great time. The dinner was good and I won first prize for the ladies--a lovely pearl necklace. Enjoyed talking to Retired Agents CECILIA MORAN, MAE DRISCOLL, CATHERINE COLLINS, HAZEL DUNN, HELEN SHANNON, Retired Clerk JOE BRENNAN and his lovely wife, and Retired Conductor JERRY HANAFIN and his wife.

Also attending the festivities were Superintendent of Operating Stations GEORGE RILEY and his wife, Division 308 Vice President CHARLES LOUGHRAN and Secretary-Treasurer HUGH HEGARTY. A big thank you to Retired Assignment Agents LULU HAMANN and ROSE HEIDENBLUT for putting on such a good party...Assistant Station Superintendent JOHN TAGLER was jumping for joy when he told us about his new grandson, MICHAEL JOHN, born February 23 to his son and his wife...Received a letter from Retired Motorman ED and VIOLA HENNESSY from Phoenix, Arizona. They said the winter was cool and wet, which is unusual, but they are doing fine. They saw Retired North Section Conductor FRED BECK who had been in the hospital but is now home, and would love to hear from some of his old co-workers on the North Side. His address is 4140 N. 4th avenue, Phoenix, Arizona...Clerk JIM CAREY and his wife spent their vacation at the Wagon Wheel resort in Rockton and had a super time...Received a note that former CTA Policeman CHARLES BURKE who now lives in Fairmont, California, suffered a terrible tragedy when his only son, CHUCK, a Vietnam war veteran, died in a tragic accident. He was sky diving and his chute failed to open. Our condolences to the Burke family...West Section Superintendent of Agents and Janitors BOB ROESING and his wife, ALICE, went to Lake of the Ozarks and Hot Springs, Arkansas, for a little spring vacation and took the baths while in Hot Springs...My hubby, ROLAND, and I attended the Metropolitan Credit Union Meeting and Smorgasbord at Nielsen's restaurant on St. Patrick's day and had a nice time. Saw many people from the West Section I haven't seen in a long time. The Metropolitan Credit Union has nice dinners...Our condolences to Conductor LEOTHA PATTON whose father passed away recently...On the sick list at this writing are Motorman ROBERT RAWLINGS, Switchman LEWIS REED and Conductor FRANK PONZIANO. Hope they all are able to return to work in good health soon...Retired Supervisor DAN HAYES was around to see the boys at Ashland recently wearing the latest men's style--a big bowtie. He and his wife spent some time in Arizona this winter. He said he's really enjoying his pension.

- Vera Farley

SOUTH SHOPS -

Congratulations go out to the winners of the 1973 picnic raffle held on March 16: 1st prize--CASEY of Area 349; 2nd prize--FITZGERALD of Area 321; 3rd prize--WIEN-CEK of Shops & Equipment office. Happy drinking, fellows! . . . Congratulations also go out to the winners of the South Shops golf outing raffle: EDWARD GRZENIA, Store-room 57, a portable TV; IRA FARMER, Area 312C, and JOHN GUZAITIS, tinner, a half gallon of whiskey each. Congratulations, boys!...ELROY BLAKE of the Paint Shop did his civic duty by serving two weeks on jury duty...RITA O'CALLAHAN, Print Shop, was recently married to BOB NELSON. The marriage took place at St. Patrick's church on St. Patrick's day. The happy couple plans to buy a home on the Southwest Side of Chicago. Congratulations! Well, FRED, this makes the third bride in your area in less than a year. Fred is reported as saying there are still four more widows, so maybe he'll have a few more weddings...Now for the out in the shops news...Let's start off this month by welcoming back to work some of the fellows who had the misfortune of being laid off. It's sure nice to see HOWIE (True Grit) GOERNER and MORTON OWRUTSKI back on the job...Wedding bells have been ringing lately, as

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

JOHN W. BACKHOLM, 73, Devon, Emp. 10-12-28, Died 2-27-73	JAMES M. KALAL, 75, Devon, Emp. 4-16-23, Died 3-15-73	WILLIAM J. RYAN, 80, Way & Structures, Emp. 6-24-42, Died 3-23-73
CHARLES J. BAKER, 85, South Section, Emp. 12-18-18, Died 3-5-73	ARTHUR F. KENNEDY, 65, Lawndale, Emp. 3-15-34, Died 2-26-73	ANTON SALZER, 84, Keeler, Emp. 8-16-20, Died 3-6-73
ANTON F. BARKAUSKAS, 83, 77th Street, Emp. 9-13-23, Died 4-13-73	EDWARD J. KOWSKE, 68, Lawndale, Emp. 7-22-29, Died 4-24-73	DONALD SANDUK, 44, Congress, Emp. 5-29-50, Died 3-8-73
ANTONE G. BEDALOV, 78, Way & Struct., Emp. 3-12-24, Died 3-11-73	VALENTINE J. KNOPFEL, 70, 77th Street, Emp. 11-6-25, Died 3-30-73	JOSEPH SATKOS, 88, South Shops, Emp. 8-20-24, Died 2-12-73
DANIEL T. BOAL, 66, Util. & Emerg. Serv. Emp. 12-20-40, Died 4-16-73	JOSEPH M. KRUK, 80, West Section, Emp. 7-22-11, Died 2-13-73	FRANK L. SAUCIER, 60, North Park, Emp. 2-16-42, Died 3-16-73
WILLIAM E. BOHLEN, 64, Lawndale, Emp. 1-9-36, Died 4-16-73	EDWARD LAECHELT, 82, Devon, Emp. 9-29-21, Died 4-11-73	CAROL T. SCHILDT, 69, West Section, Emp. 3-9-51, Died 2-27-73
GEORGE E. BROWN, 97, North Section, Emp. 9-4-01, Died 3-11-73	MATTHEW A. LAFFERTY, 74, Beverly, Emp. 7-2-23, Died 3-5-73	JOHN SCHLEICH, 81, North Section, Emp. 10-12-43, Died 3-18-73
GLENN BYERS, 76, West Section, Emp. 5-19-47, Died 3-19-73	JOHN M. LALLY, 75, District A, Emp. 2-21-23, Died 4-8-73	ANTONIO SCIMECA, 79, Way & Structures, Emp. 7-26-28, Died 2-25-73
JAMES CALDWELL, 53, South Section, Emp. 7-20-53, Died 3-3-73	ARCHIBALD K. LANGOHR, 76, Sched.-Traff. Emp. 9-25-16, Died 3-16-73	HARVEY W. SHEPARD, 48, North Section, Emp. 7-11-52, Died 2-5-73
THOMAS P. CARROLL, 68, Lawndale, Emp. 12-18-29, Died 2-10-73	PATRICK LENAGHAN, 82, Kedzie, Emp. 2-20-20, Died 2-22-73	ANTHONY SKARZENSKI, 76, North Park, Emp. 6-26-23, Died 2-23-73
MATAUSAS CEPLAUSKIS, 85, Devon, Emp. 4-29-26, Died 3-8-73	JOHN B. LIPINSKI, 66, South Shops, Emp. 11-20-42, Died 2-3-73	JOHN W. SMITH, 82, Douglas, Emp. 11-1-19, Died 2-19-73
JAMES CERMAK, 81, 77th Street, Emp. 12-28-18, Died 2-12-73	ADOLPH F. MAMPE, 92, Armitage, Emp. 4-30-13, Died 2-8-73	ROBERT SMITH, 59, Lawndale, Emp. 12-9-57, Died 3-24-73
MICHAEL CLANCY, 81, North Section, Emp. 3-22-17, Died 4-18-73	PATRICK J. MASTERSON, 65, West Section, Emp. 11-22-43, Died 4-15-73	WILLIAM E. SMITH, 77, 39th & Halsted, Emp. 9-20-19, Died 3-12-73
CLAUDE B. COBB, 78, Devon, Emp. 2-22-23, Died 4-17-73	MARY A. MCGEE, 81, North Section, Emp. 7-12-44, Died 2-24-73	FREMONT R. SNYDER, 69, 69th Street, Emp. 8-18-37, Died 2-23-73
BERNARD COHEN, 66, Lawndale, Emp. 3-6-43, Died 2-9-73	WILLIAM J. McLAUGHLIN, 75, 77th Street, Emp. 9-19-39, Died 2-17-73	PETER C. SPOO, 67, 69th Street, Emp. 2-23-34, Died 4-29-73
DELIA CROWLEY, 80, Employment, Emp. 3-29-43, Died 3-11-73	PERRY W. MILLAR, 85, Wilson, Emp. 6-22-14, Died 3-12-73	ROBERT A. STEWART, 64, 77th Street, Emp. 7-29-41, Died 4-27-73
JOSEPH A. CUCI Sr., 58, Engineering, Emp. 10-2-41, Died 3-12-73	ALFRED G. MORF, 69, Electrical, Emp. 4-29-29, Died 4-23-73	ANTOINETTE STIPATI, 59, South Section, Emp. 4-18-52, Died 2-23-73
JOHN J. DARCY, 67, Electrical, Emp. 1-8-29, Died 2-16-73	BRIDIE MULDOON, 83, South Section, Emp. 4-8-18, Died 1-30-73	HENRY P. STRETCH, 65, Claim, Emp. 6-1-42, Died 4-7-73
GEORGE J. DOERR, 81, Skokie Shop, Emp. 11-23-21, Died 1-31-73	RUDDY F. NEBELSIEK, 80, 69th Street, Emp. 8-25-10, Died 1-5-73	LEONARD SUCHEH, 55, South Section, Emp. 11-23-42, Died 5-2-73
PATRICK DOOLEY, 52, Engineering, Emp. 8-1-60, Died 3-23-73	MALCOLM T. NOLTE, 75, Electrical, Emp. 8-15-19, Died 2-16-73	ELLEN A. SULLIVAN, 85, North Section, Emp. 10-8-25, Died 3-27-73
FRANK DORSEY, 83, North Section, Emp. 4-1-26, Died 4-2-73	JAMES H. NUGENT, 81, West Shops, Emp. 2-9-21, Died 2-1-73	GEORGE P. SULLIVAN, 58, Engineering, Emp. 7-6-38, Died 4-22-73
LEW P. ELIAS, 73, West Section, Emp. 10-8-41, Died 3-20-73	DANIEL J. O'BRIEN, 81, District B, Emp. 2-12-20, Died 2-1-73	CHARLES M. THOM, 80, Cottage Grove, Emp. 10-21-11, Died 3-1-73
LOUIS FRANKLIN, 74, Engineering, Emp. 8-12-47, Died 3-18-73	WILLIAM OCCLESHAW, 84, West Shops, Emp. 2-13-28, Died 2-25-73	OTIS O. THOMAS, 65, West Section, Emp. 12-10-43, Died 3-4-73
THOMAS E. GARY, 65, Kedzie, Emp. 4-17-37, Died 2-13-73	MICHAEL B. O'NEILL, 71, Sched.-Traff. Emp. 8-23-22, Died 4-27-73	JOHN T. TOMS, 72, Kedzie, Emp. 4-8-24, Died 2-11-73
RICHARD A. GROLIG, 67, South Shops, Emp. 7-31-29, Died 1-5-73	DAVID P. PAPIC, 70, Track, Emp. 7-6-27, Died 12-15-72	SAMUEL TUTTOLOMONDO, 58, District B, Emp. 11-5-42, Died 4-5-73
ROBERT O. GULICK, 82, Limits, Emp. 12-31-19, Died 2-19-73	ELMER T. PETERSON, 73, 77th Street, Emp. 3-17-26, Died 2-13-73	WILLIE TRASK, 36, Beverly, Emp. 10-10-60, Died 4-15-73
FRANK HAAS, 89, 77th Street, Emp. 9-9-20, Died 3-4-73	IVAN POLIC, 90, Track, Emp. 10-6-20, Died 2-10-73	GEORGE TRIUNFOL, 91, Keeler, Emp. 3-25-36, Died 3-16-73
JAMES M. HATAWAY, 74, Kedzie, Emp. 7-5-27, Died 2-7-73	JERRY PRAZAK, 77, Congress, Emp. 4-12-15, Died 3-6-73	JOHN TUREK, 82, West Section, Emp. 12-29-10, Died 3-20-73
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DANIEL HEAFEY, 70, North Avenue, Emp. 1-30-34, Died 4-5-73	ROMAN PRIESBE, 58, Electrical, Emp. 9-7-44, Died 4-16-73	WILLIAM F. WEBER, 65, Kedzie, Emp. 8-19-41, Died 3-21-73
TIMOTHY HEALY, 74, Limits, Emp. 1-15-29, Died 2-10-73	CLARENCE E. RANDALL, 73, South Shops, Emp. 1-15-37, Died 3-13-73	EDWARD J. WEHMEYER, 69, North Avenue, Emp. 1-16-29, Died 4-14-73
JOHN J. HESTER, 72, Kedzie, Emp. 4-28-26, Died 3-1-73	WILLIAM REDICAN, 89, 77th Street, Emp. 12-18-19, Died 2-22-73	RALPH R. WOLFF, 83, Devon, Emp. 4-13-21, Died 4-27-73
JOSEPH H. HILL, 81, 61st Street, Emp. 1-7-24, Died 12-30-72	JOHN ROGERS, 33, 52nd Street, Emp. 12-17-62, Died 5-3-73	WILLIAM J. YOUTS, 79, 77th Street, Emp. 9-14-21, Died 4-14-73
ROBERT L. HILL, 73, Revenue Accounting, Emp. 12-3-19, Died 3-28-73	JOHN A. ROJESKI, 92, Blue Island, Emp. 6-7-07, Died 3-12-73	ALEX ZAWISTOWSKI, 82, South Shops, Emp. 9-22-19, Died 3-20-73
FRED JALLITCH, 79, 39th & Halsted, Emp. 5-26-42, Died 3-27-73	MARTIN RONAN, 73, 69th Street, Emp. 3-12-23, Died 3-25-73	STANLEY ZERDEL, 76, Way & Structures, Emp. 11-22-30, Died 12-28-72
JOHN G. JOHNSON, 81, Devon, Emp. 5-23-16, Died 2-28-73	GEORGE ROSENKILDE, 88, 77th Street, Emp. 11-1-22, Died 6-6-72	PETER ZIELEN, 85, Division, Emp. 10-4-19, Died 4-17-73

some of our co-workers can attest to. Congratulations and best wishes to BOB and LAVERNE SMITH, Area 346; TOM and CAROLE CICIURA, laborer, and to my co-reporter, DENISE, and RICHARD COX who recently tied the knot... Congratulations are also in order for those who have wedding anniversaries soon: RONALD and PATRICIA BLAIR, Area 336, their 25th; JOHN and JEANETTE DOPAK, radiator repair, their 25th; RICHARD and MARGE ZAJAC, radiator repair, their 25th; ATLAS and TINNY HORN, radiator repair, their 29th, and JOHN and WILMA NEWMAN, Area 312, their 30th...PAUL and MARGE SUNDBLAD, Area 346, became the proud parents of a daughter, PATRICIA LYNNE, who tipped the scales at 7 pounds 14 ounces. Nice going, Paul... Retirees this month include ANTHONY (Johnny) DEVAUX, Area 346, 26 years' service, and SAM S. FIORITO, Area 318, 28 years' service. Good luck and the best of health to you guys. We'll miss you...Sure is nice to have CARL LIDZBINSKI, Area 349, and BOBBY BYRNES, Area 348, back to work after their recent operations...I know you guys aren't going to believe this, but how's this for a fish story. TOM PORTER, Area 345, told me he and OSCAR LANDOR pulled in a 150-pound smelt on a recent fishing trip. Come on, fellas, that's stretching it a little too far. It must have been loaded with mercury... CARL POST finally came back from a vacation in one piece. Carl and his wife and son had a fabulous time in their Winnebago touring Florida. Disney World, Kennedy Space Center and the Alligator Farms were just a few of the sights they took in...Warning to the Paint Shop: JAMES HAYNE is going to recruit some new members now that he was elected the 21st district commander of AMVETS, Cook County Council. Congratulations, Jim...BILL ELDRIDGE has a good reason to be proud of his daughters, RENEE and LORRIE LYNN. They took second and third place in the recent Indiana State Open musical competition. Good show, Bill... Good news from AL SAMASKA and HARRY POCES. Their wives are both home and doing well after recent operations at Holy Cross hospital...That's all the news for now, and we hope that the warm weather brings nothing but the best to you and yours.

- Denise Cox & Lawrence Brouss

52ND STREET -

The St. Mark United Methodist Fellowship presented its annual Man of the Year Banquet Sunday, February 11, at the Beverly House. This year St. Mark selected Operator BYRON DEAN Sr. as their man of the year. Dean has been an active member of St. Mark church for 15 years, serving well in both performance and gifts. He was president of the St. Mark Usher Board for four years, past chairman of the Commission on Missions, former scoutmaster of Troop 730, and cubmaster of Pack 3730...Well, it's vacation time again and Operator STANLEY PHILLIPS is taking what I would call a very outstanding one. Starting August 3 he's heading for five weeks in South America, with stops planned in Bogota, Colombia; Quito, Ecuador; Lima, Peru; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and Caracas, Venezuela. Stan says if his money lasts after returning to Miami, he'll head for Puerto Rico or San Juan, making a total of 30 days...Clerk TIM HALL just returned from a one-week vacation in San Francisco, California. He said he really enjoyed the time away... Operator BRENT HANDSPIKE and his wife, ETHEL, are jumping with joy at the arrival of their new baby girl, BRHONDA, weighing 6 pounds 3 ounces...Superintendent JOHN LYNCH took a two-

WEDDING BELLS rang on March 31 for DENISE and RICHARD D. COX at Lansing Presbyterian church. The bride is the former DENISE PATHEIMER, typist I at South Shops and Transit News reporter.



week working vacation, moving into a new home...Chie. Clerk ARNOLD HILLSTROM had three weeks--"Didn't do nothing, didn't go nowhere..."Man-power Clerk BILL RIDELL had three weeks that started on Easter Sunday--it's all over now, Bill...Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose. This time we lost. Janitors, that is: C. MONCRIEF, J. JAROSZEK, T. JOLLY, H. GARNER, G. BUTLER; we won: LARRY PAGE and LEE LANEHAM...By now the baseball team is in full swing. Your reporter, JOHN L. HUDSON, is coach, and the team is managed by Operators ROBERT RILEY and JOHN REYNOLDS. So come on out or Sunday morning and give some support!...For the first time in the history of CTA the repair department had a system pick. This resulted in losing some old friends that we had worked with for years. We welcome new additions to 52nd from other garages and campaign areas...GUS PAVELKA, day foreman, picked his vacation in July to attend his army reunion with World War II buddies...HOSEA JOHNSON, assistant foreman, picked August to go to points unknown...DORSEY GARNER, clerk, will go to East St. Louis to pick up his mother and journey south to her birthplace...On sick leave at present are L. AVERY, who is confined to a hospital, S. CRAWFORD, and R. TURNER.

- John L. Hudson

69TH STREET -

So, some of you fellows missed our column in the last issue of Transit News. Glad to hear that you noticed that and I hope now you will drop a little news in my mail box...Received a nice postcard from Pensioner J. DAVIDSON from Tombstone, Arizona...CHARLEY (Drawbars) HOLAND is now using his police influence on poor FRALE. Can't get blood from a turnip, Charley. By the way, Frale says he can see his way clear to get married again, now that he can use the club room as a hall and we bring our own food and drink...I would like to welcome all the new men who came to 69th Street on the system pick, and wish those who left the best of luck. We have a great team here starting with Superintendent G. D. PEYTON, the station instructors, all the way to the men in the garage...M. A. McLOUD Jr., formerly of 69th, is one of the finest supervisors in the entire system and does a fine job...TOM O'SHEA bought a condominium in Boca Raton, Florida...The Gout Club was observed comparing medication. Trying to get in the act were Superintendent Peyton and F. ROONEY asking for a supply of gout pills...RAY CARSON, former

clerk at 69th, is now working in the Insurance Department in the Mart...G. E. MELANDER, R. D. GREEN and Operator STEVENS are all hospitalized at this writing. Hope you are all back and well when you read this...Retired Instructor FREEMONT SNYDER passed away; DOROTHY INEZ CROSS, the sister of Operator PRICE, died, and J. DANIELS lost his wife after a long illness. To all their families and loved ones we extend our deepest sympathy...G. P. HARPER went on pension March 1. Best of luck and a healthy, happy retirement are wished for you...Have you fellows noticed my new look? Watch me smile, boys, your scribe has new choppers...It is really something to hear MIKE BARRIS and F. C. STAWINSKI greet each other at 4 A.M...Box Puller McGOWAN, "the fastest key at the vaults", retired June 1. What will ED TIERNEY, the paperman, do without you...Believe it or not, ROY HORNING, the Hollywood Kid, told DAKE he didn't want any more charters...EARL WATSON is now back at work after being off sick. Good health to you, Earl...R. GREEN was operated on and will probably have to stand up for awhile...GENE HOWE is commuting to the Texas Gulf, keeping an eye on his property there...IRENE HAMMERSCHMIDT, the daughter of RAY HAMMERSCHMIDT, will marry WILLIAM DURRANT on June 30 at St. Bedes church...En route to Korea, CLINTON LEWIS, the son of Operator JOE LEWIS, was killed. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Joe and his family...OTIS PEARS' mother passed away in Mississippi, and ESTELL BERZEK, the wife of Pensioner WALTER BERZEK, passed away. To their families, we at 69th extend our deepest sympathy...B. E. JOHNSON has taken his pension and is now the owner of Barney's Tap, 3350 W. 55th street. Best of luck, and save me a beer...Pensioner WALTER NORTON was a passenger on my bus and he certainly looks good. He says hello to all his pals...Pensioner HARPER was operated on recently and is now feeling fine...Would you believe that ED BERENS and his dog get their haircuts with the same clipper and for one price?...I wonder if HARVEY BROCK will catch his first fish this year, even if it is a carp...From the repair section JIM AHERN reports that CARL ASCHENBREMMER took his pension. Carl was a carpenter for many years...We also heard from ELMER COBEILLE, retired transportation clerk, who took a trip out west...BILL RYAN is doing well on pension, as is TOM TOOMEY who now resides in Colorado. Many happy, healthy years to all our retirees...DICK DICKERSON, FRANK HIGGINS and TEDDIE NIEZABITOWSKI are on vacation at this time. Hope they enjoyed it...We extend our sympathy to WALTER CICIURA who lost his brother recently...It's good to see BERNARD McBRIDE, WALTER KWLIKASKAS and RAY SCHEID back to work after their illness...Pensioner EDDIE GAYNOR paid us a visit and looks good. Congratulations to his son, BILL, who was recently elected clerk of Orland Park...We were saddened to hear of the death of Retired Janitor MARVIN RONAN; Pensioner JOE CUCI, formerly of the Track Department; the mother of Repairman BILL MCCRAY; the brother of JIM CASEY, and the father of ANDREW JONES. To their families we extend our deepest sympathy...To General Foreman TIM RIORDAN who retired on March 1, we wish you many happy, healthy years of pensioned life. And to all our retirees we wish them the same...Good luck and Godspeed to all those who transferred to other garages, and the same wish to those who came to 69th in their place...Congratulations to LOUIS BLAUGH who came to 69th as relief foreman, and to TERRY SHORT and TEDDIE NIEZABITOWSKI who came as repairman...On vacation are R. BARNEY, R. GRAGIDO and R. BOSCO. Hope they have

a good time fishing...Thanks to all who participated in the St. Patrick's day parade, in spite of the inclement weather. My daughter, MARGARET, was runner-up as "Queen of St. Patrick's Day". We hope everyone had a good time.

- Art Bussing & Jimmy Ahorn

77TH STREET -

The 77th Street Credit Union is sponsoring a free baseball ticket drawing for its members. Those members depositing \$40 or more in their shares beginning April 2, 1973, will receive a ticket for the drawing for free box seat tickets to a White Sox game. As of this writing the lucky winners are T. ROBINSON, D. SCOTT, E. GARRETT, M. GRAY, W. WILLIAMS, D. JOHNSON, A. NEAL, W. WASHINGTON, J. PINKNEY, W. LOWERY, H. GRANT, T. SPENCER, J. LARRY, and W. COLEMAN. Congratulations all, and an added thanks to 77th Street Credit Union President NEAL KINNISH and board members for making the drawing possible...The world is always in need of another beautiful girl, and so we welcome the birth of NOTRIE HOSETTE SCOTT, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH E. SCOTT, born February 20. Congratulations and best wishes to the Scotts...Congratulations are in order for Operator CHARLES CLARK and his lovely wife, GERALDINE, upon the March 21 arrival of fullback MICHAEL A. CLARK weighing 10 pounds 8 ounces. WOW!..Operator and Mrs. BAILEY are doubly proud having two fine sons graduating in June, STEWART and FRANKIE. Congratulations!..Returning from an extended leave earlier this year, Operator SAM FAVRE once again joins the ranks of the operating employees. Welcome back, Sam, Port au Prince, Haiti, must have been beautiful this time of year...Smelt fisherman ED MROZEK informed this reporter that he's preparing for his late spring fishing trip to Wisconsin. The big ones that got away last year had better watch out this year. Lots of luck, Ed...The fabulous Wheelers Social Club, headed by president DAVID L. DURDEN and others, staged their extravaganza at the Palmer House, Saturday, May 12...The CTA Bowling League held its 1973 banquet May 4 at the Palisade Bowl. It was a well-deserved affair, they had a good year...Operator BOOKER BYERS and his wife are bursting with pride and rightly so. Their daughter, ELLEN, has received straight A's in her studies at Bradley university. Right on, Ellen; keep on pushing...Operator ANTON DRELLE is looking forward to going on pension next month. But after giving it some thought he quickly added maybe, maybe not. Well, whichever way it turns out, the best of luck to Mr. Drelle...It is with deep sympathy that I report the loss of Board Member E. GRESHAM's brother. Mr. Gresham informed this reporter that he would like to thank his fellow operators and friends who made donations and attended the funeral...Our condolences are also extended to JOHN DeGROAT in the loss of his son, JOHN Jr., and to Operator CECIL H. SIGGERS who lost his lovely wife...Well, it's spring again, and that means baseball. At 77th, softball is the name of the game. Team Captain R. PEEL has stated our team is shaping up very well, and that this year as in past years, first place is the objective. I know we have the best players in the league, so let's put it all together and make it the best team in the league...Our 77th Street Transit News mailbox is still attached to the west wall inside the depot. Use it for news items about you and your family...So long for now.

- Allison De Bonnett

Announce ISC-ESC standings for 1st quarter of 1973

INTERSTATION SAFETY CONTEST

Surface System

1st Limits	7th 69th Street
2nd Kedzie	8th 77th Street
3rd Lawndale	9th Forest Glen
4th Archer	10th North Avenue
5th Beverly	11th Keeler
6th 52nd Street	12th North Park

Rapid Transit System

1st Kimball	6th Ashland
2nd Douglas	7th Dan Ryan
3rd Forest Park	8th Jefferson Park
4th Congress	9th 61st Street
5th Howard	

EMPLOYEE SAFETY CONTEST

Surface Garage Competition

1st Beverly	7th Kedzie
2nd 52nd Street	8th 69th Street
3rd Archer	9th 77th Street
4th Limits	10th North Park
5th Keeler	11th Lawndale
6th North Avenue	12th Forest Glen

Rapid Transit Maintenance Terminal Competition

1st Dan Ryan	4th Kimball
2nd Forest Park	5th Wilson,
3rd Congress,	Howard, Linden
54th, Foster	6th 61st, Racine

Shops Competition

1st South Shops	2nd Skokie Shop
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Evanston subsidizes bus service on 4 new CTA routes

FOUR NEW CTA bus routes and the Evanston rapid transit route were combined to form a transit network serving the entire City of Evanston starting Monday, September 10.

Evanston has been without bus service since April 24 due to a strike by employees of the Evanston Bus company. On August 20 the Evanston City Council approved the new bus routes and authorized CTA to operate the services. By underwriting financial losses incurred up to the amount of \$300,000 annually, Evanston became the first Chicago suburb to subsidize public transportation.

The basic fare on all five Evanston services is 25¢, which includes a free transfer for a combination of rides using buses or bus and rapid transit services anywhere within Evanston. All passengers must pay 25¢, except CTA employees who ride free. Through riders using rapid transit to Chicago pay 25¢ on buses, the regular 75¢ when boarding southbound trains within Evanston, and 45¢ when starting the northbound return trip within Chicago. Riders using connecting buses at Howard street pay 25¢ in Evanston and the regular 45¢ fare in Chicago (55¢ with a transfer).

All four bus routes operate six days a week, Monday through Saturday. Service on routes 201, 202 and 203 operates from about 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with

buses every 15 minutes in weekday rush hours, every 20 minutes during mid-day Saturday and every 30 minutes at all other times. Service on route 204 operates from about 7:45 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. with buses every 15 minutes during weekday rush hours and every 60 minutes at all other times. Routings depicted on the map above are as follows:

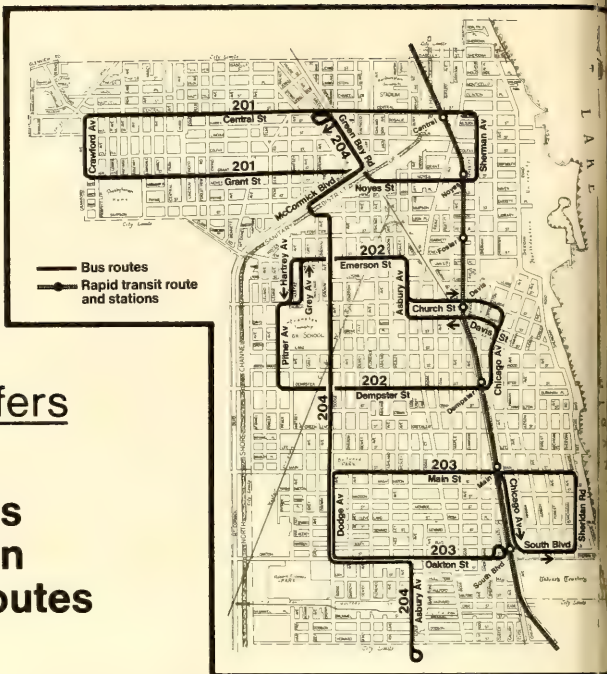
201 Central-Grant operates to and from Central Crawford providing two-way service in a loop via Central, Sherman, Noyes, Green Bay, Grant and Crawford.

202 Emerson-Dempster operates clockwise in a loop via Church, Grey, Emerson, Asbury, Church, Chicago, Dempster and Pitner; counterclockwise in a loop via Church, Pitner, Dempster, Chicago, Davis, Asbury, Emerson and Hartrey.

203 Main-Oakton operates from South Boulevard station via Oakton, Dodge and Main to a loop via Chicago, South Boulevard, Sheridan and Main.

204 Dodge operates from Howard via Asbury, Oakton, Dodge, Simpson, Bridge, McCormick and Green Bay to Central.

The Evanston rapid transit operates 24 hours daily between Howard street, Chicago, and Linden Avenue, Wilmette; however, the 25¢ local fare applies only to stations from South Boulevard to Central, inclusive



Break ground for substation to power North-South "L"



CTA CHAIRMAN Milton Pikarsky along with representatives of The Woodlawn Organization (TWO) on July 18 participated in a ground-breaking ceremony for a new electrical substation in the Woodlawn area at 862 East 63rd street. Addressing those in attendance in the picture at right, Chairman Pikarsky is also shown in the picture at left turning the first shovel of dirt with the aid of (from left) TWO President E. Duke McNeill, TWO Chairman Andrew Smith, TWO Housing Committee Chairman Edward Grady, Mr. Pikarsky, and Senator Cecil Partee (26th). Looking on are Representative Lewis Caldwell (24th), Alderman Leon Despres (5th Ward), Representative James Taylor (26th), Chicago Urban Transportation District Trustee Pastora Cafferty, and Manja Miles, administrative assistant to Representative Robert Mann (24th).

"This project is especially significant because it is part of the Affirmative Action Program in which contractors have agreed to hire area residents for the work," said Pikarsky.

The general contractor for the substation building is G. H. Halm Construction company. The cost of the substation is about \$726,000 with one-third being provided by the Illinois Department of Transportation and the balance by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

"Our relations with The Woodlawn Organization have certainly made us feel welcome in the area," said Pikarsky. "This facility has been designed with the community in mind and when it is completed, I know that you will be proud of the product of our combined efforts. The substation will serve a function not unlike the heart within the human body. It will provide electricity, the lifeblood of a rapid transit system, to keep trains running.

"In turn, public transportation provides opportunities for people in Woodlawn and surrounding communities to get to work, to enjoy recreational activities, and to continue their education. A substation is more than brick and mortar. It is indeed, an essential part of the total CTA system and necessary for a viable community and in turn a viable Chicago metropolitan area," added Pikarsky.

The new substation with remote control operation will replace antiquated equipment housed in a Commonwealth Edison building at 62nd and Cottage Grove.

ON OUR COVER: 'L'ephant Special—new 10¢ shuttle to Lincoln Park

A NEW 10¢ shuttle bus service called the 'L'ephant Special began operating weekends between Lincoln Park and the Fullerton 'L' station on Saturday, August 11. Riders on the first buses were greeted by the Lincoln Park Zoo residents pictured on our cover, chimpanzees Jo-Jo and Henry.



According to CTA Chairman Milton Pikarsky, the new low-fare shuttle service is being offered to make visiting Lincoln Park easier and to encourage more people to enjoy the many activities and amusement available there. In addition to the world-famous zoo, the shuttle bus serves the following points of interest identified on the map: (1) Theatre-on-the-Lake; (2) Conservatory; (3) Cafe Brauer; (4) Farm in the zoo; (5) Augustana hospital; (6) Grant hospital; (7) Children's Memorial hospital; (8) McCormick Theological seminary; (9) Fullerton Branch library, and (10) DePaul university.

Busse operate every 10 minutes between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on weekends over the route shown. The fare for those using just the shuttle bus is 10¢. Persons transferring to or from other CTA services pay the 55¢ fare and request a transfer.

For CTA pensioners only: the "hot line"—(312) 467-6033

AS AN added convenience for CTA pensioners, a new "hot line" was recently opened direct to the CTA Pension Section according to Retirement Plan Secretary W. A. Ashley.

The "hot line" enables retired CTA personnel to dial direct and thereby avoid placing calls through the

busy CTA switchboard. For information regarding the Retirement Plan call (area code 312) 467-6033.

Calls for information regarding other services pensioners, such as insurance, hospitalization, riding cards, etc., must be made through the regular CTA number--(312) 664-7200.

Supervisory personnel attend CTA Management Institute

FORTY-FIVE CTA employees representing ten departments recently attended the first CTA Management Institute at the invitation of General Manager T. B. O'Connor.

The Institute consisted of weekly eight-hour sessions over a ten-week period starting May 7. To ensure equal opportunity for participation, the group was broken into three sections of 15 each which met on consecutive Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays.

Participants were familiarized with the latest in management techniques through the use of films, case

studies, and group discussion. The primary emphasis of the Institute centered on the application of management principles.

The Institute included a wide range of management topics including the responsibility and authority management, motivation, leadership, employee relations, training and communicating, performance reviews and evaluation, and problem solving. Sessions were also devoted to problems and procedures with various CTA departments and included tours of the General Office as well as Shops & Equipment, Transportation and Engineering Department locations.

Participants hailed the Management Institute being enlightening, informative, and time well spent. CTA will be conducting the CTA Management Institute on a regular basis.

New appointments announced

BULLETINS WERE issued recently announcing the appointment of seven CTA employees to new posts within the Transportation Department.

Effective July 1, E. J. Heatter was named district superintendent of Operations Control and the following assumed new positions at rapid transit operating stations: South Section Superintendent S. C. Christ, Forest Park & Jefferson Park Assistant Superintend-

ent R. Suta, and North Section Relief Superintendent D. T. Martin.

Effective August 1 the following assumed new posts at surface system operating stations: Kedzie Station Superintendent W. H. Chamberlain, North Avenue Station Assistant Superintendent J. P. McEvilly, and Lawndale Station Acting Superintendent F. J. Vitek.

The appointments were made by Superintendent Transportation D. M. Flynn and approved by Operating Manager G. Krambles.



SUGGESTERS, all employees at South Shops, were simultaneously presented cash awards totalling \$920 for their suggestions which were adopted recently. Pictured here (from left) with CTA supervisory personnel, the suggestors and dollar amounts of their individual awards include: Superintendent of Job Classification R. J. Ruzich, Ted Pietrus (\$150), Alfred Haas (\$150), Maurice O'Connor (\$150), Superintendent of Shops & Equipment G. J. Clark, John Tarczewski (\$350), Wayne Staples (\$120), and Operating Manager G. Krambles.

Suggesters reap \$2,275 for adopted ideas

SUGGESTION AWARDS totalling \$2,275 were approved during the first half of 1973 according to E. E. Olmstead, chairman of the Executive Decision Committee of the Employee Suggestion Plan. Paid to individual employees in amounts of from \$10 to \$350, the breakdown of awards for 64 adopted suggestions is as follows:

- One award of \$350
- One award of \$450 split three ways
- Three awards of from \$120 to \$225
- Fourteen awards of from \$15 to \$45
- Sixty-three \$10 gift certificates

Winning all of the three-figure cash awards were Shops & Equipment Department employees assigned to South Shops. The largest single award (\$350) was won by John Tarczewski. Splitting a \$450 award three ways were joint suggestors Alfred Haas, Maurice O'Connor and Ted Pietrus. Also winning a \$150 award was Frank Sprovieri. Wayne Staples won a \$120 award for his adopted idea.

Other cash award winners include Herman Johnson of the Engineering Department Track Division who won \$45 and the following \$25 award winners: from the General Office, John Hoffman of Travel Information and Herbert Schomer of Internal Auditing, and from Shops & Equipment Gary Olsen of Skokie Shop. To \$15 cash award winners were Alan Hall and Robert McCabe, both of S&E at North Avenue Garage.

Seven employees also received cash awards of \$25 each for having a second suggestion adopted within a one-year period: General Office—John Billis of the Accounting Department, Regina Daren (recipient of two \$25 awards) of the Medical Department, and Mary Jane Johnson of Payroll Accounting. Shops & Equipment—Louis Alleva of South Shops, Terrance Muellner

of 69th Street Garage, and David Passarella of Skokie Shop. Transportation—Sidney Edwards of South Section rapid transit.

In addition to their cash awards, gift certificates worth \$10 at Jewel/Osco/Turnstile stores were presented to each of the above suggestors and also to the following 41 employees: Louis Alleva, James Cervenka, Vernon Howe, John Kalinowski, Mario Mariano, Edward Meskimen, Maurice O'Connor, Jerome Pavel, Henry Peterson, Juan Sinclair, Wayne Staples and Bill Tetyk, all of South Shops; Michael Healy, David Passarella (winner of two gift certificates), Thomas Torrey, Jim Zazula and William Zimos, all of Skokie Shop; Steven Butler of Racine Rapid Transit Maintenance Terminal; Roger Clemens of Archer Garage; Clarence Forbes of 77th Street Garage; Ernest Guedel of Lamon School; Arthur Lowder of Forest Glen Garage, and Thomas Rafferty of Kedzie Garage. General Office—John Billis of the Accounting Department; Regina Daren (winner of two gift certificates) of the Medical Department; Rita Krueger of the Insurance Department; George Laica of Internal Auditing; Joseph Sabol of Schedule-Traffic; Marjorie Schintz of the Claim Department; Olivia Thompson of Reproduction Services, and William Winters of Traffic Planning. Transportation-rapid transit—Minnie Dikeman, Patrick McInerney, J. R. McLane and Harold Thurbush, all of the West Section; Lemuel Kemp of the South Section, and Donald Liberko of the North Section. Transportation-surface—Arnold Hillstrom of 52nd Street Station and Leo Stern of North Park Station. Electrical—Richard Gavrys of the Signal Division. Stores—John Springer of South Shops.

Another cash award winner was William Rafferty of S&E, South Shops, who was presented a \$225 supplemental award on his suggestion adopted last year.

MEDICALLY SPEAKING

by Dr. George H. Irwin

WANT TO cut your medical bills? Like most other living expenses, the price you pay for medical care has been rising in recent years. Wages, food costs, clothing and automobiles in many instances have increased even more than medical costs. Hospital expenses account for the greatest increase in medical costs.

In a recent article by the American Medical Association they list several common ways you can stretch your medical dollar.

One of the most important steps is for the family head to evaluate his insurance status. By that I mean he should determine what health insurance he is eligible for. His age group has much to do with premiums and insurance income.

As you all know, after 65 Medicare will pay a good part of your hospital and doctor bills. There are certain limitations, but generally speaking it is well to be covered by Medicare. Space does not permit a detailed discussion of the benefits of various insurance policies here.

Briefly, there are two parts to the Medicare coverage: Part A has to do with hospital coverage; Part B is voluntary and helps to pay doctor bills and for medical supplies not covered by Part A. Your local Social Security Office can help you enroll for Medicare.

If you are under 65 it is wise to buy enough health insurance to protect you and your family in case of prolonged illness or injury. Unfortunately, too many people insure against minor illnesses, disregarding a long-term serious illness.

The Chicago Transit Authority Group Hospital, Surgical and Major Medical Program provides excellent coverage for persons under age 65. The program insures employees against minor illnesses and long-term serious illnesses. For information regarding eligibility or coverage refer to your Group Policy Booklet and Certificate of Insurance or contact the CTA Insurance Department.

The following suggestions will help to cut your medical expenses:

1. Have a family doctor: select him carefully based on his reputation in the community, the type of practice he has, his hospital association and privileges and his availability. Be sure you are comfortable with him and trust his judgment. Don't hesitate to ask your doctor about his fees. This will result in a good mutual understanding.

2. Arrange for regular checkups. Detection of an illness in its early stage may reduce the duration of the illness and the number of doctor visits, and thereby the medical costs.

3. Don't wait too long to call the doctor. Remember "a stitch in time may save nine."

4. Go to the doctor's office: house calls are more expensive and less efficient. With his office equipment and trained staff he is able to make a much better examination.

5. Use the telephone: this will save you money and makes good medical sense. Your family doctor always has your medical record available. Consequently, he can frequently advise you over the phone for minor health problems. If it is something serious he will most likely arrange an office or hospital appointment.

6. Follow your doctor's orders: you might be surprised to know how many people don't. For example, if he tells you to take off weight, exercise or take certain medicine—you should do it. If you don't you are wasting your money.

7. Buy your drugs carefully.

8. Take allowable tax deductions. Doctor bill, hospital and drug bills beyond certain percentages of your income may be claimed as deductions for tax purposes. Medical expenses for senior citizens, when paid for by their children can be deducted by the younger citizens.

9. Don't waste your money on "quack cures." The American Medical Association estimates that Americans spend more than two billion dollars each year on quacks and quack products. When in doubt ask your family doctor.

10. Finally, stay healthy. It is the best way to hold down medical expenses. To a certain extent your health is determined by the kind of life you live. Try to avoid excess of all kinds and mix proper recreation with your work. This will help your doctor head off emergencies.

By following these suggestions you will spend less for medical care and get more mileage out of your medical dollar.

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Service anniversaries in July

35 years

W. Malmquist, Track & Structures

30 years

Batina, Schedule-Traffic
M. Brzeczek, Rapid Transit Terminals
F. Collopy, 77th Street
Durfee, Forest Glen
Dvorak, Lawndale
O. Frey, North Avenue
R. Gasick, South Shops
F. Gill, Building Maintenance Division
A. Grezlik, North Avenue
Meer, North Section
M. Mendyk, Utility & Emergency Service
G. Reich, Forest Glen
P. Rohe, South Shops
J. Staunton, Building Wiring Division
J. Toal, Power Operations
P. Walsh, Archer
H. Weiss, North Avenue

25 years

D. Balandis, Building Maintenance Division
W. Blix, North Avenue
J. Bobko, South Shops
P. Brennan, Forest Glen Garage
L. A. Brubach, North Park
R. A. Buege, Forest Glen
W. Cooper, 69th Street Garage
G. D. Ephgrave, Beverly
J. Glynn, Archer Garage
R. Grod, 77th Street
G. J. Gullery, Skokie Shop
F. Higgins, 69th Street
J. Iacono, District C
E. F. Kendzierski, North Avenue Garage
H. V. Koepeke, Limits
S. J. Majka, Building Maintenance Division
P. J. Maroncelli, West Section
E. McDonnell, Limits Garage
E. A. Mrozek, 77th Street
J. R. Miller, Forest Glen
F. J. Neubauer, North Avenue
W. T. O'Brien, 69th Street
W. Odom, 77th Street
P. O'Shea, Electrical Distribution
P. O'Sullivan, South Shops
T. Rawlings, 77th Street
W. Schneider, North Park
F. T. Slater, West Section
E. Turner, Archer

August

5 years



A. Suma,
Campaign Area

40 years



L. C. Burns,
Finance

35 years

W. Unwin,
Insurance & Pensions

30 years

F. Adelizzi, Real Estate
R. I. Apitz, Limits
W. Banicki, Power Operations
V. A. Bowman, General Accounting
R. Dalke, Forest Glen
M. E. Havlik, Electrical Engineering
J. Kocolowski, 77th Street
F. J. Koss, Electrical Distribution
R. H. Kramer, 69th Street
J. Krzak, North Avenue
D. P. Papa, Lawndale
J. Papanek, North Avenue
F. M. Partipilo, Forest Glen
H. F. Prosser, West Section
W. J. Steinbeiss, Instruction-Surface
G. J. Zastreske, Archer

25 years

L. Beatty Jr., 77th Street
W. F. Blume, North Avenue
J. A. Chonowitz, Investigation & Claims
J. E. Chwistek, Power Operations
L. H. Collins, 77th Street
M. Cunnane, South Section
S. L. Dank, West Section
C. A. Draper, North Avenue Garage
R. L. Eichelberger, North Section

J. M. Fahey, Rapid Transit District-North
E. P. Henry, Training & Public Safety
F. Jacobs, Forest Glen Garage
A. F. Jagla, South Section
E. S. Kazmierczak, Limits
H. Keane, Mech. Maint. Division
B. Kivlehan, South Shops
M. Leibovitz, West Section
C. Mimms, Investigation & Claims
P. J. Nally, South Shops
A. P. Nichols, 77th Street
W. Motyko, Beverly
J. D. Oddo, Plant Equip. Maint.
F. H. Parker, 77th Street
J. C. Parr, South Shops
D. Peters, North Park
J. Pietrowski, West Section
D. E. Ruroede, Skokie Shop
C. C. Rusakiewicz, Civil Engineering
E. R. Smolinski, 69th Street Garage
S. A. Stachovic, Archer
P. C. Staudt, Rapid Transit Signal Div.
B. G. Ugichus, 77th Street Garage
R. H. Vernon, CTA Security

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (General) -

Your scribe is proud and happy to announce her engagement to Mr. CHARLES WEIER. The wedding date has been set for January 19, 1974...Good luck to CHUCK DAVIS who left CTA recently for another position; and to ESTHER ERMANN who resigned to become a full-time housewife... A warm welcome is extended to MAUREEN DORGAN, temporary file clerk, who has joined us for the summer months...Our condolences to JEAN WRIGHT in the death of her mother, and to BILL ROMAN in the death of his father.

- Judy Cuci

(Payroll) -

STANLEY MAILUCK, payroll accountant, and his wife were on the move again to one of their favorite areas, the Smoky Mountains, where the rhododendron grow so lovely in the spring. They looked at some lake property on their trip, and it would not be surprising if they planned to settle there some day...Our deepest sympathy is extended to MARGE ORGAN upon the loss of her mother, Mrs. MARIE ORGAN, who passed away June 14...DORIS YOST became a grandmother for the third time when PEGGY and LEO PARISEAU welcomed another baby boy into their household. BRIAN PARISEAU arrived at Great Lakes Naval hospital June 18 weighing 7 pounds 12 ounces. Doris proudly showed us a picture of her and Brian when he was just four days old...Your scribe took advantage of a spring vacation and made short trips to Three Lakes, Wisconsin, and Sandusky, Ohio. The foliage looked so fresh and green and the dogwood was beautiful in full bloom. We considered ourselves very fortunate that we were not in the path of a tornado which caused a great deal of damage in Ohio on May 10... DOROTHY NYCZAK and her family spent another delightful vacation at their favorite spot, Saddle Island, Michigan. The time always flies so fast when things are enjoyable, and Dorothy said the vacation seemed like just one day.

- Clara Lawrence

BEVERLY -

Congratulations to JOE WILL, our new day superintendent who replaced GEORGE EVANS who retired on June 1... F. ZEIGER is our new night superintendent. We hope Mr. Evans will enjoy "the golden years", and all the men from Beverly wish him good luck, health and prosperity. We couldn't have had a finer boss...Pensioners BOB GRAY and MEL STOLET are living in Arkansas... Pensioner BILL RADLOFF of Florida should write to ED DUNNIT, his neighbor in Chicago...We express our sympathy to the family of PETE SPOO of the 69th Street Station.

- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster

CTA SECURITY -

We would like to extend a big welcome to FRANK DRISH who transferred from the Shops and Equipment Department. It's nice having you here, Frank, and we hope you're not sorry about transferring. Frank started out right by taking

a two-week vacation. He flew to New York where he joined some of his relatives for camping and a little R&R...Chie BOB MILLER also took a vacation--a "honey-do" vacation. He and Bud just stayed home and did the spring cleaning... Sergeant BOBBY GENE CULBERTSON drove out West on his vacation. He spent six days with his son, ROBERT, in Las Vegas. Other places visited were: the Rain Forest Redwood National Forest, San Francisco, Los Angeles Disneyland and the Grand Canyon. He spent three days in Colorado where he went on a sightseeing ski ride, and also visited Four Corners where you can see four different states at one time, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Arizona...The department would like to extend their sympathy to the family of former Lieutenant MANLEY (Matt) HOWE in the death of his wife, LUCILLE. Matt, to our dismay, retired from our department after working with us for 19 years...Sergeant CHUCK BERGLUND has moved his troop to Elk Grove Village. Best wishes, Chuck, to you and CAROLYN at your new location...Sergeant TOM SULZER's son re-enlisted and was assigned to sea duty on a submarine tender based in Spain. What a job!...I would like at this time to welcome my brother, JOHN FLYNN, to the company. He is working at Howard Street--more Irish Power...Sergeant CHUCK RIMMELE's wife, PHYLLIS, had one of the best Mother's days ever. On May 13 she delivered a pound 11 ounce boy, JASON. To say the least, Chuck is a little exuberant as this is his first boy. Best wishes to the Rimmeles...Sergeant CHUCK BERGLUND had a reunion with an old army buddy not long ago after 13 years. Chuck and his wife, CAROLYN, took a one-week vacation to Juarez, Mexico. They visited some old friends in El Paso, Texas, and went to the dog track while in Juarez. Chuck is also the proud owner of a 1973 Chrysler New Yorker Brougham. It's regal blue with a midnight blue top and equipped with everything but the kitchen sink...During Easter week, Officer HARRY LAATSCH and his wife, BERNICE, went on a second honeymoon and took a tour of Florida with some friends. They drove through Venice, Ft. Lauderdale and Miami among other places. Harry said the water was beautiful but the fishing was terrible. On the way they drove through Kentucky, Georgia and Tennessee. Clerk HOWARD PERRY also took a vacation during Easter week. He stayed home and enjoyed the mere thought of doing nothing, while his daughter, NOREEN, was romping around Florida with her high school band.

- Pat Flynn

ELECTRICAL (General Office) -

Recently KEN MIKOTA, engineer of building maintenance, and his wife took a Caribbean cruise aboard the luxury liner Carla C. Among the ports of call were St. Thomas, Trinidad, Martinique, Caracas and Curacao, Netherlands Antilles. Just hearing of all these beautiful places gives you the urge to book passage for the next sailing date...BERNIE KIZIOR, stenographer, and KATHARINE BATINA, Schedule Department, drove through Central Florida. They visited Disney World, Cape Kennedy, Busch Gardens, St. Augustine and Sarasota. They had a wonderful time even though their schedule was a busy one.

GEORGE MATEJOVSKY, supervisor of signal maintenance, and his family drove to Missouri. They visited Six Flags over Mid-America in Union, Missouri, took a ride on a Mississippi river boat, and went to the top of the Arch which is part of the Jefferson Expansion Memorial. The little Matejovskys loved every minute of their vacation, but he rides at Six Flags and air-conditioned waiting lines made the biggest impression on them...JERRY GUTH, signal draftsman, joined five other fishermen for a week of fishing at Nestor Falls, Canada. The walleye, bass and northerners were really biting, and Jerry brought home a good catch for his wife to fry...Condolences to DONALD WALSH, chief testing engineer, whose mother passed away; also to the family of CARL W. WOLF, retired electrical engineer, who passed away in June...A retirement dinner for the retiring members of Local No. 134 was held Friday, June 8, at the Diplomat restaurant. The four honored guests were BERNARD TOAL, substation operator, LEONARD DONOFIO, substation chief operator, WILLIAM CARLSON, B maintainer in building and wiring, and WILLIAM POWELL, communications technician. A short speech was given by Operating Manager G. KRAMBLES. L. SANDBERG, electrical engineer, made the presentations to the retirees. Local No. 134 was represented by business agents J. MOORE, L. CELINO and fellow members. Father Donahue, Chicago Building Council chaplain, said grace before the great meal. Needless to say, everyone had a great time.

- Kay McAlister

(Chicago Avenue) -

I am sorry to report that CHARLIE KNUTSON won't be stopping in to visit anymore. Charlie, who had retired as foreman of the line construction gang, passed away May 3. He retired on July 1, 1971...BILL KURTIN has returned to work after a three-month layoff. With some of the older fellows taking their pensions, we expect to see a few more boys back on the job...LUKE and PAT HOWE are grandparents again. This time it is a grandson, THOMAS EDWARD...CHARLIE and DOROTHY SALVATORE are grandparents for the fifth time. Their daughter presented them with another granddaughter. Charlie has been off for some time and will be retiring shortly; we will have more on that later...PETE GRAF, DON LUKAS, BOB CHRISTENSEN and MIKE RICKSON are familiar names in the Electrical Department because they are the sons of employees. Memos think that they will get a good look at Chicago's subways this summer, and the lights should be brighter down the tubes...GEORGE (Tarzan) COX dropped in for a visit. George is still on crutches, but he looks fine. Trees and George just don't get along...JACK HOBBS is in the hospital getting straightened out. I hear that he is doing fine...BOB MONSON has just a few days left to work. He is retiring early and will soon be leaving for Louisiana where he plans to spend his retirement. Good luck, Bob...JACK RAZIER recently completed Red Cross training for basic and advanced multi-media instructors. Jack is looking for a dummy to practise on. Any volunteers?

- Ben Nielsen

(Rapid Transit Signal Division) -

Hello there! Glad to see you. I bet you're looking for news about summer vacations and stuff like that. Well, so am I. Looks like both of us will have to wait. You see, all four men get a late start on their summer vacations.



HELLO THERE! I just had to call and tell everyone that my name is JEANETTE MARIE MAZURKIEWICZ and I recently won the "Baby of the Month" award. My dad is Officer CHET MAZURKIEWICZ of CTA Security, and my mom's name is JO.

Traditionally, our fellows take advantage of the mild summer weather to get their equipment shipshape after the long winter. Only a few of our guys are away at this time. And they're too busy enjoying it to talk about it...Another spring fishing trip comes to a close for FRANK HALPER, CLYDE YOUNT, EDDIE DURELL, CHARLIE SEMON, DENNIS DOBBYN and RICHARD VIETH. For two years now, these gallant fishermen have ushered in the fishing season with a full week fishing trip to Leech Lake at Walker, Minnesota. The men I talked with didn't boast of having made any unusual catches or breaking any records, but they had a very good trip. Their comfortable stay at the beautiful Forestview Resort made this trip as close to perfect as one could expect...PETE SMITH, formerly with signal maintenance, has had a series of major illnesses and is now going on disability. We understand he is now showing some signs of full recovery. All of the fellows here wish you the best of luck, Pete...Our sincere condolences to the family of Pensioner CHARLIE KNUTSON who passed away recently. He has been a friend of the signal department for a long time and will be greatly missed...Back again for another summer of "earn in the sun" are: MICHAEL HASTING, ROBERT GAY, DOMINIC A. GUAGENTI and SYLVESTER (Sly) LOWERY. Along with Foreman CHARLIE SEMON they make up the Electrical Department's paint gang. It's nice to have you guys back--make like an artist, you'll feel better...We must be doing something right in this department. New men keep coming all the time. Our newest additions are: W. ALBRECHT and A. COLI. Congratulations, men, and lots of luck...DENNIS DOBBYN, who underwent a minor operation, is now back on the job. You said you didn't miss him? Now that's not a nice thing to say! Welcome back, er, what did you say your name was? Oh yes, Dennis...Signal Helper AL PELUSO was recently promoted to signal maintainer. While his promotion is to fill vacancies created by an expansion of the CTA signal system, it also means an increase in pay for AL, ROSE, and those twins born to them some time ago. Congratulations, Al, there are a lot of guys ahead of you, but none better...My partner, FRANK HALPER, at the time of this writing was recuperating nicely from a minor operation. He entered the hospital without my permission (I call it an escape). After all, with the 90 degree heat and all, I'm the one that's in the most misery. Get well soon, Frank, we have a lot of goodies waiting here for you...There are clear indications things are going exceptionally well with JERRY GUTH and PERCY ERVES. In the purse at least. Recently both of them went shopping. Jerry came back driving a Cadillac Eldorado while Percy came back towing a new 22-foot

travel trailer. Jerry is up in Canada now getting better acquainted with his Caddy, while Percy will be putting himself at the mercy of his home away from home later this summer... COY CAUSEY received a nasty cut on his leg when he became entangled with his power saw recently. After some stitches to close the wound and a week or so off from work to think about it, he is as good as new...Local No. 9 of the IBEW recently gave 50-year pins to those men having 50 or more years of continuous membership with the union. Included in the line-up were some of our retired personnel: FRED CONNALLY, FRANK CONNALLY, WALTER MESSER and TOM NOLTE (deceased). In the case of Mr. Nolte the pin was given to CHUCK NOLTE, Tom's son, who is also a member of No. 9. We congratulate this select group of youngsters.

- Tommie Lowery

ENGINEERING (West Shops) -

Our deepest sympathy is extended to JOSEPH SEDIVY, Frog Shop, in the loss of both his mother and his wife within a two-week period...PAUL and MARIE ANDERSON celebrated 37 years of wedded bliss. Congratulations to you both, and may you have many, many more happy years together...Congratulations to ED AMUNDSEN, ironworker, on becoming a grandfather for the first time. It was a boy. Babies are beautiful... "A pat on the back for a job well done" to E. P. WADE and his ironworkers on the Dan Ryan. Clancy is his name, and he rules the roost at the home of E. P. Wade, ironworker general foreman...We bid a sad adieu to AL BOFFICE, student engineer, who went back to school and we welcome back JOHN HRONEK. It was nice knowing you, Al--study hard. Hope your stay will be a long one, John...From all reports a good time was had by all who came to the 11th annual retirement party on May 18 which was held in the Peacock Room. We saw many new faces, and the committee headed by TONY SPAK wishes to thank all of you for coming and hopes to see you again next year. Thanks to Mr. HALLAHAN and his group for some beautiful music...I would like to welcome back those returning from their vacations and wish the ones going a happy vacation. Drive carefully, bring back lots of fish; I have my freezer empty and waiting...We would like to congratulate CONLEY DOWNING, the son of AL DOWNING, steamfitter, who was graduated from DeLaSalle Institute. Conley made

CORNER BEEF and cabbage topped the menu this year just as it has in the past 26 years. As always, active and pensioned Electrical Department employees turned out in force to honor the year's retirees at their annual dinner held this year at the Diplomat restaurant. Three of the four pensioners honored are pictured here. The group includes, left to right, Electrical Engineer A. SANDBERG, Pensioner B. TOAL, Power Engineer J. STEWART, Pensioners W. CARLSON and L. DONOFRIO, and Operating Manager G. KRAMBLES.



quite a name for himself in basketball. He was a forward in his sophomore and junior years, and was guard in his senior year. He was voted MVP in his junior year. He represented DeLaSalle in the Catholic all-star game and tied as high scorer of the game. Conley's efforts helped the North easily take the South in the all-star game. He has been involved in the Pep Club, intramurals and pep rallies. He ran a concession stand for the Father's Club Las Vegas Night. In his spare time, Conley teaches drums to underprivileged children for the Operation Impact Youth Organization. During the summer Conley was in management training at Church's Chicken. This year Conley is starting as assistant manager at Church's and Conley's goal--a chain of restaurants. You know something--I know he'll do it!

- Kathy Labahn & Jennie Scott

GENERAL OFFICE (Medical) -

EARL BOYD, X-ray technician, together with his wife and family are spending their vacation in New York for a much-needed rest...Dr. B. PIERZYNSKI and his wife enjoyed a vacation in Wisconsin and riding the cable cars in San Francisco, California...Birthday greetings are being sent to DIANE PECORARO who celebrated July 28.

(Office Services) -

JOHN PHILLIPS, mail clerk, vacationed at the Wisconsin Dells and received a nice sunburn.

(Personnel) -

The welcome mat is extended to GERALYN MILLER, KAREN SCHULTZ and JERRY TAPLING, our summer replacements... Well, SUE MUCHA and her husband have finally moved into their new home in Glendale Heights, Illinois. At the same time an addition was made to the family, an 11-week old German shepherd-collie known as Teddy Bear. Things are sure happening in that family...MARYANN McMAHON and her husband moved into a new ranch home in Edgebrooke, where the elite reside. Congratulations and good luck to both of you...SUE HESS, together with her girlfriends, flew to Hawaii for eight days and visited Pearl Harbor as well as the Don Ho show in Waikiki. She sure came back with a beautiful tan and can't wait to go back next year...RITA HURLEY and her family flew to San Francisco, California, and visited Disneyland...The welcome mat was extended to JEAN KELLEHER, clerk-stenographer... On May 24 MICHAEL RAYMOND FLEMING arrived at Evanston hospital weighing 6 pounds 1/2 ounce. He is the son of RAYMOND and PHYLLIS FLEMING... The welcome mat was extended to MARY JOHNSON and JIM BLANCHARD. Mary is a new hire and Jim is a graduate trainee...LEN and JULIA LOHN celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary on June 9. Len had his semi-annual checkup at Mayo Clinic in Rochester and came away with a fair bill of health. Congratulations... FAITH BOSAN, the daughter of EVELYN and BURT BOSAN, started a chain of graduations by graduating from Ruggles Public school kindergarten. Faith had to wear an extra special dress for the graduation exercises...BILL SHOL-DICE is sporting a 1973 green Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme with a white top and white interior. Good luck, Bill, with the new car...KATHY FABRY is home recuperating from her long illness. She would appreciate hearing from her friends... Congratulations are in order for RUSSELL WARNSTEDT who was elected president of the National Association of Suggestion Systems.

Treasury) -

The welcome mat is extended to MAUREEN O'CONNOR, the daughter of JOHN O'CONNOR of Research/Planning, who joined the ranks of the CTA for the summer months... KAY CORCORAN, together with friends, flew to London, Switzerland, Germany, Brussels and of course Ireland, for three weeks. A good time was had by all... LORETTA LYNN McBAY, the daughter of ZANE McBAY, money handler, was graduated from Thornwood High school, South Holland, Illinois, on June 9... After five weeks of pinch hitters and substitutes, we finally got our real boss back. Mr. PAULILUNAS and his wife, SHIRLEY, took off for the great Southwest as have quite a few of our fellow workers recently. Unlike the others, however, he skillfully avoided Vegas. Something to do with frugality. That word comes out tightwad in some interpretations. Nothing cheap about the living quarters he utilized though, as his trip was well documented in pictures which he is proudly displaying to everyone. He visited with some of our pensioners in Sun City, Arizona: HARRY POLLAND, VERN and HILDA OLSON, Mr. and Mrs. CLYDE NORTH and Ms. BETTY SHUR. On the debit side we lost a long-time co-worker to the computer. Automation is really something. TOM OLENICK was transferred to the computer programmer department. As a last favor to Tom, we would like to ask that all his fellow workers bring all your crickets, living or dead, to Tom. He feeds them to his tarantula... Also hitting the vacation trail recently was J. MCGANN, W. MURPHY, J. HURROW and J. DUFFY. Welcome back, fellows, your replacements were awful... On the sick list we have MIKE KAI and CHARLIE DERRICK. Hurry back fellows for the same reason we mentioned above... Central Counting now has a bowling team. After many attempts to get into the already established 77th Street league, we finally broke through when the house granted them four more lanes. Anyone else interested should contact Z. McBAY... DENISE CARTER, the daughter of WILLIE CARTER, money handler, was graduated from South Shore High school on June 1 and will attend Northern Illinois university at DeKalb, Illinois.

Reproduction Services) -

SUE (Pierce) GILLESPIE paid an office visit showing off her daughter, ERIN, with that bright red hair which really rings out the Irish in the family.

Insurance & Pensions) -

The welcome mat is extended to KATHY KILGALLON who is working for the summer months, and JENNIFER TICKMAN, the granddaughter of GEORGE WICKMAN, Executive, who will be a permanent employee... JEANINE ERARD and her girlfriend drove to Elmyra, New York, for a two-week vacation, and are also taking in New York City... A visit was made to the office by CATHY MURRAY, former stenographer, with her three-month old daughter, HARRISSE... We welcome MARY BETH MROZ, who transferred from the Stores Department, as a clerk-typist. Good luck to you in your new position.

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neuraute

DREST GLEN -

Sorry about the lateness of this good news, but congratulations to Operator JOSEPH and LAURETTA MOTYKA on the birth of an 8 pound 8 ounce grandson, BRIAN MICHAEL MOTYKA... A wedding is planned for the CHRIST PANTOS

THE REVEREND JAMES T. KACZOROWSKI was ordained on May 9 at St. Mary of the Lake seminary, and said his first mass on May 20. He is the son of Lawndale Station Operator CLEM and HELEN KACZOROWSKI.



family next year. Their son, STEVE, has announced his engagement. Either it was excitement about the engagement or the fact that he loves his job so much that caused Christ to report to work on his anniversary date... LEN MALICKI was taken off the bus and placed in the hospital. At last report he was doing very well. Also, AL DREWKE is on the sick list and in the hospital. We wish them both a speedy recovery... Our best wishes for a long and happy retirement for Operators LEONARD (Gray Ghost) REINHART and JOHN MOHAWK. You will be missed... Belated birthday wishes to JEFFREY MILLER, the son of Clerk MILLER, who was nine years old May 15... WARREN G. (Woody) WOOD Sr. and his great helper, JACQUELINE, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary June 10. We wish you many more happy years together... Instructor HANK ZIOLKOWSKI will be defending his title at the CTA Open... We may have a budding artist in our midst. DEBBIE SWANSON, the 12-year old daughter of Supervisor RALPH SWANSON, cleaned up on an Easter coloring contest co-sponsored by the Free Press Newspaper and Businessmen of Carpentersville. Debbie won an Easter basket from CID Realty; an Easter basket from the Jewel Food Store and a \$15 check as first prize from the Free Press. Congratulations!... Now the news from some of our vacationers. Our great fishermen, GEORGE DILLAS, GEORGE WICKMAN, GEORGE SPORLEDER, BREEZY, WALTER MIELA, ED DIETZ, BILL LYNAM and FRED HERMANN really had a good time on their trip this year. I guess a lot of bottle bass were caught, too!... A postcard was received from SWEDIE who was enjoying the climate and scenery in the Scottsdale and Phoenix areas... A card was also received from HENRY WISINSKI who was having a wonderful time touring other parts of Italy after visiting awhile in Florence, Mrs. Wisinski's native city. They also visited Switzerland, France and Belgium. Sounds like something that the rest of us only dream about... Your scribe will be up north getting in some fishing as this goes to press. I'll tell you all about the ones that got away when I get back.

- W. A. Henry

KEDZIE -

Congratulations to Superintendent MYLES HARRINGTON who went on pension August 1. He'll be greatly missed at Kedzie for his fairness in dealing with the operators. His friends had a party for him. Everyone enjoyed himself and wished him and his lovely wife, BEA, the best



V. J. MOORE
48 Years



M. F. HARRINGTON
46 Years



J. I. GUSOVICH
44 Years

JOINING THE ranks of the retired during July and August were the six employees pictured here who had 40 or more years of transit service each with CTA and its predecessor companies.



G. T. SPASOJEVICH
42 Years

NEW PENSIONERS

PETER ALESSI, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 4-7-43
LOUIS P. ANCHOR, Box Puller,
Beverly, Emp. 7-17-37
ALICE ARKIN, Clerk I,
Revenue Accounting, Emp. 7-18-57
GEORGE BERRESHEIM, Laborer,
South Shops, Emp. 11-17-36
WALTER B. CHASE, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 10-28-42
FORREST B. CLEMENS, Substation Operator,
Electrical, Emp. 8-4-42
EDDIE DAVIS, Derrick Car Laborer,
Stores-South Division, Emp. 10-19-43
JOHN DEIGNAN, Shopman I,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 8-13-46
ANTHONY J. DIELE, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 4-6-42
STANLEY W. DOCKUS, Operator,
52nd Street, Emp. 6-30-43
MELVIN A. FELTON, Lineman,
Electrical, Emp. 6-3-36
WALTER A. GIRA, Bus Repairer,
North Avenue, Emp. 11-24-52
FRANK A. GRICUS, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 11-15-45
VINCENT F. GUZNICZAK, Janitor,
Forest Glen, Emp. 4-7-43
JOHN I. GUZOVICH, Frog Shop Foreman,
Engineering, Emp. 3-23-29
ALDEN M. HANSEN, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 6-21-56
MYLES F. HARRINGTON, Superintendent,
Kedzie, Emp. 10-12-26
WILLIAM D. HART, Service Truck Helper,
Utility & Emergency Service, Emp. 3-2-43
JAMES A. HUNT, Janitor,
69th Street, Emp. 3-7-39
ROBERT N. JEWETT, Operator,
52nd Street, Emp. 2-20-43
JAMES A. KAIN, Motorman,
West Section, Emp. 5-6-29
EDWARD J. KELLY, Collector,
Kedzie, Emp. 7-13-37

ANDREW J. KILGORE, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 8-13-41
EDWARD KRATZKE, Bus Serviceman,
Forest Glen, Emp. 8-11-42
RALPH H. KUGELARD, Superintendent,
District D, Emp. 8-19-36
HARRY G. LANG, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 7-29-41
OLIVER M. LANG, Painter Foreman,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 1-8-49
ANDREW G. LENARD, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 11-29-47
LOUIS E. MARCINEK, Bus Repairer,
Lawndale, Emp. 9-4-47
JOHN J. MCCARTHY, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 6-24-36
WILLIAM J. MCGOVERN, Fork Lift Operator,
Stores-South Division, Emp. 11-16-36
GORDON D. McGRATH, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 11-25-42
JOHN H. MELODY, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 11-12-41
ROBERT C. MONSON, Lineman,
Electrical, Emp. 9-20-40
VINCENT J. MOORE, Adjuster III,
Claim, Emp. 9-3-24
JACK B. MORRIS, Superintendent,
Lawndale, Emp. 3-13-34
EROL T. MURPHY, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 10-17-52
LESTER NULLMEYER, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 4-29-41
VINCENT A. OBORSKI, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 12-7-53
ARTHUR J. O'BRIEN, Machinist,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 10-6-42
ALBERT J. PATEREK, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 7-24-45
ELMER B. PETERSON, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 7-17-41
LEO F. POWELL, Bus Repairer,
North Park, Emp. 12-10-47
CHARLES D. SALVATORE, Lineman Helper,
Electrical, Emp. 4-17-47
JOHN E. SCHILTZ, Bus & Truck Mechanic,
South Shops, Emp. 9-17-46
ARTHUR A. SIM, Supervisor,
South Rapid Transit District, Emp. 4-10-42
WILLIAM H. SMITH, Laborer,
Track, Emp. 7-10-46



J. A. KAIN
44 Years



T. J. WOSS
44 Years

GOJKO T. SPASQJEVICH, Section Foreman,
Engineering, Emp. 10-2-30
EDWARD J. STAHOWIAK, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 8-19-37
JOHN J. SUDA, Information Clerk,
Transportation, Emp. 9-30-37
EDWIN W. VAN CLEAVE, Clerk,
Forest Glen, Emp. 3-19-36
JAMES P. WALSH, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 1-11-52
WILLIAM P. WHELEHAN, Supervisor,
District C, Emp. 11-10-36
THEODORE J. WOSS, Machine Shop Foreman,
South Shops, Emp. 8-1-29
CHARLES A. WROBEL, Token Clerk I,
Treasury, Emp. 10-15-41

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

LYLE J. BLACK, Carpenter A,
South Shops, Emp. 5-10-62
FRANK J. DELAQUILA, Electrical Worker A,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 11-20-39
MICHAEL GORCZYNSKI, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 9-27-45
JOHN W. KOGER, Car Repairman A,
61st Street, Emp. 1-12-54
JOHN J. MCGOVERN, File Clerk,
Claim, Emp. 3-18-46
JOHN NANNINGA, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 1-15-37
HAYWOOD S. OWENS, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 6-5-45
NATHANIEL T. PERKINS, Collector,
77th Street, Emp. 8-20-47
ROBERT A. RAWLINGS, Motorman,
South Section, Emp. 3-19-62
RAYMOND B. SCHEID, Bus Repairer,
69th Street, Emp. 2-18-42
FRANKLIN F. SPECHT, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 7-11-52
RICHARD M. STANTON, Supervisor,
North Section, Emp. 7-1-42
JOHN E. SUTTER, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 8-7-41
JOHN R. VITELLO, Trackman I,
Engineering, Emp. 5-1-36

of health, an enjoyable pension, and the hope that they can do all the things and see all the places that they always wanted to...Operator JOHN LOCACIUS took his pension June 1. He'll be going to Canada to do some fishing and to enjoy life at its best. Good luck, John!...Operator L. NULL-MEYER, formerly of Lawndale Depot, went on pension July 1 after 32 years of service. We wish you the best of health and good luck...I saw WALLY SERAFIN, retired operator. He looks good and says hello to all at Kedzie...Clerk ART COOPER got a hole-in-one, his first in 45 years of golfing. Clerk JERRY BLAKE was with him when he made his greatest shot...CAROL WALLIN, the daughter of Jerry Blake, has moved to South Amboy, New Jersey; her husband has been transferred there. Jerry and his lovely wife, SHIRLEY, will visit them on their vacation...Operator JAMES SPRAAGS had a surprise birthday; a few passengers got on his Madison Street bus with a small birthday cake and a couple of lit candles, singing Happy Birthday to him. Jim, we wish you many more...Congratulations to Operator WILLIAM LARSEN and his lovely wife, JOSEPHINE, who became grandparents for the third time. Their daughter, MARGE MAHONEY, had a baby girl, PAMELA ANN, who was born at Georgetown hospital, Washington, D.C., on May 29...Operator HARVEY BEY's lovely wife, NAOMI, had an operation on her feet. Naomi was in West Lake hospital in Melrose Park. She is home now, and we all wish her a speedy recovery...Retired operator A. LOHMEIR broke his leg in a fall while siding his garage...Operator J. RICHARDSON, the number one man at Kedzie, was in the hospital but is now back on the job...Retired operator I. BERLIN had a memorial service for his wife at Shalom Memorial Park cemetery. Then he and some friends went to his daughter's home in Palatine for some refreshments...Bus Transferer DAVE KISSANE's aunt passed away May 12. She lived in Kearny, New Jersey...Night Foreman FRANK GRIMALDI's brother, NICK, passed away and was laid to rest on June 2 in Mt. Carmel cemetery...Operator ED BARRY, top charter driver for Butterworth Tours, had a nice write-up in the Quad Cities newspaper for his excellent service. They always request ED for their charters, and now you know why...PAUL BARNETT has resigned from the repair department and is moving to Yuma, Arizona. We wish you the best of luck, Paul...Don't forget your credit union; save a little each payday.

- Raymond Graham

LAWNDALE -

We extend our heartiest congratulations to Operator and Mrs. ED CELOVSKY who celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary on May 2...Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Pensioner JESSE C. CINKUS who recently passed away...Operator JOHN P. MCGARVEY recently returned from the cable car city and the streets of San Francisco...Good to see Clerk BILL KELLY back to work after a lengthy illness...Former operator MARTY KARIOLOCH recently returned to work as a janitor. Welcome back, Marty...We had to give out a chuckle on May 3 when Operator BENNY J. HERRON showed up for work on his 22nd anniversary. Well, Benny, it happens to the best of us...Give all of your cigar coupons to Chief Clerk RUSS GUNDERSON. Russ will be spending his vacation this year in Columbus Park and wants all the cigars he can get...Congratulations to the families of all personnel who had graduates this year. Many successful years to all...By the time many of you read this, vacation time will nearly be over for

many of us. However, I hope that you were able to visit your favorite places this year and managed to get around the gas shortage. I'll let you know in my next article if I made it to Spokane, Washington, or not. You know, that's a lot of driving on ten here and ten there...I'll be looking forward to you telling me about your vacation experiences this year, so use the news box...Happy birthday and anniversary to all who celebrate them this month...So until next time think with safety in mind.

- James Marshall

LIMITS -

Greetings, fellows, this is your on-the-case reporter... First, I would like to congratulate you all on your ISC award...Congratulations are in order for Limits' former scribe, BOB BENSON, who sent me a very nice letter informing me of the birth of his seventh grandchild. What a nice way to enjoy your pension...The next time you see ART COOPER, be sure to shake his hand for his first hole-in-one in 45 years of playing golf. WOW! Also, the next time you see JUDGE LORD, ask him how many fish he has. From what he tells me, there's a couple hundred in his freezer--Limits' very own fisherman of the year...There are a lot of our men who are on cloud nine this year because of graduations. Operator ALLEN JACKSON saw his daughter graduate from Washington university and is still feeling the sunny effect of the outside exercise, and Operator JEROME WALKER saw his daughter graduate from Jones Commercial High school. She plans to attend college in the fall...Operator RUFUS H. BOYD's number one son, RUFUS Jr., was graduated from C.V.S. and plans a college major in electronics. Operator STANLEY FOSTER's son, MICHAEL, was graduated from Thornton Township High school and plans to study data processing in college...A wish for a speedy recovery goes out to IKE WILLIAMS and NEWTON MYERS, both of whom are in the hospital at this writing...Hey, here's a good one. AL SCHUSTER dropped me a line to let me know how great our credit union is, as if we didn't know. They came to his rescue while he was on a trip to Florida when all other banks could not help him. That is really great...Sorry to hear that our softball team didn't do too good this year. Well, fellows, if it's that bad, I'll be out next year. Ha, Ha!

- Charles Turner

LOOP -

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of GENEVIEVE WASHBURN, former assignment clerk. Gene was a lovely lady, beloved by all who knew her. She will long be remembered...Our sympathy also goes out to the family and friends of former agent EARL GILBERT who was on disability retirement at the time of his death, to Clerk KOKOWYNSKI in the death of his mother, and to retired chief clerk HARRY BAKER in the death of his brother, MORRIS. May they all rest in peace...Chief Clerk JOHN CAROLAN has asked us to thank all his friends for their kind expressions of sympathy at the time of his wife's death...Congratulations to Agent MARY RITTER's son, JOHN, who was graduated from the Chicago police academy...Conductor JOE FRITZ is on his second vacation of the year. Poor Joe says he has lots more vacation left, but no cash. Get out and enjoy Mother Nature, Joe. The best things are free; hike, swim, camp, fish--try it, you'll like

WEDDING BELLS rang for RICH and CECELIA PARENTI on February 17 at St. Angela church. The bride is the former CECELIA TRUCCO, stenographer in Methods and Procedures.



it...Agent BILL PFEIFFER and his wife spent the weekend of June 15 up in Free Soil, Michigan, where they attended the wedding of Mrs. Pfeiffer's nephew. Bill says he ate too much and increased the Alka Seltzer sales, but all in all, they had a great time...Agent CAROL BOWMAN started her vacation on June 24. We will get the story on that when she returns...Agent EFFIE ALEXANDER could hardly wait for June 10, when her vacation began and she left for Mexico...Agent MARY VIDAS celebrated her tenth anniversary with CTA on July 13. Mary will spend her vacation during August with her niece and husband in San Bernardino, California, where they will also celebrate her birthday on August 22. Happy birthday, and have fun...Speaking of birthdays, Foot Collector VERNE NORSTROM had one on June 24. He took off Friday the 22nd, and went to the races hoping to come home with a nice birthday gift. As of this writing, we haven't heard the results...Agent MARTHA BLEERS snuck off without leaving details. We'll corner her on her return...Agent JULIE MATTRAN and her husband, RAY, spent the Memorial day weekend at the Arlington Park Towers hotel in Arlington Heights. They wine, dined, danced, swam in the pool, and had fun in the sun. It was a lovely way to celebrate their 32nd wedding anniversary. Congratulations!...Agent JOHN WOODS had an exceptionally wonderful Father's day this year; he learned that his son had won a four year scholarship to Tarkio college in Missouri. John is one proud daddy. Congratulations!...Agent VIRGINIA TOTCKE is looking forward to her August vacation. She and retired agent LILLIAN CONROY and other friends are vacationing in Hawaii this year. We can hardly wait to hear about this trip. Have fun...Agent JUNE BAREKMAN is having a surprise vacation this year. She and a friend are going to get in the car and go with no destination in mind. This should be interesting to hear about when she returns...Former agent DOROTHY ADLER is enjoying the Florida sunshine very much. She sends fond greetings to all her CTA friends...Keep smiling!

- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wirted

MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

CLARENCE F. BRIEGER, who retired in 1969 with 42 years of service at Douglas Park, paid us a visit and told us that his father, WILLIAM A. BRIEGER, who retired in 1952 from Douglas Park, is now 87 years young, and his lovely wife, FRANCES, is 85 years young. They celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary on May 12. We wish them

many more happy years together...MARY GALLAGHER is eagerly planning her trip to Ireland in July. We hope to report about it when she returns...DAVE GRAFMAN and FRED FRIEB both celebrated birthdays on May 8. We want to wish them many more...We had a lot of people celebrate their anniversaries with the CTA in May. Congratulations to JIMMY GEORGE, JOE GIBLIN, MYRTLE APITZ, MILDRED DOYLE, MARY STANCZYK and GRACE MOUNTS...NANCY WIXTED, the daughter of Agent MARY WIXTED, is the proud owner of a 1973 Mazda. Nancy won the car when she took a chance for \$1. We are all happy for her and a little green--with envy...Congress Motorman A. POULAS is the proud father of two graduates this year. His daughter, HELEN, was graduated from the University of Illinois Circle Campus, and his younger daughter, KATHEY, was graduated from Foreman High school and plans to attend Circle in the fall...Relief Superintendent KEN BROWN spent a two-week vacation camping with his family in Atlanta, Georgia. They had a wonderful time...Superintendent JOHN ZUPKO had planned a two-week vacation but got sick and instead spent a week in the hospital and three weeks at home recuperating. He is back to work now and feeling fine. He wishes to thank everyone who contributed for the terrarium and the fruit basket which were sent to him from the Kennedy Line, and for the cards and phone calls which he received...Co-reporter GRACE MOUNTS plans to spend her vacation visiting relatives in Indiana and Michigan...Former assignment agent JEAN WASHBURN passed away after a long illness. Jean was a great lady and a favorite of all the West Side temps. Jean's husband, RAY, wishes to thank everyone for the expressions of sympathy he received...Assignment Agent JUSTIN MCCARTHY went on pension July 1. BOB MALONEY is planning to go on pension September 1 and will move to Florida. We wish both Justin and Bob a lot of happiness. They are two great guys that deserve it...Retired agents CATHERINE KENNEY and NELLY REDY are both residing at St. Andrew's home, 7000 N. Newark, Niles. I'm sure that they'd both love to hear from some of the agents who knew them.

- Grace Mounts & Katy Moriarty

NORTH AVENUE -

A great big HELLO to everyone! Yes, that's the way our column will begin from now on. Since BILL MIEDEMA got the job transferring buses to and from the South Shops, we no longer write for North Avenue. We know that you'll agree that he did a tremendous job of reporting over the past several years, and we will miss him. We hope he will continue to share all the pensioner news with us. In this way North Avenue will continue to be noted for news about its retirees. Drop us a line, fellows, we'll be more than glad to hear from you...Here's a belated welcome and rolling out of the red carpet for MILTON PIKARSKY, the new CTA Board Chairman. We wish him continued success in his new position and hope to meet him in the near future. After talking to ART HALEK recently, we decided that after 10½ years of retirement, he doesn't look a day older than when he was working the old red streetcars...Another retiring retiree is HAROLD JULITZ who chatted with us while giving the "L" from the Mart. He sends his best regards to all his old friends...Former North Avenue Trainman TOM VALENZIA, now living in San Diego, underwent the same type of heart surgery that yours truly had almost a year ago. At last report we understand he's coming along OK. Good luck, Tom...Finally hanging up the phone at Grand and

Halsted was Central District Supervisor MIKE LYONS who took his pension June 1...Also going on pension were Operators CHARLES SHEEHY and GEORGE CARLSON. George, you now have loads of time to look back over the years through the bus mirror that was presented to you by your friends...Two other fellows who are going to have more leisure time will be Station Superintendents MYLES HARRINGTON of Kedzie and JACK MORRIS of Lawdale whose retirements will become effective August 1. Good luck to all of you, and please be sure to keep in touch with us...Do you folks realize that on April 26 Superintendent BOB KEAG became a grandpa? He held up so well under the strain, that just a little over a month later he and Grandma KEAG got into their new "autymobile" and headed for the southwestern part of the country for a little rest and relaxation. Two weeks later Assistant Station Superintendent WARD CHAMBERLAIN and his wife, MARGE, also deserted the camp and headed across the border to Montreal, Canada. You can bet they were back in time to celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on July 30...After a bit of family roundtable discussion, Instructor MARVIN KOCAR and his wife, PEGGY, and their two daughters also decided to pile into their 'l'il ol' bug and head through Canada...District C Supervisor M. McLOUD didn't get any further than Gary, Indiana, but even that's getting away from it all...Just ask Clerk BOB STACH's daughter, DOROTHY, who it was that pulled in all the muskies while on their vacation at Leech Lake, Minnesota. I'll give you a little hint, it wasn't Bob...Of course there's also Operator FLEISCHAKER's way of doing it. He let his wife and son have an enjoyable trip to Austria while he stayed home and worked to pay for it all...Operator AL JACQUES and his better half combined a bit of house painting with their Tennessee vacation. Al, you is a good boy...Operator and Mrs. RAY SPAKOWSKI had an enjoyable time in Clearwater, Florida...Honey-do" vacations were spent by ART ECKER and JIMMY O'BRIEN...It would have been nice to have been able to accompany Collector E. BRIESKEY and his wife and grandson on their AMTRAK vacation to Albuquerque and El Paso. Thanks so very much for the souvenirs...Speaking of trains, who do you suppose rode the cushions behind Southern railway's steam locomotive #4501 when it made the trip from Centralia, Illinois, to Chicago? None other than Relief Clerk BILL REYNOLDS. In our book, that's the way to travel...To continue our vacation varieties we have this "first" vacation taken by District C Supervisor JOHN HOFF and his wife, DOROTHY. This was the first vacation trip for their new '72 Impala. It was also the first car of theirs to sport air conditioning. It was also the first time they rented a camping trailer; all their previous vacations were spent in motels. August 10 was the day they headed for beautiful Kentucky Lake. From our own experience we know that this is one of the nicest places to spend a quiet restful vacation...How about a one-day jaunt to Union, Illinois, where you can see four old red streetcars, a PCC car, and an old sweeper. These were recently acquired by the Illinois Railway Museum and at one time were owned by the CSL. These new arrivals should be inducement enough for anyone to want to go there and relive the "good old days"...There are three more reasons for putting out the flag on July 4. It was the 60th birthday of our No. 1 box puller, CHARLES BARAGLIA; the 37th wedding anniversary of Custodian JOHN MARACEK and his wife, and last but not least, the birthday of the fella who can whip up one of this town's best hot dog barbecues, BILL (Mr. Clean) OLIVER...BOB STACH, JOHN MARACEK and MIKE LACRIOLA rounded out the rest of the month with their birthdays...The month of August finds

Pensioner ROLLIE HEAD and MARGE CHAMBERLAIN blowing out the candles...The calorie laden goodies in September will "hopefully" be supplied by Assistant Superintendent WARD CHAMBERLAIN and Clerk AL (Elkhorn) ROHDE...Now how about spilling over into October when EVELYN BROGAN, the wife of Senior Station Instructor JIM BROGAN, celebrates her birthday on the 10th. This is closely followed by yours truly on the 13th. (You know, some of the BEST people are born in October)...If you fellows would like to keep yourselves out of the doghouse, take my advice and don't forget this date--October 20. That's the day you remember the gals in your life, such as mothers, wives, daughters and sweethearts. Don't say I didn't warn you in plenty of time...By this time the melodious voice of Switchboard Operator JOHN STICH should be greeting you again after his stay in Columbus hospital...We're also hoping to see Operator LUCIUS BANKS out of Mt. Sinai soon...Operator ED KELLY's wife, JUNE, spent some time in Resurrection hospital...After one false start, that little ten-year old guy of Clerk BENNY MAZALEWSKI found out that "the hip bone meets the thigh bone, the thigh bone meets the leg bone, etc." at Northwest Community hospital...The youngest member of the hospital corps was the three-year old grandson of Operator MIKE BYSTREK who underwent surgery at Lutheran General hospital...It was mighty nice to see the return of Clerk BILL KELLY and Operator A. PALICKI who have been out of action for a good while...We would like to take a moment to offer our sincere condolences to those who have suffered the loss of a loved one recently. To Operator WALTER REMBACK in the loss of his wife; District Superintendent WERNER STOKELL in the loss of his mother; Clerk BILL CERKAN in the loss of his grandson; Operator ED SZAREK in the loss of his mother, and to the family of retired District C supervisor JIM O'MAHONEY. Also to the families of two men who I had the pleasure of working with for many years, Operator GEORGE DEARMAN and Collector RAY KRUMML, both of Forest Glen Station...Clerk BOB STACH tells us that during a heavy rainstorm, if water gets up to his new home, located on the sixth floor, it will have to be carried up in the elevator.

As an opener for my first article, I wish to express my gratitude for this opportunity as co-reporter with WALTER BLIX. I only hope that I shall be able to come up to par with the thorough job that Walter has and is still doing. I aspire, without the expertise of a professional, to report news that will be both informative and entertaining. Thanks...A romantic courtship ended in "I do" when Operator TOM YAPPELLI and GRACE PESOLA exchanged the vows of matrimony. Our very best to the two of you...Instructor ED JURCZAK celebrated his 60th birthday on May 2 and received many gifts and was feted on three separate occasions...MICHAEL ENGSTROM, the grandson of Instructor MICHAEL LACRIOLA, wondered what it was all about as he observed the candle on his cake May 21, denoting birthday number one. His daughter, DORENE, is proudly sporting her class ring, meaning she will start her senior year at Resurrection High school in the fall...The domicile of Instructor DAVE EGGERSDORF and his wife, AMY, turned into a place of academic atmosphere when their son, DANIEL, was graduated from Stevens school, and their daughter, PATRICIA, was graduated from kindergarten. The Eggersdorfs celebrated the dual occasion in one of the finer eateries of the Forest Park area...The sliding of the checkers across the board goes on daily as members of the "checker set" sharpen their wits to appear on the list

of the top ten best players. As we gazed upon the face of Operator JULIO RODRIGUEZ as he was lending his pitch to the game, this scribe would interpret Julio's thoughts as "there are some tough hombres to beat, amigos." According to the latest reports, Operators LEON (Cool Tom) THOMAS and OLIVER (Sausage) WILSON are among the top contenders...From the Repair Department we found the following repairmen on vacation: Foreman A. PALA at his farm in Wisconsin; Repairman RICHARD CREAL and his spouse in that number one city, New York, and Repairman JERRY ROCHETTE and his spouse at home in Woodstock. The Rochettes also celebrated one dozen happily married years on June 17...Repairman RONALD FILARSKI played the role of GI as he fulfilled his military obligations to Uncle Sam for two weeks at Fort Gordon, Georgia...DALE WISNIESKI, the son of Repairman FRANK WISNIESKI, and DONNA DEATHERAGE were pierced by cupid's arrow and became Mr. and Mrs. in the early part of June...The tire section of the Repair Department brings into focus the activities of Repairman JOHN RUDDLES and his wife, ELAINE. The month of May offered many occasions for celebration. Elaine's birthday on the 5th and the couple's wedding anniversary on the 10th (21 years). Sharing the spotlight with papa and mama Ruddles was their daughter, MARIANNE, a senior at Good Counsel High school, who was elected president of the organization, Christian Life Communities Prefect...Operator HORACE BROWNING, 241 board member from the deactivated Keeler Station, came to North Avenue and brought a special smile on the faces of North Avenue board members JOHN WEATHERSPOON and ANTHONY KEMP. (Nothing like more hands on the oars, eh fellows?)...Operator BRUCE WILLIAMS and his wife, BARBARA, were wearing that special smile when their son, BRUCE Jr., was graduated from Maple-Dodge school and their daughter, BARBARA, was graduated from Crane High school...ALBERT LOWERY Jr., the son of ALBERT and VERLA LOWERY, is back this summer to help keep the fleet rolling. Albert is in his junior year at Arkansas A&M college majoring in business administration...Operator FRED LABERN, a native of Managua, Nicaragua, was very elated to learn that members of his family were able to drive to safety to the nearby City of Jinotepé during the recent earthquake there...Operator JOHN (Jack) McNIFF has returned from a vacation in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Have you observed the similarity of John to Sonny of the Sonny and Cher team?...The ringing of the hammer hitting the nail is coming from the shingle going up reading Dr. ROBERT L. WITT, podiatrist. Robert is the son of Operator BEN and SALLY WITT, and was graduated from Illinois College of Podiatry on May 25. Best of luck to you, Doc...Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Operator HENRY LOCKHART and his wife, PEGGYE, in the death of their daughter, KENYA, who was the girl of a set of fraternal twins born to the couple on November 28, 1972; to Operator PETER and BERNICE DOWDALL in the death of her brother, DAVID ABBIHIL, and to Operator RAYMOND SWOPE in the death of his sister, FLORENCE SWOPE...Operator BEN FLENAUGH is defending his title as city tennis champ in the senior doubles set. The matches started at Garfield park and will end in Waveland park. The winners will go to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for the National Park District Tournament. Good luck, Ben...The accolades of the fans have long since faded, but we must mention the quasi-professional teamwork of our basketball team under the scrutinizing eye of player-coach, Operator WADE SIMMONS, as he guided the team through an undefeated season. Wade said the team's 55 to 45 victory over

he Forest Glen team was the sweetest and most revengeful game of the season. It was Forest Glen that beat them in the championship game last season. The team consists of Operators WILLIE BAKER, TOM COLLINS, BILLY TANBACK, CARLOS MADDOX, WILLIE STEWART, BOBBY BARNES, AL GORDON, LOUIS GARDNER, C. LOJACK, PUGH, W. HUNT and KENNETH BLUE. Although the team lost Collins to Archer and Blue to Beverly on the system pick, the team plans to come back strong next season... From the credit union, Operator PETER DOWDALL, treasurer, proudly reminds us that the 6 per cent annual dividend, paid on a semi-annual basis, was paid on June 30. FERN METTLER, the wife of Operator KENNETH METTLER, is now home from the hospital and progressing rapidly. . . Operator JULIUS TEDESCHI was missing for a couple of weeks because of jury duty. . . Operator LAWRENCE CASEY is sporting the broadest smile of his entire career. You guessed it right--he moved to the number one spot on the seniority list after the retirement of Operator GEORGE CARLSON. . . Operator LUCIUS BANKS who was in Mt. Sinai hospital is now in the Veteran's Administration hospital on Damen Avenue. A speedy recovery to you, Lucius. . . Pensioner BEN SCHOLTZ has returned from Sarasota, Florida, after attending the funeral of his sister-in-law. Prior to the Florida trip, Ben spent a few months in California where he tried to contact Pensioner OLIVER WILKBENT, but to no avail. . . Pensioner LEO PLUSKOWSKI was in from Wisconsin for a few days recuperating from a recent operation. . . Pensioner JOE HEIBEL is still going strong. He was observed by Instructor D. EGGERSDORF painting windows and attending to a few other chores around the house. . . Among the many pensioners that still have their anchors in Chicago are RAY KUSTOHS, around the local pub at Springfield and Fullerton; ART HALLEK standing tall guarding the money at the bank at Pulaski and North Avenue, and JOHN TUREK on the opposite corner around the paper stand. . . Operator PATRICK GATELY has been observed keeping close quarters with Operator LOUIS FORD. Ford is the only person we know that opens his lunch bag, and with the magic of a modern day Houdini, lays before you a complete seven course lunch that would be the envy of any gourmet. Nice work if you can get it, Patrick. . . Your scribe and his wife, IONE T. PRUITT, were presented with a new granddaughter, SEQUANDRA, on May 4. . . As vice chairman of the Advisory Council, WGUPC, Model Cities/Chicago Committee on Urban Opportunity, this scribe was chosen to represent the council at a senior citizen award dinner held at the Chateau Royale. As an added attraction, I found myself seated next to Congresswoman Cardiss Collins.

- Walter Bliß & Aaron Pruitt

NORTH PARK -

GARY KEMP, the son of Operator CHARLES KEMP, is now a member of the CTA family. Gary is working as a car serviceman at the Jefferson Park Terminal. . . Operator BILL OCIEPSKA received his bachelor of arts degree from Northeastern Illinois university on April 18 and is now qualified as a physical education instructor. . . Operator DARNELL WILLIAMS and his wife, GLORIA, became parents of their second child when a daughter, KIMBERLY NATE, was born on April 30 at Mercy hospital weighing 8 pounds 10 ounces. . . Operator DAVID BENSON and his wife, JACQUELINE, became proud first-time parents when a son, ROBERT WESLEY, was born on June 15 at Swedish

Covenant hospital weighing 7 pounds 7 ounces. Robert's grandfather is Pensioner ROBERT BENSON, former Transit News scribe at Limits Depot. . . Pensioner EARNIE BOURBON was hospitalized at St. Elizabeth hospital at this writing for major surgery. Our prayers are with Earnie for a complete recovery. . . Pensioner FRANK LITTAU enjoyed his vacation in the great Northwest. Highlights of the trip were visits to Lake Louise, Saddleback Mountain, Banff National Park and Vancouver. . . Pensioner GEORGE KRINKE and his wife, PEARL, along with former CTA employee RAY MURPHY and his wife, LILLIAN, vacationed throughout Florida. A visit with Pensioner PETE CUNNINGHAM and FRANK POWELL of St. Petersburg was most enjoyed. Trips to Disney World, Cape Kennedy and St. Augustine were also on the agenda. . . Pensioner JOHN CLARK spent a week's vacation in Mountain Home, Arkansas, with Pensioner WENRICK (Blackie) NELSON and his wife, MABELLE. Blackie operates the Mockingbird Hill Gift Shop and the largest driftwood museum in the state. Blackie invites his many Chicago area friends to stop by for a visit and browse around his novelty shop. . . Pensioner RAY DONESKI and his son-in-law, BERNARD WOOLWINE, are the operators of the Tucker Hollow Boat Dock and Marina located on Lake Bull Shoals in Arkansas. Ray and Bernard have a complete service--boats, motors, live bait, free campgrounds, cabins, etc. Their mailing address is Route 4, Harrison, Arkansas 72601, or phone (501) 436-5564. . . Operator MEL HORNING and his wife, VIOLET, vacationed for a week in Forsyth, Missouri, at the home of Pensioner ART and RUTH MUIR. Visits with Pensioner STEVE HERMAN, ROY LEMKE and RAY DONESKI were also enjoyed. . . DEBBIE BASON, the daughter of Operator HAROLD BASON, was graduated from Schurz High school, and at this time she is still mulling over several college offers.

- Melvin Horning

NORTH SECTION -

The family of EVELYN (Coveny) MADDEN wishes to extend their sincere thanks to all who sent cards and flowers when Mrs. Madden's mother, JOSEPHINE COVENY, passed away May 23 after a short illness. Mrs. Coveny was a ticket agent out of North Section for 30 years and had been on pension for nine years. Our sincere condolences to her family.

- Tina Henke

OPERATIONS (Transportation) -

JULIE WILLEM and a good friend flew to Warsaw, Poland, where they began their two-week vacation. Visiting with friends and attending an opera and a play were the first things they did before driving to Krakow where they took a tour of King's Castle. It was then on to Weliczki, a salt mining town, and a trip that took them below ground to see a beautiful altar carved from salt. They continued on to Zakopane where Julie met her cousin for the first time, and saw Poland's most beautiful mountains. Good weather helped to make it a very nice vacation. . . JACK CHAMBERS and his wife, EILEEN, went on an eight-day cruise on the MS Boheme. They visited the Islands of Puerto Plata, where Jack bought some beautiful amber jewelry for his best girl, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Haiti. Their home is now decorated with some very nice wood carvings. They had such a wonderful time that they are planning to go back again soon. . . JAMES R. TUCKER recently returned

recent deaths

ANDREW J. ALEXANDER, 62, Archer,
Emp. 12-10-44, Died 5-14-73
GEORGE ANDERSON, 43, Wilson,
Emp. 10-31-55, Died 5-17-73
EUGENE D. BABCOCK, 90, Auditing,
Emp. 5-20-12, Died 3-31-73
MARIE C. BERNHARDT, 78, North Section,
Emp. 6-5-39, Died 5-1-73
EDWARD J. BLAIR, 90, Engineering,
Emp. 7-7-05, Died 5-20-73
EDWARD BOYLE, 73, Electrical,
Emp. 3-27-29, Died 5-19-73
LEONARD J. BRINK, 89, South Section,
Emp. 2-26-17, Died 6-19-73
ALFRED BUCHANAN, 88, South Section,
Emp. 4-4-07, Died 5-14-73
ADAM M. BULZAK, 77, North Avenue,
Emp. 8-29-42, Died 6-8-73
JAMES J. BYRNE, 67, West Section,
Emp. 10-12-37, Died 5-11-73
PETER CAHILL, 86, 69th Street,
Emp. 11-12-19, Died 5-20-73
JOHN D. CANNADY, 76, Specifications,
Emp. 11-26-46, Died 6-6-73
JOHN J. CARNEY, 76, 69th Street,
Emp. 1-15-25, Died 5-17-73
TERENCE CASSIDY, 75, 69th Street,
Emp. 3-26-43, Died 5-10-73
JESSE C. CINKUS, 66, Lawndale,
Emp. 11-27-28, Died 6-12-73
JOSEPHINE COVENEY, 74, North Section,
Emp. 6-23-43, Died 5-23-73
DOUGLAS C. CRON, 69, Beverly,
Emp. 9-2-27, Died 4-20-73
GEORGE DEARMAN, 47, Forest Glen,
Emp. 7-7-55, Died 6-16-73
THERON DYKES, 78, West Section,
Emp. 8-24-45, Died 6-11-73
WALTER A. ECKEL, 72, 77th Street,
Emp. 2-9-23, Died 6-20-73
THOMAS A. EMMETT, 85, Devon,
Emp. 3-20-24, Died 5-31-73

ELMER J. FEIEREISEL, 64, North Avenue,
Emp. 2-28-34, Died 6-1-73
FRANK FRENZEL, 58, Archer,
Emp. 1-27-58, Died 6-1-73
PATRICK J. GAFFNEY, 69, South Shops,
Emp. 8-8-27, Died 5-3-73
EARL J. GILBERT, 49, West Section,
Emp. 12-27-60, Died 6-3-73
MICHAEL GILL, 81, Limits,
Emp. 4-25-24, Died 5-24-73
GEORGE R. GOULDEN, 83, 77th Street,
Emp. 3-5-14, Died 5-1-73
THEODORE GREENFIELD, 82, Devon,
Emp. 12-9-19, Died 6-11-73
FRANK W. GUNSOLUS, 74, 77th Street,
Emp. 1-26-23, Died 6-7-73
WILLIAM W. HAIG, 72, Howard Street,
Emp. 12-7-44, Died 5-16-73
HARVEY R. HALL, 63, Limits,
Emp. 2-22-34, Died 6-27-73
THEODORE HELLAND, 71, 69th Street,
Emp. 1-30-29, Died 6-7-73
AUGUST L. HILDEBRAND, 92, 77th Street,
Emp. 5-18-10, Died 5-6-73
LOUIS C. HOFMANN, 79, North Park,
Emp. 8-20-13, Died 6-7-73
HOY M. HUSTON, 58, North Section,
Emp. 2-20-48, Died 6-14-73
ANTON IPCZYNSKI, 77, West Section,
Emp. 3-20-21, Died 5-10-73
SAM H. ISON, 42, Forest Glen,
Emp. 5-22-58, Died 6-19-73
JAMES JACKSON, 42, Limits,
Emp. 9-6-56, Died 5-21-73
EDWARD J. KALAS, 70, North Avenue,
Emp. 10-30-23, Died 6-19-73
JOSEPH W. KELLER, 72, North Section,
Emp. 12-4-17, Died 5-16-73
ROSEMARY KELLY, 56, North Section,
Emp. 9-17-55, Died 6-27-73
WILLIAM KENNA, 63, Kedzie,
Emp. 3-3-43, Died 5-4-73

from a vacation which included Dallas, Texas, and New Orleans, Louisiana. He had a good time and hated to come back...CARL GIBES and his wife, HILDE, drove to Hot Springs, Arkansas, for a week of relaxation. It sure was for Carl because he played golf and his wife caddied for him. Of course, he didn't trust her to give him the clubs. Once after he swung the club he asked her where it went, and she told him he had to hit the ball first before it could go anywhere. They had a wonderful time and enjoyed the baths and massages the most...ELSIE SMITH stayed home on her vacation. Her daughter, MARGIE, and her two children, CINDY and BECKI, who live in Montana, came to the Windy City to visit Elsie. They did things together and had a good time...TOM STIGLIC also spent his vacation at home with his daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren who were in from Florida. He had a ball even though he didn't go away...On July 1 JOHN SUDA, information clerk, retired with more than 35 years of service. We extend our wishes for a very happy retirement. A very warm welcome is extended to EDWARD KULPIT who transferred from Revenue Accounting and is replacing John. We are happy to have

you with us, Ed...Congratulations and the best of everything is wished to GEORGE E. EVANS, superintendent of Beverly Station, who retired on June 1 after more than 31 years of service, and to RALPH H. KUGELARD, District D superintendent, who retired on July 1 after 36 years of service.

(Utility and Emergency Service) -

Graduations were the thing in the CHARLES GAGE family this year. MARCIA was graduated from Bradley university with a degree in sociology; GAYLE from Fenger High school and will continue her studies at Illinois State university, and DARRYL from kindergarten at Roseland Christian school. His son, CHARLES Jr., just completed his freshman year at Florida A&M where he is majoring in architectural engineering...DON EDWARDS and his wife vacationed in Mexico City, Mexico. He said he never saw such driving, or so many 1930-model trucks and cars. To his surprise he found that they have a beautiful subway there. They had a real good time...PAT PORCELIUS and his wife, LORRAINE, flew to Las Vegas where they stayed about six days. They took in some shows and did some

among employees

CHARLES KLICPERA, 88, West Section,
Emp. 2-18-20, Died 5-8-73
ALBERT A. KLINGBEIL, 66, West Section,
Emp. 6-17-41, Died 6-4-73
CHARLES N. KNUTSON, 65, Electrical,
Emp. 3-4-30, Died 5-3-73
RAYMOND KRUMML, 61, Forest Glen,
Emp. 5-23-52, Died 6-9-73
JAMES C. LALLEY, 67, Limits,
Emp. 6-27-42, Died 6-13-73
WILLIAM J. LANGAN, 85, Devon,
Emp. 4-2-13, Died 6-7-73
WILLIAM J. LEAHY, 87, 77th Street,
Emp. 6-28-05, Died 5-6-73
MICHAEL LEWINSKI, 83, Kedzie,
Emp. 11-5-18, Died 6-28-73
FELIX R. LIENAU, 87, South Section,
Emp. 7-6-10, Died 5-12-73
AUGUST MANTHEY, 83, West Section,
Emp. 3-16-14, Died 5-6-73
CHARLES J. MARTENS, 83, Util. & Emerg. Serv.,
Emp. 11-27-30, Died 5-18-73
FRED S. MARTIN, 75, Claim,
Emp. 12-9-42, Died 5-14-73
JOHN McELWEE, 80, 77th Street,
Emp. 1-9-30, Died 5-20-73
PETER T. MILLOCK, 82, Devon,
Emp. 10-13-27, Died 5-4-73
WILLIAM MITCHELL, 87, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 4-24-13, Died 6-17-73
ROBERT MORRISON, 47, Instruction-Surface,
Emp. 7-21-47, Died 7-13-73
THOMAS MURPHY, 84, Kedzie,
Emp. 12-10-13, Died 5-5-73
FRANCIS O'CONNOR, 84, Devon,
Emp. 8-29-16, Died 6-8-73
KENNETH N. OESTREICH, 73, North Park,
Emp. 6-11-26, Died 5-24-73
JAMES F. O'MAHONEY, 68, District C,
Emp. 4-27-26, Died 6-18-73
CLARE E. OSBORNE, 73, North Section,
Emp. 2-12-44, Died 5-16-73

KEVIN J. OSBORNE, 71, Howard Street,
Emp. 7-12-46, Died 5-20-73
NICK PIAZZA, 82, Way & Structures,
Emp. 9-25-24, Died 5-19-73
JACOB C. PIPP, 56, Electrical,
Emp. 2-14-40, Died 6-26-73
RUFUS PORTER, 43, West Section,
Emp. 4-13-64, Died 6-7-73
ANDREW PUDIK, 80, South Shops,
Emp. 9-14-43, Died 5-16-73
HAROLD C. RACE, 87, South Section,
Emp. 7-8-41, Died 5-15-73
BENNY RUSSO, 71, South Shops,
Emp. 7-13-43, Died 5-25-73
STEFAN SANDRIK, 75, West Shops,
Emp. 1-16-23, Died 6-18-73
LESTER SILINS, 55, North Section,
Emp. 1-12-63, Died 6-27-73
VITO R. SIMONE, 72, West Section,
Emp. 10-7-47, Died 5-10-73
DOMINIC J. STUCKIS, 80, South Shops,
Emp. 4-23-24, Died 6-29-73
JAMES TAYLOR, 55, West Section,
Emp. 7-19-55, Died 5-29-73
RAYMOND THOMPSON, 75, West Section,
Emp. 2-13-43, Died 5-22-73
ALEXANDER THOMSON, 70, West Section,
Emp. 10-22-45, Died 5-25-73
CURTIS TURNER, 37, 77th Street,
Emp. 5-4-64, Died 7-3-73
JOSEPH WARSHAW, 73, South Section,
Emp. 5-13-18, Died 5-11-73
CHARLES N. WEISSEG, 84, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 3-7-11, Died 6-30-73
RAYMOND J. WINKELS, 74, Schedule-Traffic,
Emp. 7-28-24, Died 4-30-73
CARL W. WOLF, 72, Electrical,
Emp. 6-14-24, Died 6-22-73
GEORGE E. ZIEGLER, 76, Keeler,
Emp. 5-26-34, Died 5-4-73
ANTHONY C. ZIENTEK, 63, Forest Glen,
Emp. 5-12-47, Died 5-31-73

lightseeing in a car they rented. The weather was very hot, and evidently Pat was too, because this time he didn't come home broke. They really enjoyed themselves...Mr. and Mrs. ROY BOWERS went to Arizona for their vacation and just to relax...Recently, TONY CANDELLA met JIMMY CALAHAN who has been on pension for 19 years. He sends his best to everyone...Our sympathy is extended to the family of CHARLES MARTENS, retired supervisory chauffeur, who passed away, and to Pensioner BILL COLEMAN whose wife recently passed away.

- Colette Szyzopanch

PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -

A memorable day it was for CECILIA TRUCCO who was wed to RICH PARENTI on February 17. A beautiful reception took place at the Fontana D'Or. We wish you the best in life...Congratulations are in order for EDDIE DAVIS, 63rd Street Yard, and WILLIAM MCGOVERN, MC&OP, South Shops, who retired July 1. Best wishes to you both!..

Our condolences are extended to LEE DeSUTTER and her family in the loss of her husband, FRANK. Lee would like to extend her sincere thanks for the donations and mass cards...We wish a speedy recovery for two of our fellows from Storeroom 42, MIKE KORZEN, divisional storekeeper, and CHUCK SCIMECA, fork lift operator...Additions to our department are TINA RODRIGUES, stores typist I, who came from the Claim Department, and THEO SCOTT, who is a stenographer II for Stores. Welcome, and we hope you will be happy with us...PRISCILLA KAMRADT has left Stores to join the Specifications Department. Congratulations on your new job...We would also like to acknowledge our temporary employees, BARBARA BRADY and ED WILSON. Barbara will be a senior at Marion High school and intends to study nursing after graduation. Ed is a co-op trainee in Specifications and has been working with us for about six months. He feels that firsthand experience is an important part in education. Ed will get his engineering degree at Bradley university in Peoria. We hope you will both graduate with high honors in your areas...There is a new fad going on, and you'll never guess who started it.

JOANNE BOETTIN, Stores, purchased a C-harmonica, and now she's got everybody doin' it! Not only in the office, but she also just bought seven more for the kids on her block. Watch the next issue for concert times...Congratulations to CASSANDRA BENNETT, the daughter of CHARLES BENNET of Storeroom 30 at South Shops. She has been elected to membership in the South Shore High school chapter of the National Honor Society. Induction ceremonies were held April 19 in the school auditorium. We would also like to wish Miss Bennett a happy 17th birthday...Our congratulations also go out to LEE, the daughter of JIM GILLILAND, who was graduated from grammar school on June 7. The best of luck...At least one person will be riding in comfort this hot summer in his 1973 air-conditioned car. CHARLES JUREUS has purchased a Buick Century and says it's the best car ever...Happy anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. JOHN W. SPRINGER, stock clerk I. They celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary on June 28 by dining out...Happiness is being a winner of the Ford City Mother of the Year as was ROSE TOOLIS, the wife of JIM TOOLIS, buyer...Summertime news brings reports of vacations from the East to the West Coast. FRANK JOHNSON, superintendent of Purchasing, and his family took a beautiful two-week camping trip out east. Among the many historic sites visited were Gettysburg and Charlottesville, Virginia. They had a wonderful time...ED THORNE, stores clerk I, relaxed during the entire month of May in Florida. Ed and his wife traveled to Fort Meyers and Miami Beach, then looked at homes and condominiums in Newport Beach...FRANK MAGUIRE, buyer, traveled through the Midwest for one week visiting his three daughters. He and Mrs. Maguire went to Palos Park and Sterling, Illinois, and Cincinnati, Ohio...GENE ROSS, Storeroom 61, vacationed for a week in Framingham, Massachusetts, to visit his folks and also for another very special reason; Gene's brother, WALTER, was graduated with high honors from St. Mark's High school. Walter has also been awarded a scholarship and will enter Harvard university in the fall as a medical student. Best wishes for a very successful future...TONY VELCICH, stock clerk II, Storeroom 30, spent two weeks between Las Vegas, Lake Tahoe, and California. He said he had a terrific time, but there was no mention of how much money he might have won or lost...BILL DOERING, Storeroom 42, also made a trip to California and stopped in Mexico and Las Vegas...We hope everyone's vacation was or will be enjoyable.

- Maryann Jaboris & John Gill

RAPID TRANSIT MAINTENANCE TERMINALS -

Everyone would like to extend their thanks and appreciation to RAY BRZECZEK for the fine job he did while serving as our reporter...We wish a speedy recovery to ED BLICHARZ who is in St. Mary's hospital...H. YOUNG, Wilson Shop acting foreman, and J. ANTONUCCI did a wonderful job while replacing M. KRISTMAN who was on vacation...A class was held June 14 in Wilson classroom for all terminal clerks. The subject was unit exchange material, and the instructor was RICH FABRY...While E. SHIELDS and H. DICKERSON, Dan Ryan, were on vacation repairing their houses, T. GUTT was in California visiting his daughter and G. NICHOLSON was in New Jersey with his Grand Master Lodge...ANGELA ARMSTRONG, the wife of JERRY, gave him a lovely barbecue for Father's day. Among those present were C. WILLIAMS, M. MCINTOSH, L. LACEY and R. LONDON...EVELYN WILBORN was given a surprise

birthday party by her husband, DONALD. Those invite were J. COLBERT and J. CAMPBELL...Congratulations are in order for J. BUFORD, 61st Street, who lost 26 pounds before going on vacation. Others from 61st Street who are on vacation are C. DONLEY, B. SEWARD, J. La BELLARTE, W. BROWN and B. KOSIEK...T. SHANAHAN is viewing the sights in Copenhagen while J. SHANAHAN is doing the Irish jig in Ireland...M. BRINSON spent his two weeks in the peach state, Georgia.

- Frank Pickett

SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

Retired Schedule Maker SAM DeSALVO visited the office on May 17. He has moved back to Chicago from Florida where he spent the past year. His wife is hospitalized here after hip surgery and is showing an encouraging recovery...Retiree CLARK V. JOHNSON, former supervisor of schedule clerks, visited the office on May 18 to give us his new address in Largo, Florida. He and Mrs. JOHNSON were feted with several farewell parties...RAY WINKEL, retired traffic checker, died in Louisville, Kentucky, on April 30...Retired Schedule Maker JOE DeGRAZIA visited the office. Joe is completely recovered from his recent illness and came down to prove his good health...ROBERT SPOONER, traffic checker, was married on May 19 at St. Gabriel church. Congratulations!...GEORGE HANUS' son was promoted to major in the air force. Congratulations!...BILL WORCESTER and his wife celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on June 22. Congratulations and many more happy years...RUTH HAVLIK along with her mother and sister, MARIE, Electrical Department, flew to California to visit with relatives. A misfortune occurred where Mrs. Havlik fell breaking her hip; however, Ruth and Marie were able to fly their mother home after a two-week stay and she is now resting comfortably at Palos Community hospital. We wish her a very rapid recovery...Your scribe and BERNIE KIZIOR spent a busy eight days driving through central Florida. Every point of interest was sampled, including the preparations for the launching of Skylab at Cape Kennedy. Time was taken, however, in Sarasota for a bit of sun and swim...The Schedule Department extends their sympathy to the family of M. B. (Barney) O'NEILL, who passed away on April 29. Mr. O'Neill, as assistant superintendent of Schedule Department, retired on April 29, 1966.

- Kathryn Salina

GUESTS OF HONOR at the 11th annual Engineering Department retirement dinner in the Peacock Room, May 18, were department members who retired during the year ending May 1. They are, left to right: D. RENO, E. FOREMAN, A. MORTELLARI, S. JACOBS, J. GAJEWSKI, V. SHUBAT, C. ASCHEMBRENNER, T. GUIHEEN and J. VICEK.



AROLYN IACONO
F. Iacono
South Shops

CATHERINE LEE
J. Lee
69th Street Garage

MICHAEL MULLIGAN
J. Mulligan
South Section

BRUCE CAMPBELL
E. Campbell
Beverly



ESIREE WILLIAMS
C. Williams
Kedzie



MICHAEL BROWN
B. Brown
South Shops



PATRICIA WALKER
J. Walker
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RUFUS BOYD Jr.
R. Boyd
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KOKIE SHOP -

NIEL KEMPE, the son of Mr. and Mrs. RALPH KEMPE, machine shop foreman, was graduated from the University of Illinois Medical Center as a pharmacist. Congratulations, Niel!...Congratulations to Laborer FRANK PIENTO and his wife on their 25th wedding anniversary...Lots of pensioner news--DAVE GURWICH stopped in to tell us his grandson, ROBERT YUDLER, was having his bar mitzvah at the Hyatt House...RALPH DuFRESNE recently visited us in his way home to Coello, Illinois, after a fantastic traveling spree. Ralph and his wife, JULIE, are the proud grandparents of 15 and great-grandparents of two...BEN LUCIA dropped in to say hello and visit his friends in the shop. Retirement certainly agrees with you fellows!..We'd like to wish Pensioner AUGGIE FEINENDEGAN a speedy get well...This will be my last column as your reporter as I will have the pleasure of resigning to be a full-time housewife! I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of you for your help with this column; it was really appreciated. It's been a pleasure working with you.

- Catherine Ann Fiegarty

SOUTH SECTION -

As of July 1 Ashland Avenue changed superintendents. Our boss, EDWARD HEATTER, was appointed District Superintendent of Operations Control, and STANLEY CHRIST of the West Section was appointed South Section station superintendent. Also DAVID MARTIN (who was our temporary relief station superintendent) was appointed relief station superintendent on the North Section...One of everyone's favorite people, Conductor JOHN DANKE, decided to go on pension May 1. His cheery disposition will be missed by all his riders and co-workers. Good luck, John, and may you enjoy your pension to its fullest...Congratulations and best wishes to Motormen RAY RHONE and LAWRENCE DAVIS who were promoted to supervisors on April 15...Passing out cigars was Collector LYN FLOWERS who announced the birth of a baby girl, APRIL JEANETTE, born April 20. The happy Flowers family has two girls now...Hi to our newly-hired conductors: CHARLES COLEMAN, CLIFTON SATTERFIELD, LARRY WALKER, VICK SNOW, CYRONE ALEXANDER, EMANUEL EGESTON, JAMES DANIELS, JAMES GARNETT, TERRY GRIFFIN, RONALD

MOORE, EDWARD JOHNSON, ALBERT ROTH, and transferee from carpenter to conductor PETER FLYNN...Many happy returns to Agent ALBERTA DAVIS who also went on pension May 1. We know that all her riders and co-workers will miss her charming smile...Good news! GEORGE RILEY, superintendent of operating stations, who was on the sick list, is now back to work...Agent RUTH LOVELL was very happy when she told us about her son, WILLIAM, who married DEBORAH KOBIALKO on May 5 at St. Louis DeMontfort church in Oak Lawn. A reception for 200 guests was held afterwards at the Orland Chateau...Our pensioners really do get around--retired supervisor ED MUNRO went on a trip to Hawaii, toured the four main islands, and took in all the sights. He said Hawaii is a beautiful vacation spot...Back to their posts off the sick list are: Motormen WILLARD DOUGLAS, WILLIAM BROPHY, CLEOPHUS PARKER, Conductors JOSEPH MITTLER, RAYMOND JONES, WILL INTOE, STANLEY CALDWELL, and Work Train Conductor ELLSWORTH WIGGINGTON...Our sincere condolences to Conductor PAUL DUCAR whose mother passed away recently...Assistant Station Superintendent JOHN TAGLER is on the sick list at this writing, and we all hope he'll be feeling chipper soon and back at work...Retired towerman LEONARD DeGROOT (the bowling whiz) helped his team, Bartz Funeral Home of the Southwest Craftsmen League, win the championship for the 1972-73 season. His team sponsored by Standard Federal Bank of the Club Lucille League won their championship too with Leonard's help. Recently, he saw retired clerk THOMAS O'HARA and retired conductor ERNEST HARDWIDGE, and they both are doing fine...Chief Clerk JIM MARTINEK and his wife, DOROTHY, went on a trip to Jamaica, soaked up the sunshine and dipped into the ocean. Jim says that if you want to "get away from it all" Jamaica is the place to go...Heard that retired conductor JOSEPH WARSHAW and retired electrician CHARLES (Bud) KNUTSON, whose father was OTTO KNUTSON (deceased night trainmaster of the South Side) all passed away. Our condolences to their families...Former president of Division 308 and former South Section motorman JOHN BURNS, now in community relations, went on pension June 1. John had 46 years' service and really received a nice send-off. The General Office gave him and his wonderful wife, KATE, a luncheon at the M&M Club in the Merchandise Mart where he was presented with a token of remembrance. On his last day he

was feted at the training school where he worked. Kate, their daughters, his sister, West Section Agent DELORES BERO, and some old friends surprised him by coming to the school. Many of the superintendents were there along with instructors and supervisors. John was presented with a big radio and a savings bond from his friends. Kate received a radio also. Supervising Instructor ART RABEN did a splendid job running the party. John said that he'll never forget both parties. Everyone wishes Kate and John much happiness and a long and healthy retired life...Conductor WILLIAM SMITH resigned to join the Sheriff's Police; Conductor WALTER JOINER resigned to go into business for himself, and Motorman JOHN HARRIS resigned to go back to school...Received a nice letter from retired conductor JOSEPH MASCOLINO, and he said to tell everyone hello for him...Motorman TONY JAGLA and his wife flew to Amsterdam and Rotterdam, Holland, and had a nice trip seeing all the sights and doing quite a bit of shopping...Receiving passenger commendations were: Conductor HERBERT DILLARD--commended for good performance of his duties; Motorman EDWARD TRIBUE--commended for attempting to retrieve a woman's purse and although unsuccessful, the passenger was grateful; and Clerk JOHN MULLIGAN--commended for assisting a man in recovering his briefcase...On the sick list at this writing and in the hospital is Motorman ALEXANDER KOMIS. Hope it won't be long, Alex, till you're home and your health returns...Retired conductor PHAROAH (Mother-in-law) CAIN was in to see the boys at Ashland. He's going to make a trip to Mississippi to look around for property...Clerk JOHN MULLIGAN was throwing out his chest with pride when he told us that his son, MICHAEL, was graduated from Indiana State university, receiving a bachelor of science degree in elementary education, and has accepted a teaching position in Fort Wayne, Indiana...Back working for the summer are our former part-time conductors: ROBERT JARVIS, THORNTON CHERRY, CHARLES HAWKINS, JOHN BENNETT, FRANK EDWARDS, CHARLES GAGE, KENNETH JACOBI, KEVIN HENNIGAN and BRIAN MITCHELL, the son of Yard Foreman JOHN MITCHELL...Received news that former agent JEAN WASHBURN passed away recently. Our sympathy is extended to her family...Retired supervisor DONALD MURPHY and his wife, GEN, who live in New Port Richey, Florida, were in Chicago to attend the wedding of his brother's daughter. He called and said they really enjoy living in Florida...Agent ANNETTE GORDON wishes to thank everyone for their expressions of sympathy when her father, JERRY GORDON Sr., passed away in Metter, Georgia...Motorman HERMAN DUKES was bursting with pride when he told us about his two daughters graduating from college with master's degrees--SHIRLEY was graduated from the University of Illinois and PATRICIA ANN was graduated from Roosevelt university...Motorman THOMAS BLANEY was telling us that his daughter,

THERESA MARIE, is leaving the Byrd Grammar school and is going back to Kennedy Grammar school. She is very happy about rejoining her old classmates...Another proud father is District Superintendent WILLIAM NASH, whose son, WILLIAM Jr., was graduated from Capitol university in Columbus, Ohio, with high honors.

- Verna Hartney

SOUTH SHOPS -

Superintendent GEORGE CLARK is quite a fisherman. In April Mr. Clark went to Toledo Reservoir in Texas where he and GERALD GRAYBIEL, superintendent of purchasing, caught some real good size bass. From there they went to Cabo San Lucas in Baja, Mexico, where Mr. Graybiel caught an 80-pound wahoo, and Mr. Clark caught an 8 foot marlin weighing 110 pounds. It took Mr. Clark 58 minutes to land the marlin. Then in May Mr. Clark and JOE BOLECH, superintendent of rapid transit shops and terminals, went to Atikoken, Canada, where they caught some fair size fish such as northern, walleye and lake trout. Congratulations on your fishing, boys...On May 17 the Superior Public Service Awards Luncheon was held at the Grand Ballroom of the Conrad Hilton here in Chicago. Mayor Daley was present as the National Civil Service League paid homage to JAMES F. DUDLEY, CTA safety coordinator, and to other men engaged in public service careers. That they were selected from thousands of public servants employed in nine different areas of government is in itself, a singular honor. So, a big congratulations go out to you, Jim...We know what JIM FELTZ, MC&OP, is going to do on his up-coming vacation. It seems like Jim's wife, DIANE, is sporting a new set of golf clubs these days. Well, Jim, no more 19th holes for you and the boys, he Jimbo! Also, sorry to hear of Jim's dad, ERNIE FELTZ, collector out of Archer Station, who was injured in an auto accident on his way to Canada for a fishing vacation. Ge well quick, Big Ern!

Now for the out in the shop news...Let's start off this month with some really good news! FRANK PAPALEO's wife, LIBRA, is home after being in the hospital for eight days following an operation...It's also nice to know that HARRIET GURGLEY, Area 359, is home and doing fine after being in the hospital...Congratulations go out to JIM POLICK, Area 334, and CHUCK KARKO Jr., Area 333, on making journeymen on June 25...Happy anniversary wishes go to these workers and their wives: STANLEY and EL EANORE KRUSZINSKI, 36 years; ADAM and STEPHAN ZARAZA, 35 years; JOE and JUNE HULL, 17 years; JOHN and JEANETTE DOPAK, 25 years; HOWARD and JOSEPHINE WARD, 27 years; ERWIN and CHARLOTTE KRUMREY, 35 years; MAX and LORETTA KUCHAN, 26 years; BILL and GENEVIEVE SHAUGHNESSY, 34 years; MIKI and MARIE KEELE, five years; CASEY and MARIA STRZYNSKI, 27 years, and LARRY and DIANE BERNAS, 31 years...Congratulations go out to the newlyweds: GEORGE and JOANNE CHRYSANTHOPOULOS, Area 346, and FRANK and JOAN KLINE, Area 344...JOE McNAMARA has reason to be proud of his son, PATRICK, who was accepted to attend the University of Chicago in the fall. Pat finished 22nd in his high school graduating class at Weber and also held state honors...Congratulations also go to EMIL VELKAVRH. His son, JIM, was graduated from Loyola with a B.A. degree. Emil's other son, PATRICK, finished 11th in his class at Fenger High school...Looks like RICH STANTON



POSING NICELY for the cameraman are RAYMOND and DEANNA THAL, the two year old and ten month old grandchildren of JOSEPH SARNECKI, mechanic, South Shops.

and JOHN VIDAS of Area 333 have done it again. Rich and John both entered the second annual Chicago Lawn Art Fair. Rich won first prize, and John took third in the photo division. John also won an extra prize and one of his photos will be in Talman Federal Savings' 1975 Calendar. Rich's father, JOE STANTON, who works at 61st, won an honorable mention with his woodcarving at the same fair. Nice going, fellas...GEORGE OLSON returned from vacationing in the Canadian Rockies. George visited Glacier Park, Banff Park, Lake Louise, and Jasper Canadian National Park...SHERIDAN (Butch) LEACH drove all the way to Disney World just to shake hands with Mickey Mouse and Goofy, too. One of Butch's co-workers told him he didn't have to go that far to do that...Two wedding anniversaries in the Print Shop: ALEX GASICK and his wife, their 34th, and MARGE and GEORGE ELLISON, their first...Paint Shop Foreman VERN HOWE's son, S/Sgt. RAYMOND HOWE, was graduated from the Lowry Air Force Base precision measuring equipment specialist course which taught repair and calibration of precision measuring tools. Congratulations to your son, Vern...Congratulations go out to the winners and players in the annual South Shops Golf Tournament held June 23. A big congratulations goes out to JOHN JANKUS on winning first place! Big John came in with an 80! Word has it that Big John has been challenged to play for \$5 a hole by TED (Pitter-Patter) PIETRUS. The only question is who will choke first? We sure missed WALLY OLENICK at the tournament—the silence was deafening!...That's it for now from the gang at South Shops.

- Denise Cox & Lawrence Bernas

99TH STREET -

It really is news to know that P. A. MANNARELLI deliberately picked an eight-hour run for the summer...Box Puller MCGOWAN has traded in his fast key for one at Barney Johnson's Tap...Former operator R. M. PERRY has been selling New York Life Insurance policies for the last three years...Pensioner DAN CAREW suffered a heart attack, but he is doing okay now...JIM HUNT, formerly of the Cottage Grove barn, has taken his pension...Pensioner THOMAS O'SHEA moved to 22715 S.W. 66th avenue, Boca Raton, Florida...Our No. 1 custodian's wife, Mrs. RAJ, attended her granddaughter's first communion in Albuquerque, New Mexico...CHARLEY (Drawbars) HOLLAND had an operation on his nose and now can't see beyond it...Operator E. ORACKI says that it's a lot simpler in the hot weather to rub your thumb under your armpit than across your tongue...Instructor SWANSON's son, RONALD, was graduated from the University of Colorado...Clerks ROONEY and BECKER took vacations at the same time. Barney went to Hawaii and enjoyed it very much...Relief Janitor JOHN RODGERS passed away and we extend our deepest sympathy to all his loved ones...PETER SPOO was all packed to go to Florida and start a new life when the Lord called him. His brother, JOHN, a supervisor, had just taken his retirement and both were going to enjoy it. To him we extend our deepest sympathy...Hey boys, how about some news, especially from you fellas on retirement!

From the garage we note that Retiree PAT HAUGHEY vacationed in Florida. LARRY HELENSKI is down there now, and he likes it very much. Larry was transportation clerk at 69th Street for many years...LUKE E. MORLEY and FRANK YERMAN are on their way to Florida for the summer months. We wish them and all other pensioners a

good time...JOHN KILMARTIN, PADDY FITZGERALD and TOM THORPE are also enjoying a life of leisure...Congratulations to DAVE MCGOWAN who retired recently. We hope you have many long years of happiness and health...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. FRANK ANDREK on the birth of their new grandson...To those on vacation, we hope you all have a nice time: W. COOPER, L. USPEL, B. BURIAN, J. JANECKO, B. MASON, J. BELL, E. PACZKOWSKI, W. KULIKAWSKAS, H. BROCK, the well-known fisherman J. CASEY, C. REESE Jr., P. HARDEN and F. AMBERS...JOE JANECKO was busy on his vacation being commander of his army post. He was out parading in full colors on July 4.

- Art Bussing & Jimmy Ahern

77TH STREET -

Well, it's that time of year again, with the weather so warm and the sun its brightest, when our attention naturally turns to the out-of-doors and faraway places. We yearn for all the rigorous and vital outdoor activity that this season affords us. So we throw off our shackles and rush headlong into the sun. There's a word for this type of behavior--vacation!...One of the first to break away was none other than our superintendent, JOHN KNERR. He and the Mrs. loved Hot Springs, Arkansas. There are quite a few former employees and retirees residing there. Perhaps Hot Springs will have a new resident when Mr. Knerr retires...Board Member ANDREW G. BUTLER informed this reporter of his recent trip to Atlanta, Georgia, to visit his ailing mother. I'm glad to report that she is feeling much better. May she continue to prosper in good health and with the loyalty of a loving son...Operator FAMOUS HOOKS couldn't get over those walking catfish deep in the heart of Texas, so he's returning this year for a second look. Incidentally, he's also celebrating his birthday on August 14. Happy birthday!...Operator G. VAUGHT and his wife will return to Kansas to visit his in-laws. The Kansas lifestyle is quite a change from the big city hustle and bustle, and he welcomes the change...Our chief clerk, ED KRAUSE, spends more time in Pittsburgh than behind his desk. Incidentally, he just returned from a three-week vacation...Clerk HARRY RONS went on a three-week vacation July 1 and enjoyed the hospitality of the State of Florida...Clerk NEAL KINNISH has the right idea for a vacation: work a week, off a week for five weeks...Clerk FISHER recently went to Fremont, Wisconsin, and had fair luck fishing. What do you expect using bourbon corks for bait?...If EARL SMITH has to visit the dentist again, he'll need a full plate, so I was informed. Sorry about that, Earl...Operator RAYMOND WILEY's daughter, JOANN MICHELLE, was married June 20 to Mr. WALTER WILLIAMS. They are residing in Chicago. Congratulations...Operator LAMPTON EVANS and his lovely wife, CHARLENE, celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary July 6. Mrs. Evans is also employed by CTA. May their marital union be blessed with love for many happy years to come...Congratulations to the LOUIS R. MARAULLAS upon the arrival of a son, LOUIS R. Jr., on June 4. Operator Maraulla and his lovely wife, SHIRLEY, are now the proud parents of two wonderful children...The Wheelers Social club presented their annual picnic at Greenslake. And I know that it was in the typical Wheeler tradition, and that a good time was had by all who attended...Support our Local No. 241 and our hard-working board members. Attend the union meetings whenever possible.

- Allison De Bounett

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Name safety contest winners for 2nd quarter of 1973

Interstation Safety Contest

	<u>Surface System</u>	<u>Rapid Transit System</u>
1st	Forest Glen	Kimball
2nd	North Avenue	Jefferson Park
3rd	Beverly	Dan Ryan
4th	Kedzie	Ashland
5th	Archer	Forest Park
6th	69th Street	61st Street
7th	52nd Street	Congress
8th	77th Street	Howard
9th	Lawndale	Douglas
10th	North Park	
11th	Limits	

Employee Safety Contest

	<u>Shops Competition</u>	<u>Rapid Transit Maintenance Terminal Competition</u>	<u>Surface Garage Competition</u>
South Shops		61st, Racine	Limits
	Skokie Shop	Forest Park	North Avenue
		Kimball	Archer
		Wilson, Howard, Linden	Kedzie
		Dan Ryan	Forest Glen
		Congress, 54th, Foster	69th Street
			Lawndale
			52nd Street
			Beverly
			North Park
			77th Street



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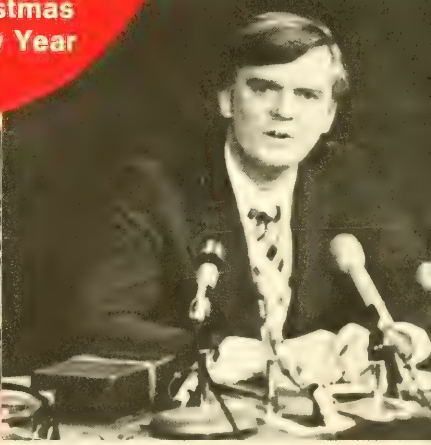
Merry Christmas
Happy New Year



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Administrative changes—

O'Connor retires; Krambles, Meinardi named to top posts



Mr. O'Connor



Mr. Krambles



Mr. Meinardi

A MAJOR modification in the top administrative organization of the Chicago Transit Authority was announced in conjunction with the retirement of Thomas B. O'Connor as CTA General Manager.

Milton Pikarsky, CTA Chairman, also announced that O'Connor, who reached the mandatory retirement age of 65, has consented to continue serving as a consultant during a transition period in the administrative changeover.

The modification of the CTA's administrative structure, as concurred in by the Chicago Transit Board, is based on the following general changes:

- * The establishment directly under the Chairman of three new divisions designated as (1) General Operations; (2) General Administration and Finance, and (3) General Development.

- * The creation of new positions of Manager to head each of the three new divisions.

To fill the new positions of Manager, Pikarsky announced the following appointments:

George Krambles as Manager of the General Operations Division.

Peter J. Meinardi as Manager of the Division of General Administration and Finance.

On an acting basis, Pikarsky will serve as Man-

ager of the General Development Division.

The new Division of General Operations, with Krambles as Manager, embraces a long established Transportation Department, a newly organized Maintenance Department, and a consolidated Operations Planning Department (including the former schedule and traffic, research and planning, and traffic planning groups).

The new Division of General Administration and Finance, with Meinardi as Manager, takes in the Finance, Personnel, Medical, Purchases and Stores, Claims, and Insurance Departments.

The new Division of General Development, with Pikarsky as Acting Manager, includes the Departments of Engineering, Public Relations and Marketing, and Capital Development (including government programs), and a newly organized Department of Long Range Planning and Studies.

O'Connor, who retired as General Manager on Dec. 1, started his transit career in 1935 with the former Chicago Surface Lines, another predecessor company to the CTA.

A nationally recognized expert in public transportation, O'Connor had served as General Manager of the Chicago Transit Authority since August 21, 1964.



MILTON PIKARSKY, CTA Chairman, is presented with the 1973 Good Scout Award for his achievements in public transportation at Lunch-O-Ree in the Conrad Hilton Hotel. Among those extending congratulations were Joseph R. Klein (left), Scout Executive of the Chicago Area Council, and Norman A. Erbe, former governor of Iowa now serving as regional representative of the U.S. Secretary of Transportation.

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GOV. WALKER SIGNS RTA BILL

Referendum March 19



GOVERNOR WALKER signs R.T.A. legislation on Dec. 12 as Mayor Daley and leaders and members of the Illinois General Assembly look on. Others besides Governor Walker and Mayor Daley are (left to right) Rep. James T. Londrigan (D., Springfield); Rep. Daniel M. Pierce (D., Highland Park), Assistant Minority Whip; Sen. Philip J. Rock (D., Chicago), Assistant Minority Leader; Rep. Gerald W. Shea (D., Riverside), Assistant Minority Leader; Rep. Clyde L. Choate (D., Anna), Minority Leader; Sen. Cecil A. Partee (D., Chicago), Minority Leader; Rep. Corneal A. Davis (D., Chicago), Assistant Minority Leader; Rep. Benedict Garmisa (D., Chicago); Sen. James H. Donnewald (D., Breese), Assistant Minority Leader; House Speaker W. Robert Blair (R., Park Forest); Sen. John H. Conolly (R., Waukegan); Langhorne Bond, Illinois Secretary of Transportation, and Mrs. Joby Berman, Director of Office of Mass Transportation.



MAYOR DALEY tells the news media of the importance of the Regional Transportation Authority to the entire six-county metropolitan area. To the right forefront is Gov. Walker and in the background are Rep. Londrigan and Rep. Pierce.

HOUSE SPEAKER Blair explains how the R.T.A. will benefit the metropolitan area and urges a favorable vote at the March 19 referendum. Others left to right are Rep. Garmisa; Sen. Howard R. Mohr (R., Forest Park), Assistant Majority Leader; Secretary Bond; Sen. Conolly, and Mrs. Berman.



On a quiet Sunday



"CAMERA, ACTION," was the cry that instantly brought life to the LaSalle-Van Buren "L" Station, normally closed to traffic on Sundays, but giving every appearance of being in full operation on October 28.

As if on a normal weekday, passengers walk out of the station building onto the platform. A train rounds the curve at Van Buren-Wells, approaches the station and stops--the cameras continue to roll--passengers board and the doors of the train close.

As the train starts the seemingly normal routine is interrupted by a scuffle on the "L" platform. Action reaches a peak as four men battle each other and a foot chase ensues down the length of the platform to the Clark Street exit.

The activity was all part of a scene being shot on location in Chicago for the film "Three the Hard Way." Other scenes were shot on Loop streets, in the Old Town area, and on a speedboat in the Chicago river.

Taking part in the action shots were the co-stars, Jim Brown, the former Cleveland Browns fullback, and Fred Williamson, native of Gary who starred in football at Northwestern university.

The film is directed by Gordon Parks Jr., son of the former Chicagoan who gained fame as a magazine photographer, and is produced by Harry Bernsen, a Chicagoan who went to Hollywood some years ago.



Top Stars of the movie, Fred Williamson (left) and Jim Brown, assume their positions on the LaSalle-Van Buren "L" platform awaiting the approach of the train.

Center, left Conductor Aubrey Bates at his post in the chartered train.

Center, right The pace hastens as two "heavies" assault co-star Williamson and Brown.

Left Director Gordon Parks Jr. (right) discusses a scene with Robert Heinlein of CTA's Public Relations and Marketing Department. Coordination of train, actor and cameras was done with walkie-talkies.

Movie-making on the 'L'

Working at the scene for the CTA were Maurice Murphy, a rapid transit supervisor; Richard Brown, motorman of the "L" train; Aubrey Bates, the conductor, and Robert Heinlein, assistant director of public information, who coordinated the train movements and the filming.

The LaSalle-Van Buren Station was chosen for the movie scene because of its locale in the Loop. It also offered the advantage of being closed on Sundays, thereby giving the director free reign to re-create an actual situation without the presence of regular riders.

"L" tracks on both LaSalle and Wells Streets are also unused on Sundays, which allowed the train to be operated to and from the station for any number of takes, at the discretion of the director.

CTA accommodated the moviemakers by opening the station and also by placing a two-car chartered "L" train at their disposal. The crew performed duties as if in regular train service, and in doing so joined the more than 20 extras with minor roles in the film. Motorman Richard Brown and Conductor Aubrey Bates are assigned to Forest Park Station and regularly work the Lake-Dan Ryan route.

Scenes for the film will continue to be shot over the next few months on locations throughout the United States. The film is to be released by Allied Artists late in 1974.



Two cameras are rolling as the train approaches and action starts further down the platform.

The acceleration rate of the train is an important matter of discussion between the stuntman posing as a "heavy" and CTA's Motorman Brown, Rapid Transit Supervisor Maurice Murphy, and PR Man Heinlein.

Motorman Richard Brown at the controls of the chartered train.

Producer Harry Bernsen and Script Supervisor Diana Young.

Top

Center, left

Center, right

Right





THIRD RAILS were energized November 8 on the Evanston rapid transit route, bringing an end to 65 years of overhead trolley operation. The new power rail was installed at a cost of \$541,000 as part of CTA's \$140 million Capital Renewal Program being funded by the Illinois and U.S. Departments of Transportation. One of the last trains to use the trolley is shown above; one of the first on third rail (below) is passing newly-installed automatic track gates that block entry to the right-of-way.



Evanston benefits



LATEST ADDITION to the 20-bus fleet serving Evanston's four bus routes is this specially-painted 8400 with a combined Christmas-Hanukkah greeting. Under the sponsorship of the Evanston Chamber of Commerce, the design and painting of the bus were done by Evanston Township High school students, Evanston Art Center students and a CTA painter.



RETIREMENT OF CTA's 50-year old "L" cars on November 8 was made possible by the electric power distribution changeover from trolley wire to third rail. The cars embodied the last bits of nostalgia reminiscent of old-time "L"s and streetcars--bare incandescent lightbulbs, window shades, seats that flip over, and handles for "straphangers." James Blaa, superintendent of rapid transit operations, greeted Motorman John Hill, North Section, upon completion of the last run.

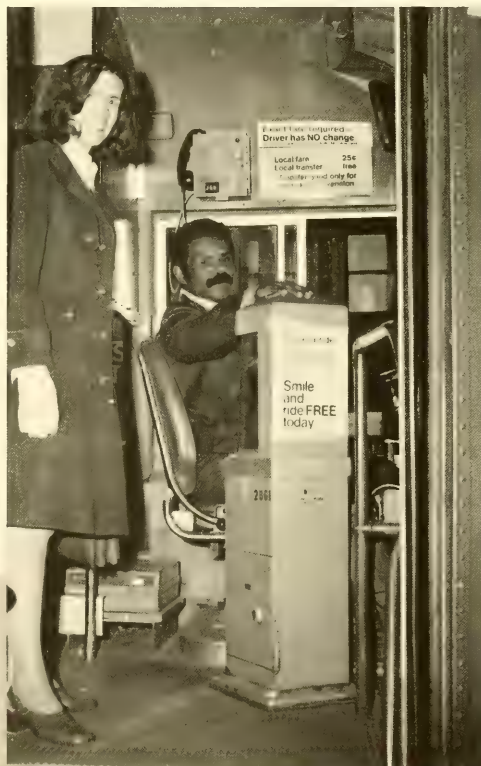


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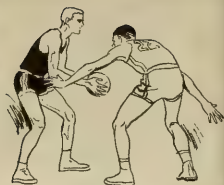
REVISED BUS routings within the City of Evanston which became effective November 26 now include a centrally located transfer point common to all four routes. Right in downtown Evanston, the Sherman Bus Arcade is located on the west side of Sherman Street between Church and Davis Streets. Three of the bus routes also terminate in Chicago at the Howard Transit Center.

A WEEK-LONG Smile-A-Ride promotion to acquaint residents with new bus routes attracted more than 38,000 riders. During non-rush hours on weekdays and all day Saturday through December 1, a smile entitled each passenger to a free ride. The bus service operated by CTA has been subsidized by Evanston since starting September 10.





CTA Sports News



77TH STREET OPERATORS LEAGUE

CALVIN POLLARD, President
STAN McBAY, Secretary

Standings as of 11-29-73

Teams	W	L	Pct.	T.P.
Archer Bandits	30	12	.714	39063
George's Arco	28	14	.667	39153
Poppers	26	16	.619	37944
Pin Busters	24	18	.572	38531
Road Runners	24	18	.572	38250
700 Club	23	19	.548	37371
Hot Hands	22½	19½	.536	36995
Boozers	22	20	.524	38050
Clippers	21	21	.500	38029
Toppers	20	22	.476	35973
Manipulators	19	23	.452	37095
Tranquilizers	19	23	.452	37009
Late Comers	18	24	.429	36623
Spartans	16	26	.381	36951
Baggers	12½	29½	.298	36786
Misfits	12	30	.286	35850

Individual Handicap Leaders

G. Redd	743	H. Kemp	268
E. Cooke	672	V. Lovelady	265
J. White	671	C. V. Johnson	259
George's Arco	3143	George's Arco	1129
Archer Bandits	3050	Archer Bandits	1054
Road Runners	2991	Clippers	1026
J. Motton	658	H. Hodge	247
E. Gipson	634	C. McCants	244
E. Ford	626	E. Gipson	244

This week's individual stars

High Scratch Game	F. Bailey - 225
High Handicap Game	F. Lovelady - 249
High Scratch Series	L. Wardell - 577
High Handicap Series	W. Walton - 625
Team High Game	Poppers - 1009
Team High Series	Toppers - 2851

Top Ten Averages

E. Gipson	188	J. Coleman	179
H. Hodge	186	Ray Williams	178
E. Ford	185	V. Collins	176
L. Wardell	184	L. Lee	176
J. Motton	180	W. Washington	176

And in the beginning . . .

ALL GOOD things must have a beginning--and this is the beginning of the new Sports Section of the Transit News.

In this column we hope to bring you all the latest information about CTA's sports program and other sports news. We will keep you abreast of what is happening now and any future activities in the sports program.

77th Street bowling league growing

THE 77TH Street Operators Bowling League is going great guns at Palisades Bowl. With the addition of four new teams this season, the league now has an overall total of 16, compared to eight teams when it first started 11 years ago. And with the acquisition of more lanes, we are hoping for more teams next year.

Composed of CTA personnel only, the league has representatives from every department in the com-



pany. The league president, Calvin Pollard, is from the Engineering Department; the vice-president Booker Byers, is a bus operator at 77th Street Station; the secretary, Stan McBay, is from the Central Counting Room; the treasurer, Talmadge Ireland, is a bus operator at Archer Station, and the sergeant-at-arms, Robert (Bozo) Barnes, is a chauffeur with Utility and Emergency Service.

The pictures shown here depict some of the action and intense desire of the league members each bowling night.

CTA basketball season to start in January

The CTA basketball league will kick off the 1974 season in January and from all reports promises to be a highly exciting cage campaign.

Fifteen teams, divided into two sections, will go for the championship in the league which plays its regularly scheduled games at the Washington Park Fieldhouse.

The CTA league teams and their respective coaches this season are as follows: South Shops, J. Tew Jr.; North Section, R. Mayfield; South Section, James; Archer, H. Bankston; 77th Street, R. Platt; Units, C. Patton; North Park, S. A. Tharp; Forest Ln., A. Harris; Beverly, W. Goodes; 52nd Street, J. Perry; Kedzie A, Jackie Robinson and Kedzie B, Forrest McHerron; 69th Street, A. Henson; West Section, Woodward, and North Avenue, W. Simmons.

Agis Bray, former Harlem Globetrotter all-time great, is the director of the CTA sports program.



E. Gipson



E. Huffman



D. Williams



E. Cook



Action shots of last year's championship game.

CTA Mart team in bowling slump

AS AN entry in the ten team City of Chicago, Bureau of Engineering Bowling League, the CTA Mart team is not faring too well.

The team now in eighth place is comprised of Captain Tim O'Rourke, Claim Department; Burt Bosan and Lennie Lohn, Training and Public Safety; Jim Toolis, Purchasing; Charles Drozda, Research/Planning; Ed Coman, retired, and Mel Alexander, Public Information.

This league holds a special significance as some of our prominent CTA officials, at one time, bowled in this league: the late CTA Board Chairman George L. DeMent, Superintendent of Engineering E. E. Olmstead, Superintendent of Purchasing F. A. Johnson, and Supervisor of Traffic Planning F. E. Barker.

Even though we are now in a slump, the members of the Mart team are proud to be a part of this tradition. We shall do better.



V. Lovelady, C. Henderson, J. Motton, J. Beatty, R. Williams and Y. Walker.

Birthday party on 'L'

Riders surprise conductor on Evanston Express train



By Russell B. Joseph

LEON HAYWARD is one of those people with a happy disposition and a pleasant smile for everyone. During the time he was assigned as conductor on the 7:17 A.M. Evanston Express out of Linden Avenue in Wilmette, Leon's outgoing personality developed a bond of friendship with a group of regular commuters from Wilmette and Glenview who likewise became acquainted with each other by sitting in the same seats at the end of the same car each morning.

In the course of the usual greetings and exchange of banter one morning, Leon announced he wouldn't be seeing us the next day because he would be off celebrating his birthday. Rather spontaneously it was decided to surprise Leon when he returned with a birthday cake, which was presented to him along with a humerous card signed by each member of the group. Mrs. Carey Wolf provided the beautifully decorated cake and Nick Wolf did the honors. Russell Joseph brought his camera to record the event, participated in by fellow commuters Jim Leahy, Bill Hermann, Bill Burk, Ken Kiser, Buford Earhart and Craig Hanson.

Leon was obviously at a loss for words, but with a broad smile and expression of some bewilderment, he said, "Nothing like this has ever happened to me before."

MR. JOSEPH is assistant secretary for the Santa Fe Lines and one of the small group of Evanston Express riders pictured above who board the same train together each morning. Conductor Hayward worked Run 511 from Howard Station until the September pick when he went to Kimball Station.

Service anniversaries in September

45 years



A. J. Arneri,
Limits

35 years

A. H. Hillstrom, 52nd Street

30 years

C. Cullen, North Section
W. P. Dabrowski, North Avenue
W. C. Erickson, 69th Street
H. Filip, West Section
A. J. Gorzkiewicz, Stores-North Division
G. S. Graybiel, Purchasing & Stores
R. T. Kuchenny, Forest Glen
W. Prokop, Beverly
W. J. Rapacz, Forest Glen Garage
M. W. Rovella, Archer

25 years

T. Cherry, West Section
S. Crawford, 52nd Street Garage
J. Daniel Jr., 69th Street
J. P. Duffy, Stores
J. Kemnec, Archer
F. J. Lambert, North Avenue
J. J. Levickis, 52nd Street Garage
W. J. McCarthy, 77th Street
W. G. Nessler, Stores
P. J. Nolan, South Section
A. J. Ruane, Kimball Maintenance Terminal
C. H. Siggers, 77th Street
E. N. Souvigny, Limits
T. F. Sweeney, Building Maintenance Division
T. Tagher, Forest Park Maintenance Terminal
R. W. Tracy, Transportation
F. A. Von Schwedler, North Park
W. J. White, Forest Glen

Service anniversaries in October

45 years



F. J. Norton,
Instruction-Limits

40 years



A. C. Peterson,
Engineering



A. W. Eggert,
Stores-South Division

35 years

T. P. McCormack, West Section

30 years

M. F. Ashley, South Section
A. Baron, Kedzie
J. Blake, Kedzie
W. J. Burns, 52nd Street
J. Q. Carey, South Section
A. W. Gniewek, Kedzie
C. Jacobs, Utility & Emergency Service
R. G. Koster, West Section
D. L. McAdams, 69th Street
E. J. Neurauder, Public Information
J. P. Olszewski, North Park
A. Petak, North Section
J. P. Phillips, Office Services
W. J. Rickert, District D
R. S. Winther, Skokie Shop
J. Wisniewski, South Shops



K. H. McNeely,
General Accounting



A. L. Mazza,
District D



R. C. Jankowski,
Archer



H. R. Gennett,
Archer

25 years

R. R. Booth, Electrical
M. F. Cioffe, Electrical Engineering
V. A. Ferraresi, North Avenue
R. Fuhrman, South Shops
G. V. Hartwig, Forest Glen
C. M. Hearn, South Section
A. Hennelly, North Park Garage
E. T. Jurczak, Instruction-North Avenue
E. L. Kruszyna, Electrical
R. L. Kurtz, MC&OP-South Shops
J. C. Lamb, Building Wiring Division
J. C. McPartlan, Kimball Maintenance Terminal
W. J. Rafa, West Section

R. J. Reding, Skokie Shop
W. Remback, North Avenue
F. Rio, Congress Maintenance Terminal
T. P. Slattery, Skokie Shop
M. Tsuchida, North Park Garage
D. E. Wilson, Skokie Shop
P. Winnick, Skokie Shop

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (General) -

CHU GOSRISIRIKUL and his wife and daughter were lucky enough to visit Thailand recently, where Chu and his wife were born. They visited Chu's father and brothers, as well as his wife's family. Although they enjoyed themselves very much, Chu said the 30 hours they spent flying and changing planes was very tiring...Among the recently retired was ALICE ARKIN, clerk 1, of the Revenue Accounting section who took her pension on August 1 after 16 years of service. A luncheon was held in her honor on July 31 at Henrici's restaurant...On Wednesday, August 29, a luncheon was held at Ghisela's restaurant in honor of FRAN HADDIX and CLARA LAWRENCE who retired on September 1. Fran, of Revenue Accounting, retired after 47 years of service, and Clara, of Payroll Accounting and former Transit News scribe, retired after 32 years of service. Among the guests at the luncheon were Fran's mother, Mrs. LOUIS HADDIX, who looks great for her 83 years, Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT WALTHER, Fran's nephew and his wife, and representing Clara's family was her cousin, Mrs. SHIRLEY GACKI. Also attending were Pensioners JOSEPHINE TOLLAR, JEANNE FITZGERALD, MAE KEARNS, ALICE ARKIN and ASTRID HEDBERG. On their last day of work, Clara was presented with a lovely pink sweater, and Fran received a charm bracelet and charm of the Merchandise Mart; along with these they both received monetary gifts. Also retiring on September 1 was LOUIS MROZ, formerly of Revenue Accounting and now a janitor at West Shops. To all of our retirees we extend our best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement...The Accounting Department is especially proud of two of its members, RAY CORBEL and DENNIS McFADDEN, who successfully completed a ten-week course in the first CTA Management Institute program. Ray and Dennis had nothing but nice things to say about the program and their instructors...The welcome mat is extended to KATHY DAIGLER who joined the ranks of CTA as a file clerk in our Accounts Payable and Material Accounting Section...Our sympathy is extended to HARRIET KRYZAN in the death of her brother, and to the family of Pensioner LORRAINE FALK who passed away recently.

- Judy Cuci

(Datacenter) -

Our department has a new name. We used to report under Tabulating Accounting, but now we are Datacenter... We wish to extend a welcome to our new "chief," JOHN HOGAN, a former CTAer who comes to us from Zenith Radio corporation...We wish a quick recovery for MARIE FOLZ who is hospitalized at St. Francis hospital in Evanston...Good luck to PAT SCHOENBAUM who purchased a new home...MICHAEL ECKEL, the son of JOHN ECKEL, was elected "all-star shortstop," and also received a first place trophy in the Oak Lawn Little League. Congratulations, Michael...ERMA GOARD and her sons, DOUGLAS Jr. and DERRICK, vacationed in California staying at Seaside. They visited San Jose, San Francisco and Los Angeles, enjoying such things as swimming in the surf, sightseeing, mountain climbing and of course, Disneyland. Something else the boys will always remember was a visit to Fort Ord. Needless to say, they can't wait to go again...MARI-

ON SUTHERLAND visits California often, but each time she manages to see something different. This time she visits San Simeon, the luxurious estate of William Randolph Hearst...We wish to extend a belated welcome to JIM STUCKEY who came to us in June from Spiegel's...A good well quickly wish is sent to DAN FRUSOLONE who is recuperating at home after a bad fall.

- Evelyn Lau

(Payroll) -

It is with pleasure I again join the Transit News family as a reporter. I would like to extend to our retiring reporter, CLARA LAWRENCE, best wishes from all her co-workers and pay this tribute to her: To Clara, a fine job of reporting was done, some serious, some in fun; and in parting I'd like to say, hope you will write again, day to day...As I look around the department I see the cheery net face of JERRY KUROWSKI, a graduate trainee. You know that old saying, "It's so nice to have a man around," well too bad, girls, Jerry is a newlywed, recently married to his wife, BETTY. Good luck...Ah yes, it's vacation time. Isn't it great? That's what I've been hearing from our payrollers. JOSEPHINE O'KRAY and her husband, GEORGE, had a full vacation starting at Shafer Lake in Indiana, where they enjoyed the resort amusement fair and daily swimming. They then trekked to Las Vegas for a little arm wrestling (one-arm bandits) and entertainment. Such well-knowns as Johnny Carson, Patti Page, Don Adams and Robert Goulet were appearing. What's this rumor about selling plane tickets and hitchhiking home, Jo?...Lake Namakagon, Wisconsin, was visited by MARY LYLE and her hubby SCOTT, where they stayed at the Duel Point Resort. The men aren't the only ones with a fish story--how big was the one that got away, Mary?...DORIS and FRED YOST visited friends in Wisconsin, doing a little fishing and enjoying those north woods...There's no generation gap for MARY-JANE JOHNSON and her family. She and her husband, BOB, drove four generations to Florida--great-grandmother, HELEN; grandmother, MARYJANE; daughter, SUSAN, and granddaughter, KIRSTEN. All had fun in the sun...What better place is there to have R&R than in big "Chi Town."

A 31-YEAR transit career was closed on September 1 with the retirement of CLARA LAWRENCE as payroll clerk 1 in the Accounting Department. Clara had been an Inside News reporter since February, 1964, and was eighth on the seniority list of reporters. The Transit News staff and her many friends at CTA extend their sincere wishes for a long, happy and healthy retired life.



MARIE COARI did a little redecorating at home, adding a festive touch here and there. Mine's next, Marie...VI MEYER took advantage of our city by doing plenty of galivanting. There were short trips to Twin Lakes and Lake Holiday with her sister, DEE, which included swimming and fishing...Your scribe stayed home and enjoyed the good weather...To JOSEPHINE and ALEXANDER COLEMAN we extend our deepest sympathy in the loss of his mother, FRANCES COLEMAN, and to ROSE KENNEY our sincere condolences in the loss of her father, WILLIAM EME...and mother MARYJANE JOHNSON is singing lullabies since the birth of little RACHEL ELIZABETH HOSTETTER on July 6 in El Segundo, California. Rachel is the daughter of ROBERT and LYNNE HOSTETTER...Happy birthday to you and yours in September and October. The best to ROSE KENNEY who celebrated September 9, and your scribe on September 19...See you soon.

- Clotilde Frankiewicz

ELECTRICAL (General Office) -

Six Flags over Mid-America was a popular site to visit this summer. RONALD SWINDEL, distribution engineer, and his family spent a week taking in the highlights of this wonderland...HERMAN SMITH, engineer assistant III, and his family also visited Six Flags, then drove along the Mississippi to Hannibal, the town of Tom Sawyer fame. They stopped off at Grant's home in Galena, Illinois, and visited little Switzerland in New Glarus, Wisconsin...BERNIE KIZOR, stenographer, became an aunt again when MARY TEKLA was born on June 27. Mary is the daughter of EUGENIA and JOSEPH ZAWADZKI. The little one's brother, JOSEPH II, just celebrated his second birthday...Congratulations to MICHAEL RICKSON, administration supervisor, and his wife, MARIAN, who recently celebrated 25 happy years of marriage...From Blue Island we hear that EDWARD BOURNE, the son of ANDREW BOURNE, "B" electrician, was united in holy matrimony to KAREN PUCHTA on August 25 at St. Stanislaus church. On September 16, Andy became a grandfather when his son, JAMES, and his wife, JOANNE, became the proud parents of WILLIAM JAMES who weighed in at 8 pounds 4 ounces. Congratulations to all...GEORGE UNWIN, retired lineman, was in from Florida recently and stopped by the office to say hel-

CELEBRATING THEIR golden wedding anniversary on May 5 were ROY KIRCHOFF and his lovely wife, EDNA. Roy retired from the Purchasing Department on August 1, 1964, and he and Edna now make their home in Boynton Beach, Florida.



lo...Our sincere condolences are extended to WILLIAM REHDER, general clerk, whose mother passed away.

- Kay McAlister

(Chicago Avenue) -

June 27 was the last day of work for BOB MONSON. By now he is happily settled in his retirement home in Louisiana...Despite a Fourth of July celebration, KEITH ERIC KURTIN was not to be hurried. He arrived at 12:08 a.m., July 5. BILL and LINDA KURTIN said the new arrival weighed in at 10 pounds 10 ounces and was 22 inches long. WOW!...It was a beautiful summer day, July 7, when FRED ODROWSKI and LYNN RASMUSSEN were joined in holy matrimony at Faith Lutheran church on Chicago's Northwest Side. The reception was held at Algauer's Fireside in Northbrook where friends and relatives celebrated...CHARLIE SALVATORE retired August 1. He and his wife, DOROTHY, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on September 29 with a special mass at St. Mary of the Sea church where they received the Papal blessing...HANK GABAUER, who retired on October 1, dropped in to see us. He looks good and has lost a lot of weight...GEORGE COX and JACK HOBBS are now back at work. JIM BERGEN was in and out of the hospital where they stretched his neck. I don't know why, he's tall enough...PAT GRIFFIN and his family paid a visit to Ireland, and we also had a card from BARNEY JONES who also visited the "Old Sod"...MIKE BITTOURNA sent us a card from Canada where he vacationed, and RON NELSON and his family visited the Six Flags in St. Louis...JOHN MURPHY was hospitalized. We wish him a speedy recovery...JIM and DOLLY ROEBER are the proud grandparents again. This time of a grandson, WAYNE...Your reporter and his wife, SHIRLEY, are proud grandparents also. Our daughter, BONNIE, presented us with a granddaughter, AMY JOY, on August 10 weighing 6 pounds 5 ounces. Her father, TOM, arrived home from Germany 27 hours before the happy event.

- Ben Nielsen

(Rapid Transit Signal Division) -

STEVEN ZELLSNER spent his week of vacation with his ten-year old son, STEVE Jr., at his camp on Beaver Creek near the Kankakee river. His only accomplishment was to beat a path between the beer cooler and a big oak shade tree...JACK PILIP's day in court turned out quite well after receiving his first traffic ticket. Jack said the judge sounded like a big brother when he told him to go and be more careful...DAVE GREIG and his wife, SANDRA, hit on a good vacation idea when they threw all the kids in the car and took off for a camping trip in upper Michigan near Pine river. I think little 11-year old DAVE had a hand in the big decision. You see, he's had some experience with summer camping. They all had fun, even KARVIN, 7, and SUSAN, 2...One guy who had enough money left over after his vacation was DAVE BATTERSON. After his trip to the Smoky Mountains National Park he bought his wife, PAT, a much needed major appliance. Dave's 14-year old daughter, BONNIE, accompanied mom and pop on the trip, while 17-year old THOMAS stayed home...Hey, I found a fellow who really knows how to save a buck on vacation--JOHN LONG. I don't know who made the big decision, whether to go out of town or not, but John and his wife, PAT, spent the entire week in their back yard and loved it...During your reporter's vacation, my wife, LENNIE, and I spent the larger portion of one week at the Smoky Mountain National Park



N. J. PAOLICCHI
46 Years



J. C. WILLIAMS
45 Years



A. M. KARIOLICH
42 Years

NEW PENSIONERS

JOINING THE ranks of the retired during September and October were the three employees pictured here who had 40 or more years of transit service each with CTA and its predecessor companies.

ROY E. CARLSON, Box Puller,
North Park, Emp. 10-5-45
WILLIAM G. CARLSON, B Electrician,
Electrical, Emp. 11-5-45
BERNARD J. CONSIDINE, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 4-20-34
RUDOLPH P. DAVIS, Car Serviceman,
Dan Ryan, Emp. 9-16-41
STEPHAN J. DRINKA, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 4-24-47
PETER P. GERAME, Bus Serviceman,
North Avenue Garage, Emp. 2-6-43
SAMUEL GLOVER, Machinist,
Engineering, Emp. 6-20-45
FRANCES HADDIX, Balance Clerk II,
Accounting, Emp. 12-21-26
JOHN HEIN, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 5-8-41
ANDREW M. KARIOLICH, Day Assistant Foreman,
North Park, Emp. 11-22-30
ANDREW KOCOLOWSKI, Tinner,
Engineering, Emp. 11-1-41
CLARA J. LAWRENCE, Payroll Clerk I,
Accounting, Emp. 12-17-41
FRANK LESZYNSKI, Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 11-18-42
ROBERT J. MALONEY, Assignment Agent,
West Section, Emp. 11-18-36
EDWARD J. McDONALD, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 8-8-42
SARA M. McDONNELL, Payroll Clerk I,
Purchasing, Emp. 11-21-52
JOHN A. McWILLIAMS, Bus Repairer,
Forest Glen Garage, Emp. 9-25-47
WILLIAM MOOG, Chauffeur,
Utility & Emergency Service, Emp. 4-12-34
RUSSELL R. MOOSE, Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 10-2-51

LOUIS R. MROZ, Janitor,
West Shops, Emp. 11-30-43
MICHAEL J. MUSIELSKI, Acting Foreman,
North Park Garage, Emp. 8-7-47
MICHAEL P. NESTOR, Bus Repairer,
Archer Garage, Emp. 10-19-41
NELLO J. PAOLICCHI, Machinist,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 8-24-27
ANTHONY T. REED, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 8-11-42
FRANK C. SCHMID, Bus Serviceman,
Forest Glen Garage, Emp. 8-11-42
GEORGE E. SHARPE, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 10-5-45
HARRY A. SMITH, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 2-19-45
MATHEW SMITH, Steamfitter,
Engineering, Emp. 11-14-45
HAROLD TICKELL, Bus & Truck Specialist,
South Shops, Emp. 7-18-36
VIRGINIA M. TOTCKE, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 1-4-64
HERBERT E. WALTHER, Tinner,
Engineering, Emp. 2-5-42
FRANK J. WASINSKI, Janitor,
Archer, Emp. 1-4-46
EDWARD W. WELCH, Bus Serviceman,
Archer Garage, Emp. 5-13-35
JOHN C. WILLIAMS, Procedures Coordinator,
Claim, Emp. 4-4-28
EDMUND WITKOWSKI, Repairman A,
Forest Park, Emp. 8-23-45

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

EDWARD E. BARTKUS, Sheet Metal Worker A,
South Shops, Emp. 6-4-47
CLARENCE F. BARTS, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 9-10-46
HENRY C. BORGMAN, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 1-12-34
RALPH A. CARPINELLI Jr., Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 4-13-54
HENRY P. GABAUER, Lineman Helper,
Electrical, Emp. 1-12-37
FRANK J. GALEK, Bus Serviceman,
Beverly Garage, Emp. 10-28-48
JOHN H. MACK, Trackman II,
Engineering, Emp. 8-7-52
WALTER C. NORVILAS, Bus Repairer,
Archer Garage, Emp. 7-30-47
STEPHEN M. PLASZCZEWSKI, Shopman I,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 5-24-39
FRANK PONZIANO, Conductor,
South Section, Emp. 6-10-46
ALFRED M. SELVAGE, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 6-23-43
JOHN J. STRAKA, Machinist,
West Shops, Emp. 5-22-46
CORTLAND L. TICE, Bus Repairer,
North Park Garage, Emp. 11-30-43
HENRY B. WALLER, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 2-28-63
RAPHAEL WILSON, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 2-4-54

th our three daughters, ANITA, 16, LYDIA, 13, and ROBERT, 1. Our relaxing stay at the beautiful Fontana Village resort, with its unlimited recreational facilities, as well as the breathtaking views of the Fontana Dam and Nantahala National Forest, made our vacation most enjoyable...DONALD HAWKINS almost had as much fun with the three ladies of his household as I had with my four. Don and his wife, JAKIE, along with daughters, DONNA and DARLENE, toured Toronto and Niagara Falls. At Toronto the rapid transit trains provided them with exciting joy rides, while at Niagara Falls they didn't get involved too deeply. They chose to look on instead. Girls are a lot of fun on a vacation trip if you can keep them out of the souvenir shops and powder rooms...Signal Maintainer ROY WILLIAMS was recently promoted to electrical signal maintainer specialist, generally referred to as relay repairman. His work includes repairing relays as well as other more sophisticated electronic signal equipment. If I know Roy, better known as Chip-Chip, he'll have more trouble pronouncing that big title than he'll have spending that raise he will get. Good luck, Chip...Replacing Roy Williams was A. J. (Tony) DIRISTOFANO. Tony is being promoted to journeyman. Congratulations, Tony, we knew you had it in you..."Come on, Dad, you can afford it," is what LORI, 17, might have said when she pressed her dad, ROBERT BROWN, for permission to join her older sister, KATHLEEN, on a month-long European tour. These two lovely young ladies completed the first leg of their trip when their plane landed at the Dublin, Ireland, airport. Sure, Bob gave Lori a little financial encouragement, but don't expect me to tell you how I found it out...Congratulations to RON and VALERIE EDOE on the birth of an 8 pound baby girl named MELISSA ANN. This was their first child and Ron was in labor longer than any--well, scratch that one. Apparently no one told this little angel about the high cost of food, as she takes her four-ounce formula and keeps crying for more. Ron spent some time at home earlier with a sprained knee. Real wet is the way FRANK HALPER and his wife, DOROTHY, described their camping vacation at St. Ignace on the Straits of Mackinac in upper Michigan. It rained three days continuously, but that didn't dampen their spirits. Frank had a new boat and some new fishing gear he was peaking in, but they got more enjoyment from their bicycling. A ferry ride and a day or more spent on Mackinac Island was a real treat...COY and LITA CAUSEY had a most interesting vacation week. They took all of their fishing know-how, along with the "X"-dollars worth of fishing gear to Ludington, Michigan, where they entered the fishing derby, one of the much publicized events there. The first prize catch was a 38-pounder, and the smallest prize was for a 30-pound salmon. Coy didn't win any of the prizes, but he was right in there with his two 25-pound chinook salmon. If I know Coy, he'll be back next year...And all this time FRANK HALPER and I have been working the Dan Ryan rapid transit route, I thought I couldn't do better. I was wrong! Frank picked off the a.m. trick and a guy named ROBERT BROWN picked in to replace him. Hallelujah and holy peace pipe; this could be the start of something. Now I know all the other maintainers will be trying to bump me off the p.m. trick so they can work with Brown. Well I can say is, the line forms in the rear...We join Mrs. EONA PIPP in mourning the death of her husband, JACOB (Jack) PIPP. Mr. Pipp, who was on disability at the time of his death, had worked for the CTA over 32 years, 17 of which were with the signal division...JACK PILIP and his family didn't travel the thousands of miles on their vacation that some of us did, but he brought back just as many

HI THERE! My name is BRADLEY DALE KENNEDY and I am the grandson of JOHN C. WILLIAMS who retired from the Claim Department on September 1. My mom's name is JUDI, and my pop's name is RAY.



- Tamara Lowery

pleasant memories. Their trek carried them up to New Glarus near Monroe, Wisconsin. They also visited Little Norway and Little Switzerland with customs similar to the old country.

ENGINEERING -

We bid adieu to WALLY PASZYNA of Research/Planning who transferred to South Shops as a unit exchange clerk. Best of luck, Wally...Graphics Supervisor JOSEPH J. O'CONNOR, R/P, with his wife and youngest son, PHILIP, spent over three weeks in Spain, Portugal and Morocco, where they enjoyed the bullfights, Flamenco dancers and Fado singing. They also visited the Casbah and Medinah in three of the four Imperial cities of Morocco. Somewhat belatedly we learned that Joe had three graduations in June, which is probably some kind of record. JOE Jr., a former summer employee of CTA, and his sister, PATRICIA, were graduated from Northern Illinois university, and THOMAS was graduated from Little Flower High school and is now a freshman at Northern...LENN HESS and his wife had a relaxing vacation at the Wisconsin Dells. They enjoyed a boat ride at the upper Dells, but spent most of their time just soaking up the sun by the pool...Congratulations to GENE SULLIVAN who, after 4½ years of night school, was graduated from Roosevelt university with a bachelor's degree in general studies.

(West Shops) -

A happy 18th wedding anniversary to CHESTER MAJEROWICZ, plumber foreman, and his wife, ROSE...J. ROGOWICZ, track foreman, and his wife are the proud parents of a baby girl born on August 15. Congratulations!...JEAN REDD, Building Department, became the proud grandma of her third grandchild, a baby girl named ERICA. That makes three to babysit for--enjoy...Our best wishes go with Pensioner JOHN MACK, trackman II, who retired on August 31. Enjoy a long and healthy retirement, John...A farewell party was held for JOHN GUZOVICH, Frog Shop foreman, and TOM SPASOJEVICH, track foreman, who retired. We will miss these two gentlemen, and wish them a long, healthy and happy retirement...A get well SOON wish for DAN BALANDIS, carpenter foreman. Hurry back, Dan, we miss you...A happy birthday to E. P. WADE, ironworker general foreman...I'm sure that most of us have had our vacations, and a few are still going to leave on theirs. For those who have returned, my freezer is still empty--where

are all the fish?...We had a surprise visit from Pensioner J. D. RETZLER and he looks wonderful. Only wish he could have stayed longer. John lives in LaJolla, California, and he and his wife, HELEN, were visiting with their son for two weeks. Come back soon...Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families of CALVIN THOMAS, trackman, who died recently, and to N. CINQUEPALMI, ironworker helper, in the death of his sister...The CTA plumbers would like to extend their condolences to the family of Mrs. JOSEPH FRANZONE, who died suddenly. She was the widow of JOSEPH FRANZONE, former plumber at West Shops...It is with deep regret that we report the death of Mr. and Mrs. H. SCHUMER, tinner, who were killed in a tragic accident while on vacation. They were the parents of HENRY SCHUMER, trackman...R. FERRARA, labor foreman, was certainly happy that he paid attention when J. P. UTTZ, safety and fire coordinator, gave instructions on safety. He had the occasion to use these instructions recently which helped save a fellow employee.

- Kathy Labahn & Jennie Scott

FOREST GLEN -

Operator BERG spent a few days visiting all the breweries in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. What some people won't do for a free glass of beer..."Poopsie" NELSON and his lovely wife, ANN, vacationed in Florida. They had such a grand time that they hated to head north...Operator C. WEIL had company this summer from Monroe, New York. Their old friends were Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH FRANCOISCHINI and Mr. and Mrs. GUS YAKOS...Supervisor AL OCHWAT is looking forward to his vacation, which will most likely take him to the East Coast...Operator FRANK PRADZINSKI had a lovely trip to Morocco, then Lisbon to see the bullfights...Garage Foreman CHARLES KLINE and GEORGE HAAK were seen in the Pabst Pavilion at the Wisconsin State Fair. From the looks of them the advantages of retirement were evident...Pensioner S. E. DUKE, who retired in 1969, just celebrated his 54th wedding anniversary with his beautiful bride who is getting younger day by day. Mr. Duke started with the Chicago Surface Lines in 1928. The best of everything to this fine couple and many more years of togetherness...Surprise--guess who got hooked? None other than JOE SOLAN, who was wed on September 21 to the lovely VIRGINIA...Operator WHITFIELD finally took his wife, GRACE, fishing up in Ontario, Canada. Looks like Grace fell in love with the sport, and now is looking forward to another trip up to the wild woods...J. J. O'NEILL went back to the "Old Sod" this year. Things are changing over there too, O'Neill says...Operator BARRON visited the islands instead of Florida this year and boy, what stories he can tell. Each trip gets more interesting...GEORGE FUENTES and his family had a ball in Ottawa, Ontario. He just loves to travel but says vacations are too short...Chief Clerk BILL PINASCO and the beautiful Mrs. visited Pensioner WEINRICK (Blackie) NELSON, who has been retired for 12 years, and lives in Mountain Home, Arkansas. He runs a gift shop which is called the Mockingbird. I understand Blackie is quite handy in making beautiful things out of wood...Operator TRYGVE BERG and his wife, KAY, have a new good-luck talisman in the arrival of their 13th grandchild. Miss CHANTHEL CHRISTINE PAYNE, the daughter of CAROLYN and MICHAEL PAYNE, made her debut at Lutheran General hospital on June 23. She has a big brother, MITCH, 5. Trygve and Kay spent a couple of days' vacation visiting the Ford Museum and Greenfield Village at Dear-

born, Michigan, but passed up the Ford Plant steel mill tour--a one-mile walk with temperatures up to 130 degrees...Forest Glen operators feel they have a good chance of entering heaven, and here's why. Father GREGORY PC KLADOWSKI, a former summer operator, was ordained May 9. Father Greg's first concelebrated mass of thanks giving took place May 20 at St. Isaac's church in Niles. Forest Glen was represented by Instructor and Mrs. LO BIENIEK and Instructor and Mrs. HANK ZIOLKOWSKI. Following the mass, dinner was served at the Hyatt House in Lincolnwood for the legion of friends Father Greg has. Instructor Ziolkowski says, "We've got it made now." Instructor Bieniek says, "We can't miss." Father Greg has some kind words about CTA and especially Forest Glen and the many friends he made during his stay and promised to remember Forest Glen in his prayers. He is assigned to St. Simeon's in Bellwood. God's gain is CTA's loss. For the while, Forest Glen won the Quarterly ISC award. See it's working already!...WHITEY SZYMELL, box puller who recently transferred from Keeler Depot, celebrated his 35th wedding anniversary. His daughter, CAROLE ANTONY celebrated her birthday June 11; his son, DON, celebrated his June 12, and his daughter-in-law, BARBARA, celebrated her's June 20. His wife, HELEN, is still recuperating from surgery after a serious illness.

- W. A. Henry

GENERAL OFFICE (Medical) -

It was 33 years of wedded bliss for HARRY SOREGHE and his Mrs. on September 25. Keep up the good work Harry...Belated birthday greetings are sent to Dr. MOSNI who celebrated on September 20...DIANE PECORARO together with her husband, JOE, bus repairman at Forest Glen, flew to California and Las Vegas where they visited Disneyland and took in some night spots in Nevada...Dr. ARNOLD PECK became an uncle twice in one month when his sister and sister-in-law became proud mothers. Dr. Peck is really beaming...MARY LEDWITH, our Irish nurse received her second belt in karate, the green belt, together with bruises and discolorations to prove it.

(Public Information) -

EILEEN NEURAUTER and her husband, RUDOLPH, bus operator from Forest Glen, took a three-week European tour, taking in London, Germany, Italy, Monte Carlo and Paris, France. A good time was had by both...The wel-

THIS BEAUTIFUL little lady will answer with a big smile when you call her SARA JAYNE. She is the granddaughter of GEORGE MILLONAS, superintendent of Building and Construction, West Shops.



INSIDE NEWS

one mat was extended to ELDA LEAL, clerk-stenographer, unassigned, who is doing a very good job in the Service Section...Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH (PAT HALLAHAN) SILVESTRO are proud and happy to announce the birth of their first, a little girl, DEANNA MARIE, on October 19. Danna weighed in at 6 pounds 14 ounces. Pat formerly worked in the Service Section...Another happy set of parents are Mr. and Mrs. BARRY (DIANA BOYLE) WOOD, who proudly announced the birth of their second--DANIEL LAWRENCE--who weighed in at 6 pounds 1 ounce on September 27 at Elmhurst hospital. Danny went home to join his big sister, GAIL LYNN, 3½. Diana formerly worked for Transit News. Congratulations to all!

(Insurance & Pensions) -

The welcome mat is extended to COLLEEN YOUNT, clerk-typist, and THEO SCOTT, stenographer II, who replaced ELKE MOLINA who transferred to Industrial Safety & Fire Prevention Department...JEANINE GERARD took a trip to Hawaii with a church group, touring several islands, and came back with a tan...Something new has been added to the appearance of KATHY KOHLMAN. She finally had her ears pierced and is sporting solid gold earrings...MARJORIE HOLMES is sporting a 1974 Monte Carlo in burgundy and white, plus a new addition to the family--a six-month-old German shepherd by the name of Topper...We were sorry to see RON KRAMER leave CTA to take up residence in Boynton, Florida, where he purchased a beautiful home with a swimming pool attached and all that wonderful sunshine. RAYMOND CARSON replaced him in the department. Good luck in your new job, Ray.

(Personnel) -

LOIS BOOMER, Suggestion Department clerk-typist, is sporting a psychedelic cast on the left leg due to breaking a bone in her foot as a result of chasing a horse in the park...LYNN HARRER was surprised on September 1 when she received a beautiful diamond from the lucky man, GUY RETZ. Wedding plans have been set for the future...JESSE RODRIGUEZ and his family spent two delightful weeks in Eagle River, Wisconsin...STAN TADEVIC and his wife and another couple flew to the Adriatic Coast along the Albanian border and across Yugoslavia near the Italian border and visited with his mother and sisters. The scenery and mountain sights were out of this world, including the villages they visited...ARTHUR J. HUBACZ was elected commander of the Combined Veterans Association of Illinois. This organization is composed of 13 veteran groups. On August 10 WILLIAM SHOLDICE took unto himself a bride, NANCY ARNOTT, who wore an empire style dress prettily trimmed with white lace. They were married in St. Luke's Catholic church in River Forest with the reception at Fontana D'Or. They honeymooned in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Las Vegas. While in Vegas, they met Elvis Presley...JOE O'SULLIVAN and his wife, HELEN, flew to Phoenix, Arizona, to finalize plans for the building of their retirement home in the Veldo Rose area of Mesa, Arizona. Their home will be about 25 miles east of Phoenix and just a few miles west of Superstition Mountain. It's the range of mountains that legend says the Lost Dutchman gold mine is located in. Joe and Helen travelled to the Grand Canyon, and on the way back stopped in Sedona, Arizona, the red rock country along Oak Creek Canyon. They so visited with ELIOT and VAL HIRSCH. They both look wonderful and are thoroughly enjoying retirement. Eliot, who was supervisor of the Training Department, asked to be remembered to all his friends at CTA...KATHLEEN

McCARTHY, the daughter of MIKE McCARTHY, began her scholastic career when she started kindergarten at Kinzie school this September...STU MAGINNIS was one of three counselors who took a church group of 12 teenagers on a canoe trip. The trip started in Ely, Minnesota, and made its way into Canada. The trip took two weeks and covered 125 miles. The group ate dehydrated food most of the time. However, after a good catch of trout and northern pike, they really had a feast. It was a memorable experience for all who went on the trip. By the way, Stu loves canoeing--this was his third trip over the past few years.

(Reproduction Services) -

Congratulations to JOHN GRITIS, supervisor, Reproduction Services, who became a grandpa for the third time when COLLEEN PATRICIA was born September 29 to his daughter and son-in-law, PATRICIA and PATRICK GILL, at St. Anne's hospital weighing 7 pounds 7 ounces. The proud paternal grandpa is Paint Foreman PAT GILL, West Shops.

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neuraux

KEDZIE -

We welcome Superintendent W. CHAMBERLAIN who comes to us from North Avenue Station as our new day superintendent, and also E. WESTON as relief superintendent. Now that winter is approaching don't forget "defensive driving." Always allow more space between cars and buses...Instructor JACKSON wishes to thank all the line instructors for the good job they did in training our summer replacements...Congratulations to Superintendent A. TABEL and his lovely wife, LaVERNE, on their 32nd wedding anniversary...Supervisor CARL HICKMAN's son, CARL Jr., received his bachelor of science degree in speech from Northwestern university on June 16. Like father, like son; a chip off the old block...Congratulations to AUGUST and MYRA LAZZARA who were united in holy matrimony on August 11, with a reception at Garden Manor. August is the son of Mr. and Mrs. RAY GRAHAM, your Transit News reporter...Operator PETER MIAO's daughter, MARYANNE PATRICIA, was united in holy wedlock to RONALD F. PARTIPILO on September 1. A reception was held at the Chateau Royale with everyone having a good time...Operator NORBERT OUMET became a grandfather for the fifth time when a girl was born to his son, THOMAS, and his wife on September 6 at Gottlieb hospital weighing 7 pounds 14 ounces...In our repair department, THEODORE and BERTHA YANCY became the proud parents of a baby boy, THEODORE JERMAINE YANCY Jr., who was born at Presbyterian-St. Luke's hospital...Street Collector ED KELLY took his pension on August 1 after more than 36 years of service. To Ed, we wish you much health and happiness in your retirement...We welcome our new assistant day foreman, JAIME MORALES, and relief foreman JOHN JOHNSON to the repair department...WILLIE GRIFIN went to California on his vacation, while CLARENCE MILLS attended the National Model Airplane meeting...Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of EDWARD L. SMITH who passed away on July 28...Your scribe and his wife, CARM, attended the Amalgamated Transit Union convention which was held in Florida, and then went on an eight-day Caribbean cruise. Going with us was MYLES HARRINGTON, retired station superintendent, and his wife, BEATRICE. I had three weeks of beautiful living.

- Raymond Graham

LAWDALE -

We're saddened at this writing by the recent passing of Operator ELMER SHAW. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family...Operator JESSE MOORE informs us that on June 23 he was married to the former Miss SYLVIA JOHNSON in Orlando, Florida. Jess and Sylvia spent their honeymoon visiting Disney World. Many years of happiness...Congratulations to Operator MAURICE WALTON who was married to the former Miss SUSAN TENA on September 10. Many years of happiness...We welcome all of the new personnel who came to Lawdale on the system pick. We sincerely hope you enjoy your stay here. The best of luck to all the men who left Lawdale for other stations throughout the system...Congratulations to Operators JOHN McCLAIN and NAMON BROWN for doing such a fine job in the supervisor's pool. Keep up the good work, fellows...Clerk EARL McLAUGHLIN just returned from vacation, spending a week of leisure in the friendly confines of his home...Clerk CLARK CARTER informs us that on November 2 his son, CLARK LEE, will be two years old. Happy birthday, Clark Lee...Our deepest sympathy to Operator DOMINICK PAPA in the recent passing of his wife...Operator DAN DeBUONO showed up one Monday morning for work only to find that he was on vacation...Operator SOL-OMON DAVIS received a phone call from the clerk one Monday morning informing him he had missed. Said Davis, "I'm on vacation." "No," said the clerk, "your vacation starts next week." Well, we all make mistakes...Operator TOMIE PHILLIPS still stands at the paymaster's window on Wednesdays instead of Thursdays, and if it were on Wednesday, he's there on the wrong Wednesday...Operator EDDIE McCUTCHEON enjoyed his vacation this year in Jackson, Mississippi...Happy wedding anniversaries to: Operators WILLIAM and ANN MILLER, their 16th, October 26; JOHN and ANN HAWKINS, their fourth, October 28, and JEROME and EVELYN JOHNSON, their 13th, November 27...Operator JAMES and MATTELA BURRIS recently celebrated their first year of wedded bliss...On August 31, Operator R. R. MOOSE retired after 22 years of service. Good luck on your retirement, Moose...Incidentally, I did make it to Spokane, Washington, this year, and it was a delightful trip going and coming...Operator DOUGLAS CAMPBELL also toured the Northwest this year with his family...Well, that's all for now, fellows, I'll see you next time around.

- James Marshall

LOOP -

VIRGINIA TOTCKE and her traveling companions enjoyed a marvelous vacation in Hawaii. She said the beauty of the islands is breathtaking and must be seen to be appreciated. Virginia retired October 1 and we all wish her good health and many happy years ahead...MYRTLE APITZ and her granddaughter enjoyed a vacation in Florida visiting with her son...GLADYS RUEDEGER spent her vacation visiting her sister in St. Louis...SHEILA MURPHY enjoyed her vacation in her favorite place--beautiful Ireland (where else?)...MARY WIXTED, your co-reporter, and her daughters had a wonderful time while on vacation in Newport Beach, California, visiting relatives...MINNIE DIKE-MAN had a restful "at home" vacation this year...DAVE GRAFMAN and his wife drove to Rockville, Maryland, where they had the time of their life. Dave had so much fun with his grandchildren he was reluctant to come back home...Retired agent ADAM WAAS sent us a card from Arkansas where he vacationed. Shortly after returning home, he

became ill and spent a week in the hospital. Adam is doing well now, with rest and a special diet...MILLIE BLAGOVICH spent her vacation in Florida. She and her family toured Tampa university where her oldest son became a student in September...Mr. and Mrs. BILL PFEIFFER enjoyed a great trip through Canada. Shortly after returning home, Bill entered the hospital for surgery. We are happy to report that he is well on the way to complete recovery...Janitor JOE FASO had a bad fall injuring his back. We hope he will soon be back in good health...In closing our sincere sympathy is extended to the families of Agent A. MANONI and Janitor R. GIOVANNI...Keep smiling.

- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wixted

LIMITS -

The "Hawk" is coming early this year so you better get those old bully-woolys out of mothballs. It looks like it's going to be a long cold winter...Operator J. FORD showed me a picture of the 8½ pound northern he caught while fishing in Ely, Wisconsin. It was a beauty. Congratulations...Congratulations also to our board member, R. GOLDMAN, on the birth of an 8½ pound baby boy named RENARD ASHTON who was born on September 1...The next time you guys see KEITH in the garage give a warm welcome back. He stopped me on the way home one day to let me know he returned to work...A speedy recovery is sent to Operator WESTBROOK who suffered a heart attack a few months ago...Our sincere condolences are extended to Operators W. SMITH and G. MENDYK in the loss of their wives...Well, that's all the news for now, but if you have any news or information leave a note with the clerk for me. I will see that it gets into print. See you next time.

- Charles Turner

MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

Now that vacations are over and our fall pick is completed, your co-reporter, GRACE MOUNTS, is back on her usual 3 to 11 p.m. shift...BOB MALONEY wishes to thank everyone for the retirement party in his honor which was held at the Assignment Office on July 26. Among those at-

WHOOPING IT up at the retirement party for Assignment Agent BOB MALONEY on July 26 was this group of gay revelers. Pictured here, left to right, are: HUGH HEGARTY, treasurer of Division 308, Superintendents MIKE VELTRI and PAT HALLAHAN, Instructor THURBUSH, Bob, Superintendents FRENCHIE ELLIS, STANLEY CHRIST, KEN BROWN and BOB ROESING. Standing in front is Ken Brown's son.



November-December pensioners

PATRICK CRONIN, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 5-14-29
LOUIS DANZICO, Laborer,
Engineering, Emp. 9-18-29
JOHN DUNNE, Laborer,
Stores - North Division, Emp. 11-12-45
PATRICK GEOGHEGAN, Motorman,
South Section, Emp. 5-19-43
THOMAS S. MCGOVERN, Messenger,
Law, Emp. 8-31-37
GEORGE J. MENDYK, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 4-24-44
ROBERT A. METROW, Painter,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 9-23-53
WILLIAM M. MOLENDIA, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 2-3-44
ANTHONY NUTILE, Foreman,
South Shops, Emp. 3-31-43
THOMAS B. O'CONNOR, General Manager,
Executive, Emp. 1-14-36
RICHARD C. O'GORMAN, Service Truck Chauffeur,
Utility & Emergency Service, Emp. 9-15-41
NICHOLAS J. RUPP, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 8-21-41
FRANK SOLURI, Carpenter A,
South Shops, Emp. 6-24-37
FRANK J. SOMMER, Collector,
77th Street, Emp. 5-28-48
THOMAS A. TOMASEK, Bus Repairer,
Beverly, Emp. 1-13-47
LEONARD J. TROJANOWSKI, Bus Repairer,
North Park, Emp. 2-14-39
GERALD T. WEBB, Motorman,
West Section, Emp. 12-18-45
GEORGE J. ZASTRESEK, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 8-5-43

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

RAYMOND G. GAIDES, Conductor,
West Section, Emp. 1-8-46
STANLEY McCURE, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 5-25-50
AVA M. THOMAS, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 2-2-63
CURTIS A. WESTMORELAND, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 1-26-45

tending were: District Superintendent ED HEATTER, Station Superintendents MIKE VELTRI, JOHN FLYNN, FRENCHIE ELLIS, RON BAKER, KEN BROWN, BOB ROESING, JOHN ZUPKO, JIM WALSH, R. DESVIGNES, ART RABIN and S. CHRIST, Acting Superintendent THURBUSH and HUGH HEGARTY, treasurer of Division 308. A long, healthy and happy pensioned life is wished for you, Bob... Congratulations to Conductor CARRUTHERS, Jefferson Park, and his wife on the birth of a baby boy, MICHAEL GREGORY, July 17 weighing 6 pounds 9 ounces... DAVE GRAFMAN and his wife vacationed in Rockville, Maryland, visiting his son and grandchildren. Dave and his wife celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary on October 27. Congratulations... Our sincere condolences to the families of Janitor ROY DeGIOVANI who passed away in August, and Motorman JOHNNY JACKSON Jr. who was drowned on September 5... Superintendent JOHN ZUPKO's little league team did it again with 17 wins and 1 loss to take the pennant and championship for the sixth straight year... LEVA SHELTON received three commendations within a three-month period. Congratulations!... Agent FRED FRIEB and his wife spent their vacation taking short trips. They also visited Union, Illinois, where Fred got a chance to work the controls of old red streetcar No. 144. They visited Joplin and Kansas City, Missouri, and Fred said he averaged 24 miles to the gallon in his 1971 Hornet and can prove it. Pretty good, Fred... Pensioner ADAM WAAS was in the hospital recently but is now home and watching his diet... EILEEN CARMODY combined her birthday, anniversary date and vacation and took a trip to Ireland to visit her mother... Z. FUNCHES is now back to work after her long illness. I hope she is feeling good and will stay well... Former assignment agent NANCY McINERNEY's mother celebrated her 85th birthday on August 10 and received a letter of congratulations from President Nixon... Assignment Agent JACKIE HOLMES is now driving a red Volvo. Her other car was stolen in March from 22nd and the Dan Ryan. Her daughter, TRACY, is now going to nursery school. She loves to go and hates to come home. I guess she is having a ball... Believe it or not--by GRACE MOUNTS, not Ripley--but when she and her husband were on vacation in Holland, Michigan, there was such a terrible electrical storm, it started her electric clock going backwards. Her sister says that every time they have a storm now, it does the same thing. That must be some clock... We wish all our students good luck in school and hope to see them all again next summer... In the meantime, keep the news coming in.

- Grace Mounts & Katy Morianty

NORTH AVENUE -

A great big HELLO to everyone!.. Welcome to our new assistant superintendent, JAMES McEVILLY. Come on in and say hello, fellas, he really doesn't bite. We also welcome ED WESTON who now has the relief job. On a recent vacation, Superintendent McEvilly found that he liked Disneyland so much he went back two more times... The CHURCH brothers separated their vacations. VAL headed for Eagle River, Wisconsin, where he caught enough small ones to make a big one. His brother, GENE, took his family and headed for Georgia... Operator H. FISHER and his son should have taken Mrs. FISHER along to bait the hooks for them... Operator D. FREY and his Mrs. had their vacation interrupted when she developed a bit of ticker trouble... Supervisor RONALD ROY let Uncle Sam foot the bill for his naval trip to Boston, Hyannis Port and Spain... Operator

E. GUNDLACH really had a ball riding the merry-go-round at Six Flags. At least that's what we were told...Repairman GEORGE SLADEK and his better half, MILDRED, spent two enjoyable weeks in Charlevoix, Michigan, where he caught two real good size trout...One of the first things Supervisor WHELEHAN did after his retirement was to head for a vacation in Ireland. Amongst those at the Whelehan get-together was none other than smiling CONNIE O'SHEA, still looking like a million...Operator BARSANO and his wife say that a \$20 bill goes a long way to prove that "honesty is the best policy"...Our most heartfelt sympathy is extended to the following men at North Avenue in the loss of their loved ones: Operators M. ANDERSEN, J. VALTIERRA, F. BELLINO, W. PAMPER, SADOWSKI and R. TAYLOR, Station Superintendents J. MORRIS and BILL MOSER, and Switchboard Operator J. STICH. Our condolences also go to the families of: retired security officer RAY LOHSE, retired mechanic GEORGE BAEHR, retired operator OMAR HART and Instructor BOB MORRISON...Operator WHITEY SYZMELL decided to give up the box puller's job and come back and show the other fellows just how to drive a bus...Retired operator CHARLEY WINTERS was spotted at North Western depot looking in tip-top shape...Operator MORGAN's little 18-month old daughter had mom and dad pretty worried when she spent a bit of time in West Suburban hospital. Doorman TOM DOBBYN figured if that place was good enough for her, it would also be good enough for him. Now that he's out, he's doing very nicely, thank you...All of us are rooting for Operator LUCIUS BANKS and waiting for that smiling face of his to come through the door...Instructor WEIR and his Mrs. recently became grandparents for the 11th time. It was No. 7 for Operator and Mrs. HARRY (Moe) MOCARSKI when little ANTHONY JOHN arrived tipping the scales at 8 pounds 2 ounces. Senior Station Instructor JAMES BROGAN and his Mrs. ran a close third, becoming grandparents for the fifth time with little MICHAEL ALLEN WAGNER weighing in at 7 pounds 2 ounces...Operator R. WEEMS was passing out cigars while his wife sang lullabies to their very first little tyke...Chief Instructor JERRY KNOFF will be observing two anniversaries in November. His wedding anniversary on the 25th, and his 33rd company anniversary on the 26th. Who says you can't get your name in the magazine for 33 years of service...I wish to thank retired instructor FRANK G. O'CONNOR and all the rest of you who didn't identify yourselves for all the old transfers you sent me. I'm still on the lookout for more of them, also old 241 union buttons. Maybe you have some pictures of the old red streetcars that you would loan me. Their return is guaranteed...See you all purty soon.

Collector ELMER BRISKEY lived it up in Mexico, Operator DAN MELENDEZ at Six Flags in St. Louis, and Operator KEN METTLER in Minnesota. These are just a few who took their well-earned vacations during the peak months of July and August...LINDA DOWDALL, the daughter of Operator and Mrs. PETER DOWDALL, gained the title of Mrs. when she and EDWARD SUTTON were united in holy matrimony in June and went to Hawaii for the honeymoon...Now the operators of the early morning pull-out set can be assured of having all mirrors in place and tightened. Also we can be assured of having transfer bags, thanks to the instant service and cooperation of Night Foreman ALLEN WEBB...Retirement bells broke up that father-son team of ours as Operator ANDREW KILGORE inked his name on the retirement list. To the best of our knowledge, Andrew and JOHN KILGORE were the only father-son team

Service anniversary in November

45 years



H. A. Coyne,
Substation Engineering

December

45 years



T. J. Culhane,
West Section

40 years



F. A. Schueler,
Archer

30 years

A. E. Bianchini, North Section
 J. Flaherty, North Section
 D. A. Frusolone, General Accounting
 A. M. Golding, Insurance & Pensions
 N. C. Kaczowski, Insurance & Pensions
 E. A. Laube, Forest Glen
 E. A. Mannion, North Avenue
 C. P. McAlister, Power Operations
 M. E. Morgan, West Section
 W. F. Shippor, 69th Street
 F. J. Wojcik, Power Operations

25 years

R. L. Barclay, 77th Street
 C. Brown, Kedzie Garage
 R. L. Brown, Rapid Transit Signal Division
 J. Cooney, Stores-South Division
 M. H. Daley, Utility & Emergency Service
 T. A. Filipiak, Kedzie
 S. Graham, Archer
 W. P. Hall, Investigation & Claims
 L. E. Howe, Electrical Distribution
 A. J. Johnson, 77th Street
 F. A. Johnson, Purchasing
 W. H. Jones, Kedzie
 R. L. Kennedy, 77th Street
 C. E. Lowery, 77th Street
 C. R. Marchinski, Skokie Shop
 K. F. Mikota, Building Wiring Division
 A. C. Ochwat, District D
 A. A. Petty, 77th Street
 R. A. Ptacin, West Section
 R. A. Rennhak, 77th Street
 A. B. Salvaggio, West Section
 J. A. Sowizral, South Shops

35 years

B. C. Becker, 69th Street
 M. J. Buckley, Investigation & Claims
 R. Jestice, Investigation & Claims
 J. C. Martinek, South Section
 V. E. Rage, Limits

25 years

Q. L. Bonds, Dan Ryan Maintenance Terminal
 A. R. Bray, Beverly
 W. E. Caffrey, Property Accounting
 D. J. Guest, 77th Street
 C. C. Harris, 77th Street
 J. Henry, Stores-South Division
 J. J. Holak, West Section
 W. Holland, 52nd Street
 B. Holtane, Track & Structures
 E. Jenkins, North Park
 A. J. Kraus, Utility & Emergency Service
 W. A. McGrath, 77th Street
 J. H. McManus, North Section
 T. P. McNicholas, Building Maintenance Division
 J. F. Mikieta, North Park
 J. J. Moss, South Section
 C. C. Newsome, South Section
 J. Perkins, Track
 N. Rossille, Forest Glen
 D. S. Scott, Archer
 J. M. Slavik, Archer
 W. Somerville, Archer
 F. R. Wiley, 77th Street
 T. Wright, 77th Street

30 years

A. A. Basedow, Kedzie
 J. H. Bishop, 52nd Street
 G. E. Garfield, 77th Street
 J. L. Goldberg, North Section
 J. E. Hall, North Park
 R. J. Howard, Central District
 E. M. Jania, Investigation & Claims
 I. L. Krauledis, South Shops
 W. J. Rooney, Kimball

of operators at North Avenue Station...On the sports side of the news, Operator BEN FLENAUGH took second place in the Chicago Park District tournament, senior men's division, on July 8. Congratulations, BEN, you gotta be good to even enter the tournament...Operator-coach WADE SIMMONS and members of the softball team threw the old spikes in the closet when the season ended August 19. The gym shoes are being cleaned as the basketball team prepares to launch a new season. With the new system pick, we can expect to see some interesting changes made. In spite of it all, Coach Simmons is optimistic and believes that North Avenue will still have the team of champs...Pensioner ELMER DEEGAN was on the sick list. Here's hoping he has fully recovered...Pensioner LEE MUSSARED, now of Sun City, Arizona, paid us a visit at North Avenue Station...Pensioner VIGGO WINDFELD mailed us a card from Hawaii where he is enjoying the trade winds beneath the palm trees. The card was mailed to BILL MIEDEMA who turned it over to us. Thanks for the courtesy, Bill... Our moments of commiseration are for Supervisor JAMES DOHONEY in the death of his brother, CHARLES; Pensioner ARMIN KOEHN in the death of his wife, GENEVIEVE, and to the family of Operator PABLO MENDES.

- Walter Blix & Aaron Pruitt

NORTH PARK -

Operator JOHN KIPPES and his wife, VIRGINIA, went on a 2,300 mile escorted trip through Canada and the New England states. The ferry crossings and cruising along the St. Lawrence river were beautiful. The trip took in Montreal, Quebec, New Brunswick and the beautiful Gaspe Peninsula. For many days the Kippes were in the wilderness of the upper St. Lawrence. The salmon fishing around New Brunswick was excellent, with catches of 20 pounds...Pensioner RICHARD HALLIGAN and his wife, JO, and their prize poodle, Ricky, enjoyed their annual vacation in Florida. The Halligans stopped off at Bonita Springs, Florida, to visit Pensioner CHARLES KERR and his wife, ANNIE, but the Kerrs were in Chicago at the time. Better luck next time, Richard... Operator HOMER REED and his wife, MYRTLE, became grandparents for the first time when their daughter, Mrs. CINDA SMITH, gave birth to a daughter, CHANTEL ERICA, born on July 1 at Illinois Research hospital weighing 6 pounds... Operator BILL SMALL and his wife, EUNICE, became grandparents for the first time when their son, RONALD, and his wife, PAMELA, became



UNITED in holy matrimony on July 7 at St. Basil's church were JAMES and HELEN FICHTER. The groom is a motorman on the South Section.

AS THE bells chimed, JOSEPH and JO-ANN PARRILLO were united in holy matrimony at Queen of Angels church September 1. Joseph, a former summer employee of the Transportation Department, is the son of WILLIAM J. PARRILLO, budget accountant, and the bride is the former JO-ANN MITCHELL, the granddaughter of CARLO DESIMONE who retired from the Building Department in 1966.



parents of a daughter, MARY BETH, born on August 23 at Northwest hospital weighing 7 pounds 2 ounces...Operator JACK URBAN had the misfortune to fall off a ladder and broke a bone in his heel. The injury was very serious, and Jack will be home for a considerable time...Our sympathy and condolences are extended to the families of Instructor ROBERT MORRISON and Pensioner FRED BOLDT, and to Instructor WALTER STEINBEISS in the loss of his mother, Mrs. CARRIE STEINBEISS...The North Park credit union annual business meeting will be held on Friday, January 11 at River Park Fieldhouse, 5100 N. Francisco avenue, at 8 p.m. Dividends will be declared and refreshments will be served with drawings for door prizes. All members are urged to attend.

- Melvin Warming

OPERATIONS (Transportation) -

Congratulations to JEANNE M. ROHE, stenographer, was united in holy matrimony to ROBERT H. DIEHL on September 22 at St. Christina's church. Many friends and relatives attended the reception at the Cherry Hills Country club and had a wonderful time. The bride and groom spent their honeymoon in Jamaica. Our best wishes for a very happy and wonderful life...Our sincere sympathy is extended to Telephone Operator MENETTA FERRARI whose husband, ROBERT, passed away on July 26 after an extended illness...We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of South Section Assistant Station Superintendent JOHN V. TAGLER who passed away on September 28; also to the family of THOMAS J. MCGOVERN, retired north rapid transit district superintendent, who passed away on July 31.

(Utility and Emergency Service) -

Mr. and Mrs. ED SLAMP vacationed near International Falls, Minnesota, where he reported rain and poor fishing...Recent Retiree WILLIAM HART was traveling in the New York area and said that pensioned life is great...Pensioner CASEY DeBOER paid us a visit at Blue Island and said he spent the winter months in Florida and returned to Minnesota in March. Congratulations to Casey and his lovely bride who recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary...Good luck to WILLIAM MOOG who joined the ranks of the retired on September 1 after more than 39 years of service. Among those who came to say goodbye to Bill were: JOE MULREE, MATT STIGLIC, PETE CARPINO, WALTER JOHNSON, LEONARD GALLE, AL EIERMANN and FRANK BECKER...Our sincere sympathy is extended to ROBERT

DELLNITZ and his family in the death of his brother, AMUEL...Mr. and Mrs. O. W. JOHNSON vacationed in the prth Woods of Wisconsin and said the weather was beautiful...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. STANLEY KAMINKI who are new grandparents...Recently hospitalized and now recuperating nicely are PETE PETERSON, LOUIE ADEK, WILLIE MOOG, Mrs. WALTER WANGERO, Mrs. RICHARD BRADY and Mrs. JAMES ROCHE.

- Colette Szygancuk

BUYING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -

A big farewell and best wishes are extended to SARA McDONNELL, Purchasing Department, who retired on September 1, and to YOLENE CLAUDE who semi-retired to wait the arrival of the stork. We have another pensioner that we missed in the last edition. He is BILL McGOVERN, laborer at South Shops, who retired on July 1 with more than 16 years of service. Congratulations to both of our retirees and to our mother-to-be...While we are congratulating people, let's not forget South Shops' latest hero, DONALD HOWELL, stock clerk I. On August 20 he noticed smoke coming from an apartment window at 86th and Blackstone. He called the fire department, then rushed into the burning building, alerting everyone in it and carrying out two residents. Our heartiest congratulations to Don for his bravery...ART EGGERT and his wife, STEPHANIE, vacationed in LaJolla, California. While there, they spent a couple of days visiting with TOM MADIGAN, retired divisional storekeeper, Skokie, and his wife. Art told us that Tom looks great and that the California sunshine certainly greets with him. We almost forgot to mention that Art and Stephanie celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary while they were with the Madigans, and the treat was on Tom. The Eggerts had a wonderful time...We are glad to see that EDDIE GREZNIA is out of the hospital and back to work. It just goes to show that you can't keep a good man down...This last bit of information is probably the most difficult thing anyone ever had to write. TOM SKVARLA, stock clerk II at Storeroom 50, South Shops, passed away on August 28. To Tom's family, we extend our deepest sympathy. This is the last column for your co-reporters. Please

WEDDING BELLS rang for JOHN and VALERIE DUTTON on June 16 at Mt. Greenwood Evangelical Lutheran church. The room is a bus repairman at 77th Street Station, and his dad, left, is L. C. DUTTON, former superintendent of Schedule Traffic, who retired on October 1, 1972.



give all your news items to your new reporter, PRISCILLA KAMRADT.

- Maryann Jobaris & John Gill

RAPID TRANSIT MAINTENANCE TERMINALS -

Enjoying vacations during the months of July and August were Superintendent A. J. PORCARO and Foremen R. FLOWERS, M. COYLE and J. MOLLOY...H. DICKERSON and D. NICOSIA did a wonderful job of supervising at Dan Ryan while Coyle was on vacation...Congratulations to L. FIELDS on his promotion to night instructor foreman...Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of G. BARNES who passed away on July 24...L. STEWART, 61st Street, spent a week's vacation in Fresno, California, and then stopped by to see his old friends at Dan Ryan...L. LACEY, 61st Street terminal clerk, won fourth place in the South Side "Superfly Hair-do" contest...Repairman WILLIAM SPARKS, 61st Street, and his wife, MARCELLA, became the proud parents of their sixth child on July 5 when a baby boy, DAVID WAYNE, was born weighing 8 pounds 13 ounces. Enjoying summer vacations were A. WITHERSPOON, A. MOORE and W. MAJEWSKI...A party was held for Repairman E. WITKOWSKI, Forest Park, who retired on September 1 after 25 years of service...Happy birthday to DONNA MARIE, the daughter of D. RENO, Forest Park, who reached the ripe old age of one year on September 24...J. RANDAZZO, Forest Park, the master chef who specializes in making pizzas, recently made one for his daughter who visited him from New York...During the week of July 21 through 25, the 90th annual grand session of the District Grand Lodge No. 22, and the District Grand Household of Ruth No. 9 was held at the Robert E. Lee Inn, New Albany, Indiana. Among those present was G. NICHOLSON, Dan Ryan, District Deputy Grand Master of Gary, Indiana...C. WILLIAMS, Dan Ryan, the barber and beautician, can be seen nightly doing his thing at the Louis lounge...Congratulations to FRANK and FANNIE PICKETT, Dan Ryan, on their 11th wedding anniversary...Mr. and Mrs. E. SHIELDS said they really enjoyed themselves at the Skokie Shop picnic, which are getting better every year...Everyone wishes a speedy recovery to RUTH NELSON, the wife of CHARLES NELSON, Dan Ryan, who is in Blue Island hospital...V. COLLYARD and L. RODDY, Dan Ryan, who have worked so long together as truckmen, are now beginning to dress alike...Those from Dan Ryan who enjoyed vacations during July were: Q. BONDS, who took his family to see Disney World in Florida; D. WILBORN who visited his mother in Arkansas, and T. FRIEND and C. NELSON who bumped into each other in downtown Montgomery, Alabama. C. DANSBY, L. SLAY and W. THORNTON enjoyed their vacations working around the house...The CTA American Legion Post 1216 held its joint installation of officers for 1973-74 on Sunday, October 21, at the Fort Dearborn hotel...DAN MULVHILL, Wilson, and his wife, CATHY, became parents for the first time when a baby boy, BRIAN KEITH, was born on August 10 at Northwest hospital weighing 5 pounds 15 ounces.

- Frank Pickett

SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

WALTER THOMAS and his wife flew to Oregon to visit his in-laws, and then stopped to visit with his daughter and son-in-law in Denver, Colorado. Shortly thereafter, Walter became a grandfather for the first time when his daugh-

ter, MARILYN, gave birth to a baby boy, JASON, weighing 7 pounds 5 ounces. Congratulations...JOE BILLIS and his family drove to Clearwater, Florida...RAY CARTER, traffic checker, was elected district commissioner of Midwest District Boy Scouts of America...GEORGE HANUS and his wife drove to Washington, D.C., to visit with his son and family...WILLIE SCOTT and his wife and daughter flew to Jamaica and enjoyed it very much...BOB LAVOIE and his wife and daughter, MICHELLE, drove to New York, Massachusetts and other eastern places of interest...BILL WORCESTER and his wife drove down to Six Flags and had an enjoyable time...KEN MAREK and his wife and daughter flew to Florida. They enjoyed Disney World and visited with Pensioner CLARK JOHNSON who now lives in Largo, Florida...JOE RITROVATO and his wife, RITA, drove to South Dakota...JOE SABOL received letters from Pensioners JAY KELLY, PAT LENIHAN and GEORGE FISHER who are all enjoying their pensions. Pat is sporting a new Ford. The mystery of the season is what happened to W. P. DEV-EREAUX. If anyone has the answer please contact Joe Sabol...We extend our deepest sympathy to retired traffic checker FRED WALPOLE whose wife died while vacationing in Ireland; to GEORGE WEST in the death of his mother, and to JOE BILLIS in the death of his father-in-law, CLIFFORD HALVERSON.

- Kathryn Batavia

SOUTH SECTION -

Yours truly and her hubby, Clerk ROLAND, had a super vacation down in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, and through the Smoky Mountains. Even saw some bears panhandling along the highway...Motorman ROBERT BUTLER and his Mrs. took the train to Dodge City and saw the Long Branch Saloon where Wyatt Earp used to hang out. Also went to Flagstaff, Arizona, and saw the Grand Canyon...Motorman ROBERT RAWLINGS, who had been on the sick list for many months, took a disability pension on August 1. We all hope that Robert will soon return to good health...Hello to newly-hired conductors JEROME RILEY, MAXWELL BUTLER, BOBBY BARBER, EDWARD MCSWEENEY (the son of a former motorman now in the Claim Department--EDWARD MCSWEENEY Sr.), and JOHN STARKS...Ashland Towerman CARL (Gentleman) BRADLEY and his Mrs. had a good vacation in Canada, Washington, D.C., and then down to Disney World, Ft. Meyers, and Tallahassee (his home town), Florida. They sure covered a lot of miles on their trip...Had a nice visit with Retired Assistant Station Superintendent JOE TVRDIK who now lives in Oakland, Arkansas. Joe loves the Ozarks where he can fish and hunt to his heart's content. While Joe was here, retired clerk JOHN MORAN came in to see us. It was "old home week" at Ashland...Back to work and off the sick list are: Motormen DONALD GRAY, OLIVER RIDGELL and CHARLES POLK, Conductors ALEX KOMIS, STANLEY HOWARD, WILBUR COOLEY and LEOHA PATTON, and Janitor LULLING WILLIAMS...Agent RUTH LOVELL flew to San Francisco with her sister and rented a car and saw all the sights. Ruth says she'll still take Colorado to Frisco anytime...We were so saddened to hear that retired district superintendent THOMAS (Terry) MCGOVERN passed away recently. Terry had many friends and everyone has fond memories of him. Our condolences to his family...Motorman JAMES FICHTER finally bit the dust and was married to HELEN KIMAK of Lansing, Illinois, on July 7 at St. Basil church. The reception was held at St. Michael's Ukrainian

hall in Hammond, Indiana. Best wishes for a happy marriage...Saw retired motorman MARCUS WALKER recent who said that he and his wife are enjoying their pension at taking trips. Marcus had even bought a bike to ride at joined a bowling league. Pensioned life must really be wonderful...Switchman LEWIS REED, who was on the sick list for several months, became an agent on the North Section. Good luck, Lewis, in your new position...Agent CILE THOMAS's husband, Trackman CALVIN THOMAS died suddenly. He was also the brother of Janitor CLARENCE THOMAS. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Cecile and Clarence in their sorrow...Motorman FRANK GRONEMEYER and his wife have had two vacations in recent months. First they drove down to Venice, Florida, and then to the Keys. While in Florida they visited with WARREN (Sam) HILL, retired conductor, who lives in Port Charlotte. Recently they drove to South Dakota to visit relatives and also visited with the JOHN HEFFERNAN, retired clerk, who live in Millbank. Both the Hills and Heffernans wish to say hello to everyone. Mrs. Gronemeyer's picture was recently in the Southtown Economist newspaper celebrating 21 years with the Evergreen Park bank...Clerk JOHN BARRY told us he became a grandpa again when his son, KEVIN's, wife gave birth to little JULIE. This makes 14 grandchildren for the Barry family...Our sincere condolences are extended to: President of Division 30 LEONARD BEATTY whose brother passed away recently to retired motorman DAVID O'MALLEY whose son passed away, and to Agent JAMES PATTERSON in the loss of his son...Superintendent STAN CHIRST and his children drove to the Black Hills and Yellowstone National Park and said that "Old Faithful" was really spouting. They even saw mules panhandling in the Black Hills just like the bears do...Agent BESSOLA JAMES is on the sick list at this writing but hopes to return to work soon. She wishes to thank all her co-workers for the many calls and cards she received during her illness...Clerk ELIJAH (Smithy) SMITH and his wife returned from a trip to Pennsylvania where they visited relatives, and to Washington, D.C., to see the sights...Agent SAUNDRA MITCHELL and her hubby, ED, assistant station superintendent at 95th Street, are proud godparents of twin godsons MICHAEL and MITCHELL born July 5. They are the children of Sandra's cousin...Receiving another passenger commendation, the second within a month was Conductor HERBERT DILLARD for his excellent announcements...The Agents' Pension Club held their fall dinner on September 9 at Sharko's restaurant. Our pensioners looked very chipper and are enjoying life as much as ever. Retired Division 308 board member CHARLES BURNS, who had been in the hospital recently for an operation, said he's starting to feel better now. Also talked to retired agents KAREN FRIDDLE, HELEN SHANNON, CECILIA MORAN, retired towerman PATRICK HICKEY and his wife, retired clerk JOE BRENNAN and his Mrs., and retired motorman JERRY HANAFIN and his wife. Retiree



BRUCE CAMPBELL
E. Campbell
Beverly



MICHAEL MULLIGAN
J. Mulligan
South Section

MISTAKEN IDENTITY

The names of the two June graduates pictured here were inadvertently transposed in the July August Transit News. They are correctly identified here.

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

MUEL ABRAMS, 77, Way & Structures, mp. 12-16-43, Died 8-24-73	WALTER L. GRIFFITH, 83, North Section, Emp. 5-21-09, Died 10-12-73	AMANDA I. NARRANCE, 75, North Section, Emp. 7-31-44, Died 3-31-73
YQUE ALLEN, 69, 52nd Street, mp. 10-23-47, Died 7-28-73	C. GRIGAS, 81, 77th Street, Emp. 4-2-26, Died 8-7-73	JOSEPH J. NOVAK, 70, West Section, Emp. 9-24-28, Died 8-2-73
STER ANDERSON, 68, Keeler, mp. 6-24-42, Died 10-7-73	H. STEPHEN HALL, 33, Law, Emp. 7-17-73, Died 9-4-73	ARTHUR F. OBERG, 90, North Avenue, Emp. 11-13-26, Died 7-7-73
CTOR A. ANDERSON, 96, Skokie Shop, mp. 3-31-81, Died 7-8-73	WILLIAM F. HANSEN, 83, Kedzie, Emp. 7-27-14, Died 8-26-73	PATRICK J. O'CONNOR, 70, Archer, Emp. 11-3-30, Died 8-14-73
CORGE G. BAEHR, 74, North Avenue, mp. 1106-42, Died 8-9-73	O. C. HART, 67, Revenue Accounting, Emp. 8-28-42, Died 8-4-73	LESLIE A. PAINE, 81, Beverly, Emp. 7-29-35, Died 10-9-73
CORGE L. BARNES, 46, R.T. Maint. Term. mp. 5-8-57, Died 7-24-73	THOMAS J. HENNEBERRY, 66, Kedzie, Emp. 12-10-40, Died 7-19-73	SAMUEL W. PARRILLI, 58, West Section, Emp. 1-11-46, Died 8-7-73
ATE BEJO, 81, Laborer, mp. 8-7-13, Died 7-13-73	GEORGE HEVRDEJS, 74, South Section, Emp. 3-21-44, Died 7-24-73	GIUSEPPE PATITO, 78, Stores, Emp. 6-4-42, Died 7-30-73
RANK J. BEHNKE, 83, Lincoln, mp. 10-14-26, Died 8-12-73	JOHNNY JACKSON Jr., 27, West Section, Emp. 12-26-69, Died 9-6-73	GEORGE R. PAYNE, 84, Burnside, Emp. 3-9-21, Died 8-10-73
O. BOLDT, 65, North Park, mp. 5-24-51, Died 8-6-73	ZENON KASPAROWICZ, 87, 77th Street, Emp. 10-4-19, Died 10-9-73	HUGH C. PEARSON, 86, West Section, Emp. 10-14-10, Died 7-12-73
AM A. BONCZKOWSKI, 74, North Park, mp. 4-12-44, Died 8-13-73	JEREMIAH KELLEHER, 88, 77th Street, Emp. 11-7-12, Died 7-13-73	STEPHAN PEKARK, 80, West Shop, Emp. 2-20-45, Died 6-28-73
AM BRATINCEVICH, 82, Way & Struct., mp. 10-14-23, Died 6-4-73	WALTER B. KUBIAK, 73, South Division, Emp. 3-18-25, Died 8-8-73	FRANK J. PELZMANN, 62, Campaign Area, Emp. 9-7-25, Died 7-20-73
SEPH F. BRZUSKA, 81, North Park, mp. 8-25-43, Died 10-11-73	LOUIS J. KUHN, 63, Limits, Emp. 11-25-36, Died 7-12-73	CHARLES V. PERI, 71, Wilson Shop, Emp. 6-25-36, Died 8-30-73
ICHAEL BURKE, 74, Lawndale, mp. 1-31-34, Died 8-26-73	STANLEY LABANOWSKI, 68, Lawndale, Emp. 9-7-43, Died 8-19-73	LOUIS B. PETERS, 84, North Section, Emp. 12-19-25, Died 8-23-73
WARD J. BUTLER, 82, 77th Street, mp. 1-20-12, Died 10-4-73	MIKE LAZICH, 82, Track, Emp. 8-6-29, Died 7-24-73	WALTER E. PITANN, 75, West Section, Emp. 12-12-12, Died 7-10-73
O. CAMPBELL, 77, 77th Street, mp. 4-27-25, Died 8-3-73	JOSEPH R. LISANTI, 60, Lawndale Garage, Emp. 1-18-38, Died 8-15-73	EDWARD REID, 59, 77th Street, Emp. 12-9-48, Died 9-11-73
ANIEL G. CAREW, 68, 69th Street, mp. 6-21-29, Died 8-25-73	RAYMOND LOHSE, 62, Security, Emp. 10-31-33, Died 8-17-73	RUSSELL E. RICHARDS, 81, Kedzie Garage, Emp. 4-18-23, Died 8-23-73
MANUEL COLLETTA, 87, Way & Struct., mp. 4-8-21, Died 7-12-73	CHRISTOPHER LUNDBERG, 77, South Shops, Emp. 5-26-27, Died 7-28-73	HENRY SCHUMER, 59, Engineering, Emp. 3-30-43, Died 9-9-73
HARLES CONLON, 74, North Section, mp. 2-3-42, Died 7-9-73	JAMES K. LYNN, 78, 61st Street, Emp. 10-24-22, Died 7-10-73	ELMER SHAW, 28, Lawndale, Emp. 7-11-68, Died 9-3-73
DA M. COUKART, 80, North Section, mp. 9-19-47, Died 7-7-73	ROBERT P. LYONS, 56, 77th Street, Emp. 8-25-41, Died 8-3-73	THOMAS R. SKVARLA, 54, South Shops, Emp. 5-25-50, Died 8-27-73
ATRICK CREAGH, 91, Kedzie, mp. 4-6-21, Died 8-28-73	R. F. MAAS Jr., 67, Forest Glen, Emp. 5-13-42, Died 8-4-73	FRANK SLADEK, 73, Archer, Emp. 4-21-44, Died 8-20-73
MES P. CULLEN, 83, 77th Street, mp. 7-22-27, Died 8-26-73	LOUIS MAGILL, 71, Lawndale, Emp. 2-1-44, Died 7-15-73	EDWARD L. SMITH, 47, Kedzie, Emp. 9-19-57, Died 7-28-73
ARLIN E. CUNNINGHAM, 66, North Section, mp. 12-17-40, Died 10-10-73	MARY J. MAHONEY, 71, South Shops, Emp. 7-7-42, Died 8-10-73	THOMAS P. SOKOL, 72, Douglas, Emp. 6-21-23, Died 8-10-73
DSARIO DIGIOVANNI, 48, West Section, mp. 3-5-68, Died 9-2-73	JOHN J. MALLON, 88, 77th Street, Emp. 3-31-21, Died 8-10-73	WILLIAM A. STEINER, 74, Kimball, Emp. 2-27-18, Died 7-26-73
ALTER DOLPH, 65, Archer, mp. 5-26-34, Died 7-14-73	ALEX J. MANONI, 51, West Section, Emp. 6-10-48, Died 8-10-73	ANTON STIGLICH, 65, North Avenue, Emp. 7-1-03, Died 7-24-73
MES A. DONALDSON, 69, 69th Street, mp. 11-22-22, Died 10-1-73	PETER MARINO, 63, Engineering, Emp. 5-26-41, Died 7-25-73	LEO TABERTI, 76, West Section, Emp. 11-11-25, Died 7-11-73
DBERT J. DONEGAN, 75, 52nd Street, mp. 7-31-46, Died 7-18-73	P. V. MATSOUKAS, 78, North Park Garage, Emp. 4-26-44, Died 7-22-73	JOHN V. TAGLER, 38, South Section, Emp. 2-20-58, Died 9-28-73
HN H. DORR, 78, Grand Substation, mp. 6-15-13, Died 9-19-73	CHESTER MATU, 84, Skokie Shop, Emp. 5-27-37, Died 7-15-73	CALVIN THOMAS, 44, Engineering, Emp. 5-15-51, Died 7-16-73
ILIP F. DWYER, 74, 77th Street, mp. 12-4-19, Died 8-25-73	ALBERT MATULIS, 59, Limits, Emp. 10-11-48, Died 9-1-73	PETER K. VASEL, 86, 68th Street, Emp. 10-5-25, Died 7-3-73
OSKO DZIDICH, 82, Way & Structures, mp. 5-24-29, Died 4-22-73	THOMAS MCGOVERN, 68, North Section, Emp. 9-16-26, Died 7-31-73	ANGELO VENTICINQUE, 61, Skokie Shop, Emp. 1-13-41, Died 8-18-73
JUSTIN B. EVERTS, 69, Kedzie, mp. 12-7-27, Died 7-20-73	PAUL MENDEZ, 35, North Avenue, Emp. 11-20-67, Died 7-24-73	PATRICK WALSH, 75, Loomis, Emp. 3-14-22, Died 9-28-73
E. FALK, 47, Accounting, mp. 6-26-44, Died 8-3-73	ROMAN S. MENDYK, 78, Way & Structures, Emp. 4-23-29, Died 7-15-73	WILLIAM F. WALSH, 85, West Section, Emp. 11-10-41, Died 7-23-73
W. FARLEY, 53, Engineering, mp. 6-12-47, Died 8-1-73	MAX P. MICETIC, 77, 77th Street, Emp. 10-12-21, Died 8-22-73	CARL E. WELIN, 73, South Shops, Emp. 1-15-19, Died 7-5-73
UY E. FARRELL, 77, Way & Structures, mp. 8-24-26, Died 10-10-73	ANTHONY J. MICKOVIC, 64, Sched.-Traff., Emp. 12-9-42, Died 7-16-73	EDWIN WILLIAMS, 82, 77th Street, Emp. 12-28-16, Died 6-11-73
HN H. FISHER, 79, Beverly, mp. 11-13-25, Died 7-7-73	ROY H. MOHLER, 86, West Section, Emp. 12-6-23, Died 7-12-73	RUSSELL E. WINGER, 74, West Section, Emp. 10-4-26, Died 8-18-73
HERESA A. FOLEY, 80, South Section, mp. 8-15-44, Died 7-8-73	WALTER MORIARTY, 75, 52nd Street, Emp. 4-12-42, Died 10-12-73	KENNETH L. WITSIEPE, 75, Howard, Emp. 1-26-23, Died 7-27-73
UGH A. GARRY, 77, North Avenue, mp. 10-29-20, Died 7-1-73	FRANK NARDINI, 81, North Section, Emp. 2-27-12, Died 7-11-73	OTTO H. ZIEGLER, 75, Wilson Shop, Emp. 11-17-42, Died 7-18-73

agent CATHERINE COLLINS told us about just returning from a lovely trip to Montreal and Toronto with her daughter. Also just returning from a lovely trip to England, Scotland and Ireland were retired agent MAE DRISCOLL and her sister. Of course, our president and secretary, LULU HAMANN and ROSE HEIDENBLUT, were looking as grand as ever...The Traveling TONY JAGLAS, motorman, were traveling again. This time to London, Paris and Zurich to see the sights. When they came home they decided to go to St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands to finish up their vacation. Now that's a vacation...We were shocked to hear that retired agent SARAH McEVOY passed away suddenly on September 11. We had just seen and enjoyed her company at the agents' pension dinner. She was a lovely person and will be missed by all her friends...Returning to school were our part-time conductors: KEVIN HENNIGAN, CHARLES GAGE, FRANK EDWARDS, KENNETH JACOBI, JOHN BENNETT, CHARLES HAWKINS, ROBERT JARVIS, THORNTON CHERRY and BRIAN MITCHELL...Clerk EARL JONES enjoyed his vacation in Beaumont, Texas, to see his relatives, and in New Orleans seeing the sights...Resigning recently were: Motorman BENNIE HICKS who went down south to live and work, and Switchman WINFRED WATSON to accept a position with the Harris bank. Also good luck to Conductor MICHAEL WATKINS who was transferred to Shops and Equipment as a car serviceman on August 27... Now this is a true fish story--Superintendent of Agents and Janitors FRENCHIE ELLIS and Assistant Station Superintendent ROBERT DESVIGNES went fishing about a month ago and Frenchie lost the whole rod and reel trying to catch a fish up at Three Rivers, Michigan. Then just the other day they went fishing again at the same spot and Bob, in casting out, thought he had a fish but instead caught Frenchie's rod and reel which had his name on it. I wonder, Frenchie, if the fish were using your rod and reel that month?...Mrs. DANIEL MCBRIDE, the wife of deceased motorman DANIEL MCBRIDE, passed away recently...Clerk JOHN BARRY and his wife, and Assignment Agent LILL CULLINAN had a swell summer vacation. They drove through the Smoky Mountains and then down to Pensacola and Panama City, Florida, and swam in the gulf. Then on to New Orleans to see the French quarter and the night life. ..Received a letter from Mrs. THOMAS E. JONES, the wife of former switchman THOMAS JONES, telling us that her husband passed away suddenly on July 11. She wishes to thank everyone for all their kindness in her bereavement... North Section retired supervisor CHARLES SOUTHARD called recently to say hello to everyone and to say he's enjoying his pension...Congratulations are in order for INDIA (Helm) HUGHGHS, former student agent for four years, who received a master's degree in counseling from Roosevelt university. India already holds a B.A. in sociology from the University of Illinois. She is the daughter of Agent VENETIA and Beverly Bus Operator RAY Sr. Her brother, RAY Jr., is a conductor at Ashland Avenue. A very proud CTA family indeed!

- Verna Hartney

SKOKIE SHOP -

Holy cow! That's what the Milwaukee Brewer fans were saying when the Skokie gang arrived at County Stadium for the night game between the Sox and Brewers, August 13. Everyone had a great time including the Cub fans. Thanks to BOB BINNIE for the fine job he did in organizing the trip. Bob says an overnight trip to St. Louis is in the plan-

TAKING THE holy vows of matrimony on August 5 at Lilydale Baptist church were EMMETT and CAROLYN BROWNE. The bride is the former CAROLYN WILSON, dictaphone typist in Reproduction Services, and the groom is a army staff sergeant now stationed in Thailand. The bride's dad, MAJOR CHATMAN, is a bus operator at Beverly Station.



ning for next year...In their first year in league competition, the Skokie Shop baseball team ended up in fifth place. The team would like to thank all those who supported them and promise a much better season next year...Congratulations to GARY OLSON, carpenter, who after six months Emergency Medical Technicians school, recently became paramedic on the Buffalo Grove Fire Department...When did the summer go? We would like to thank all our summer helpers, DENNIS PORCARO, SCOTT SLATER, STEVE GREENE and FRED POSKA, and in the office, KATH GRAYBIEL and MAUREEN DONNLEY for the fine job they did...Carpenter GEORGE KIMMSKE and his wife, FRANCES, are the proud grandparents of their 14th grandchild GEORGE NICHOLAS, born July 11 weighing 9 pounds 11 ounces. The proud parents are S/Sgt. VICTOR and VICK PERRY...TONY ANTHONY, Wiring Department, won the first place trophy for men's doubles and singles tennis tournament at Athletic Field Park. Nice going, Tony. Happy first anniversary to PATTI and FRANK VUKOVIC electrical worker...Mr. and Mrs. RALPH KEMPE, machinist shop foreman, had a wonderful time on their Caribbean Cruise. "Frenchie" REGNIER, South Shops retiree, we with them and really lived it up...KATHERINE BUERGE the daughter of BOB BUERGER, carpenter, was a contestant in the Miss Buffalo Grove pageant. Good luck, Katherine...Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family ANGELO VENTICINQUE who passed away recently. Angelo will be missed by all here at Skokie...Our deepest sympathy to THOMAS CARRERA, machinist apprentice, and his wife JILL ANN, in the loss of their daughter, PAMELA ANN. GENE JANKOWSKI, upholsterer, was a juror for 41 consecutive days. Gene said it was an interesting trial and good experience...EVERETT E. ENGLAND, retired Skokie Shop clerk, and his wife, MARCELLA, motored south through Illinois, stopping at Coello to say hello to RALPH DUFRESNE, retired welder, who is now the proud owner of a lovely new home. They spent a nice day with EDWARD WYNN, retired carpenter, and his wife, who are now living at Mountain View, Arkansas. They said hello to some longtime friends at Kinsett, Arkansas, and then went on to Florida where they visited Disney World. They tried to say hello to JOSEPH BARO, retired machinist, living in Orlando, but couldn't find any address. Sorry Joe. Then south to the gulf side of Florida, they were lucky to find WILLIAM M. CHALK, retired machinist, and his wife at home. Then visit with GEORGE RATEIKE, retired engineer, and his wife, but missed PETER EHMKE, retired machinist. The said it was nice seeing DOROTHY STEMBRIDGE, retired clerk-typist, who sends a big HELLO to everyone. The

ized with ERNIE JONES, a pensioner from Wilson Avenue terminal, and his wife who just returned from St. Thomas, Virgin Islands...Chairman GENE JANKOWSKI and Chairman ED REYNOLDS would like to thank everyone involved for working so hard to make the Skokie Shop fourth annual picnic such a huge success. Thanks to all who took part in our raffles throughout the year.

- Pat Wernett

94 STREET -

Congratulations to Relief Superintendent SWANSON who was married in September and celebrated at the Illinois Athletic Club with more than 30 personal friends...Superintendent G. PEYTON said that Superintendent W. MOSER, who put a \$5 bill in the box for a heart and will now hang it on a peg board and use it for the next ten years. A relief clerk who mistook Mr. Peyton for a janitor has not been seen or heard from since...Instructor O'DONNELL has his taste buds all set for a big fish, but was let down when Superintendent Peyton said the big one got away. O'Donnell was all smiles when his wife won a big color TV set at a carnival. He can now watch the football games on a fold one out in the garage...Instructor WILLIS GUTHRIE came a member of the grandfather's club when little MICHAEL ANTHONY was born on August 27 weighing 7½ pounds...CHARLEY HOLLAND is now the proud owner of a house trailer and has ROY HORNING for a neighbor. Roy and ED STEFFAN took their wives on a tour of South America. I hope it didn't start another revolution...The 41 bus operators are taking up a collection for Operator BELLE to see if he can find out why he holds his jaw all the time...Our sincere sympathy to our No. 1 sanitary engineer, R. RAJ, who had to cut his vacation short due to the death of his father-in-law, JAMES KUCHAR...It's good to see S. LANE back on the job after being off sick for two months...Farmer DAKE caught a big 15 pound, 45 inch catfish in the front yard of his summer home in Wisconsin...W. M. BIERNAT had the misfortune to suffer a stroke and is recuperating nicely at home now...Box Puller STILLER has now recovered from his heart attack...P. ALES took his pension on August 1 after more than 30 years of service. Good luck, Pete...Congratulations to ROBERT L. NEAL who was married to BERNADETTE THOMAS on May 28...Our sincere condolences are extended to Operator E. LEWIS in the death of his brother, JAMES LEWIS; to the family of Collector ROBERT LYONS, and to the family Pensioner DAN CAREW.

From the repair department we hear that O. J. DAVIS and JOHN ROBINSON were here from Florida and paid a visit. They both looked fine and would like to be remembered by all their friends. Also heard from LUKE MORLEY who lives in Florida. We wish them all many years of health and happiness...Good luck and good health to Repairmen RAYMOND SCHEID who retired on August 1 after more than 31 years of service...Our deepest sympathy is tendered to the families of retired foreman FRANK PELZANN and A. FARLEY who passed away recently...To JOE NECKO and BEN VENHUIZEN, who are on the sick list, wish a speedy recovery...BEN BUTHEWICZ, CHARLES CRACKERSON, JOE ATKINS, P. SZAFRANSKI, L. BAUGH, DON MOORE, JOHN WIGGINS, HENRY HOPKINS, R. DICKERSON, B. McBRIDE, W. CICCIURA, DENNY PIERCE, J. W. ALEY and S. ROWELL are all on vacation. Hope you all have good luck and good fishing...Congratulations to newly-

weds, Mr. and Mrs. DON KRIVICKAS, who honeymooned in Hawaii. May you both have many years of happiness and good health...Pensioners MIKE DWYER and MIKE MORAN paid us a visit and said they are really enjoying their leisure life.

- Art Buesing & Jimmy Ahern

77TH STREET -

Some operators drive because they love to travel. Here are a few who took advantage of their vacation time to add another 100 miles or so to their travel log...WILLIE JETT and his family motored to Florida, then sailed to the Bahamas for seven glorious days and six nights. Oh those swinging nights. Welcome back, Jett...Chances are that if the Jetts had looked, they may have seen Operator BOOKER BYERS and his family in Florida. Byers informed me that they had one whale of a time...KENCH BORUM and his family went the other way to Washington where they visited relatives and enjoyed the scenery...Big GUINN stopped in St. Louis where he visited relatives. He said the trip was most enjoyable and that highway driving "ain't what it used to be." The road to St. Louis is better than ever...Sanitary Engineer WALT SHYDLOWSKI took a two-week vacation late in September...Clerk FISHER's wife, ROBERTA, went to Hawaii for eight days and returned chocolate colored (I would have said deeply tanned, but I report the news unaltered)...CHARLEY HALL had his bowling team organized again this season, only to finish, where else but last. Sorry about that Charley...The switchboard operator was in Florida petting sharks and barracudas. Never knew his name, nice guy though...Operator RALPH ZACCARELLO's wife is sending him to Germany for awhile to get rid of him. Have a good trip, Ralph, and we hope they can understand your diction better than we can...Clerk MCGUIRE's family has a very interesting hobby. I understand they have a zoo...NEAL KINNISH also has an interesting hobby. He collects stamps and coins. Since the cages are closed, I don't think he is having too much luck...Operator R. E. JENNINGS is recuperating at home after his recent surgery. Lots of luck and get well soon...It is with deep regret that we report the death of our fellow worker, EDWARD REED. We also share the grief of WALTER COLEMAN in the loss of his father, and Collector B. FREEMAN in the loss of his aunt, Mrs. MARIE GUSKIN...I couldn't close this column without mentioning that Operator HENRY BEATY had finally reached the 25-year service mark in August...So long for now.

- Allison De Bonnett

PENSIONERS

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Jefferson Park

1st

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Dan Ryan

Beverly

Forest Glen
Beverly
North Avenue
Lawndale
Kedzie

Dan Ryan
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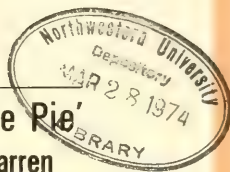
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TO THE CTA, WITH LOVE

Bouquets are Refreshing



Touring by Bus

By Mary Knoblauch

(Reprinted, Courtesy CHICAGO TODAY)



Closed gas stations leave me weak with laughter, and so do city-living car addicts who turn pale as Saturday afternoon wanes on, turning off the supply for their habit.

Mostly I laugh from a seat on a bus or an "L" on my way to a movie or back home. Movies

open all over Chicago, and I don't have a car, so I walk or take public transportation. There are lots of people like me, and soon there will be more out of necessity.

It's not as bad as it may sound, either. You truly can get anywhere in Chicago with public transit, though some places are harder to get to than others.

Buses take longer than cars, but THEY buy the buses, and L's go faster than cars. If you can drive from West Howard and North Clark streets to East 56th Street and South Michigan Avenue for less than 50 cents, you're not in a car I've heard about, and you're an uninsured driver. Add 10 cents for a transfer to get to the Beverly or the Evergreen Plaza theaters, and I'm still beating (Continued Page 4)

A 'Piece of Humble Pie'

By Ellen Warren

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Pass me a piece of humble pie, please.

When the CTA trumpeted its new transfer plan, I hooted and howled.

I spewed scorn and derision on our transit system. Blasphemy like "publicity grab" issued from these little lips.

The new system works. But that's because it doesn't work.

My ire had settled on the CTA's assertion that shoppers could make a round trip on one slender 55 cent fare.

They'll have to wear track shoes and work out for a month, I said out of one side of (Continued Page 5)

People Seem Friendlier

By Louis Dombrowski
Editorial Writer

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People seem to be friendlier these days. Ordinarily, this close to Christmas, it would be easy to assume that the friendliness reflected nothing but the spirit of the holiday: "On earth peace, good will toward men."

The friendliness is deeper, though, and more lasting. It is the attitude of people bound together by a difficult situation. It's the energy crisis, you say. That may be part of it—and the heavy snow, too. It is both of these and more.

My awareness of this attitude began a few days ago. The commuter trains at Glenview were late because of an accident up the line. It was cold and the early morning commuters had overflowed the station and were huddled in the lee of (Continued Page 5)



CHICAGO TODAY Photo by Tom Kinahan



Mr. Hirsch



Mr. Olmstead



Mr. Flynn



Mr. Kole



Mr. Graybiel



Mr. Knautz

13 CTA Managers Appointed

The appointments of 13 top-level managers in a further administrative reorganization of the Chicago Transit Authority were announced by Milton Pikarsky, CTA Chairman.

In the CTA's reorganized administration, the position of manager is comparable to that of vice president in the management of a corporation or company.

The 13 new managers are heads of departments under three recently created CTA divisions, which have been designated as General Operations, General Administration and Finance, and General Development.

In the General Operations Division, the new appointments are:

David M. Flynn, Manager of the Transportation Department. Flynn, with 38 years service in transit, has been the CTA's Superintendent of Transportation.

Evan E. Olmstead, Manager of the Maintenance Department. He formerly was General Superintendent of Engineering, and has been associated with the former Chicago Surface Lines and the CTA since 1937.

Harold R. Hirsch, Manager of the Department of Operations Planning. Hirsch, who joined the CTA in 1957, has been Superintendent of Schedules and Traffic.

In the General Administration and Finance Division, the appointments are:

Fran C. Knautz, Manager of the Personnel Department. Knautz formerly served as CTA's Director of Personnel and has been with the former Chicago Surface Lines and CTA since 1942.

Gerald S. Graybiel, Manager of the Materials Management Department. He has been General Superintendent of Purchases, Specifications and Stores. Graybiel joined the former Chicago Surface Lines in 1943.

Paul J. Kole, Manager of the Finance Department. Kole has been Comptroller of CTA since February, 1972.

William A. Ashley, Manager of the Insurance, Pensions and Industrial Safety Department. He has been Superintendent of Insurance and Pensions. Ashley was with the former Chicago Surface Lines from 1940 to 1947 and then joined the CTA two years later.



Mr. Mullen



Dr. Mosny



Mr. Ashley



Mr. Sandberg



Mr. Buck



Mr. Luczak

Francis J. Mullen, Manager of the Investigation and Claims Department. His former position was Superintendent of Investigations and Claims. He has been in Chicago transit for 24 years having started with the former Chicago Motor Coach Company.

Dr. Stephen D. Mosny, Manager of the Medical Department. Dr. Mosny was the former Medical Director and has been with the former Chicago Rapid Transit Company and CTA since 1941.

Appointments in the General Development Division are:

Miss Joanne Vleclides, Manager of the Department of Long Range Planning and Development. Miss Vleclides joined the CTA last October after six years of service on the Washington, D.C., headquarters staff of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Arthur R. Sandberg, Manager of the Engineering Department. Sandberg has been the Electrical Engineer for CTA. He has served 37 years with the former Chicago Surface Lines and CTA.

Thomas Buck, Manager of the Communications and Marketing Department. Buck joined CTA in October 1973, as Director of Public Relations and Marketing.

Ronald L. Luczak, Manager of the Capital Development Department. Luczak has been Project Manager for Governmental Programs. He joined the CTA in 1970.

First Woman Executive in Chicago Transit History

TE CHARMING voice responded so graciously to congratulatory telephone calls was befitting a young woman who had just become the first woman executive in Chicago's transit history.

But Miss Joanne Vleclides, 31, would be the first to say that being a woman has nothing to do with her new position.

"It doesn't make any difference that I'm a woman when it comes to a management challenge," she explains. "I feel I can offer the Chicago Transit Authority a different perspective because I am a newcomer with different points of view."

Miss Vleclides, a native of West Hartford, Conn., is the CTA's new Manager of the Department of Long Range Planning and Development.

Her appointment was one of 13 appointments of department managers announced by Milton Pikarsky,



CTA Chairman, in a reorganization of the Transit Authority's administrative structure.

At the CTA, a department manager is comparable to a vice presidency in the administrative organization of a corporation or company.

Miss Vleclides joined the staff of the Chicago Transit Authority last October after six years of service in various administrative positions at the Washington, D.C., headquarters of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Her last position with HUD was director of financial assistance programs for nonprofit sponsors of housing under the Federal Housing Administration.

Prior to her service with HUD she was associated with the Aetna Life and Casualty Company in Hartford, Conn.

Miss Vleclides was graduated from Mary A. Burnham School, Northampton, Mass., and obtained her B.A. degree from Connecticut College, New London.

She also did graduate work in urban and regional planning at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Constantine Vleclides, 509 S. Main St., West Hartford.



1st Vice-Chairman Highway Research Board

MILTON PIKARSKY, Chairman of the Chicago Transit Authority, was elected First Vice Chairman of the Highway Research Board at the Board's annual meeting Jan. 23 in Washington, D.C. He also was re-appointed to a further term on the Board's Executive Committee.

As First Vice Chairman, Mr. Pikarsky will become Chairman of the Highway Research Board a year from now. Organized in 1920, the Highway Research Board is a cooperative organization of transportation technologists of America.

The Board's purpose is to advance knowledge of the nature and performance of transportation systems through the stimulation of research and dissemination of information resulting from such research. The Board operates within the Division of Engineering of the National Research Council, which serves both the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Engineering.

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Mary Knoblauch (Continued)

your costs, tho you may beat my time.

I don't go out that way much, because the round trip takes a good three hours, but if you live on the South Side, you won't be trekking up to the Will Rogers much, either (5635 W. Belmont Av.).

What this city needs is not a Crosstown expressway, but a crosstown rapid transit line, as anyone who ever has tried to travel from North Clark Street and West Diversey Avenue to Ford City can attest. (Hanging the cost, the easiest way is a 36 bus to the Palmer House, and airport limousine bus to Midway, and a Cicero (54B) to the shopping center, where a true public transit rider again discovers the tyranny of the car—no sidewalks to speak of.)

All of this sounds intolerable to a car addict, I know, but I feel the same way about their mobile cells. You learn to like public transit by using it, and I was started early, during World War II by my mother, who used to take me for a bus ride on Sunday afternoon instead of a drive, when the ration coupons ran out.

Buses are a great way to discover a city, a leisurely means of transportation that permits sightseeing, people watching, sleeping, reading, or working on handicraft projects, as well as moving from one place to another.

Perhaps withdrawal is the easiest way to stop caressing a steering wheel unnecessarily. First, get a new CTA route map (send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Map, Chicago Transit Authority, Merchandise Mart, Chicago 60654). If you're a suburbanite, also get map for all the commuter railroads serving your city.

Then, the next time you want to visit friends in the city, or vice versa, park your cars at a rapid transit or train station and take a train. On weekends, especially, the suburban trains make local stops within the city, and you have a lot more leeway in getting on. You can, of

course, trek down to one of the main stations in the Loop, but won't have to if you have railroad schedules.

Ever since buses instituted the exact fare plan in Chicago, almost all routes are safe to ride any time. Rapid transit stations are not all that secure late at night, so try to avoid the least traveled hours.

And get over your fear of buses by riding them just for fun. Try a 10 Lincoln-Larrabee from the Loop to Peterson (6000 N.) and listen to the spoken language change about every 15 blocks.

In fact, almost any north-south bus route is fun to ride—22 Clark, 36A State, which parallels the Dan Ryan, the 153 Wilson-Michigan, which takes you thru Lincoln Park and along North Michigan Avenue, 49 Western (the longest, if you take its two extension routes—49A and 49B—which make a three hour jaunt from Howard Street (7600 N.) to 119th Street).

The Halsted 8 bus is equally fun as the Milwaukee 56 bus for ethnic neighborhood watchers. The east-west routes are drags, requiring needlepoint, plastic knitting needles (for safety), or a good book.

With its shuttle bus service, the CTA's Jefferson Park "L" line offers a terrific day for a family that never has been to O'Hare International Airport. For 75 cents, you can get on any rapid transit train, transfer in the Loop to the Jefferson Park line and take the bus to O'Hare, where you can spend a fascinating day exploring and watching the planes. (You can also catch the bus taking a Chicago and North Western train to the Jefferson Park stop, where a protected walkway connects you with the "L," too.)

Those coming from the Loop should take a B train and pause at the Belmont subway station on the Jefferson Park line—a beautiful airy, esthetically pleasing reminder of how gracious public transportation can be at its best.



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Water Tower

Riding public transportation is a matter of readjusting your nerves, relaxing and taking your time. On unfamiliar bus routes, allow about a minute per block to reach your destination on time. On rapid transit—about a minute every three blocks. The second time around you can judge more accurately, but at least you won't be late by that formula.

Some of you, I know, will try to call the CTA information number rather than send for a map to determine how to get there from here. Don't, except in an emergency, because it's rare when you can get thru in any reasonable amount of time. Unbelievers can call MO 4-7220 and be serenaded by a busy signal to their hearts' content.

Using a map is more fun, anyhow, because there are many ways to get there from here, and finding different ones is half the fun.

You'd be surprised what you can do with 45 cents. Last winter, at least twice a month, I rode a Diversey 76 bus from the east to the west end of the line, walked four blocks south on Harlem Avenue clutching a brown paper sack full of wine and two blocks west on Fullerton Avenue because I am crazy about the Cathay Mandarin restaurant in Elmwood Park, and that's how you get there, from my house.

From the office, it's a 65 Grand to the end of the line (which is on Fullerton) and a straight shoot on foot six blocks west. My car happy friends think I'm crazy. Maybe I am. But I feel a lot more self-righteous about eating all that food and walking, instead of eating all that gas and riding.

Now, if I could just persuade some friendly Penn Central freight train to pause while I jump off at Phil Smith's perch paradise in Whiting, Ind., my life will be complete. That's one place that as yet, you can't get to by public transportation. Of course in the summer, by sailboat. . .



A view from the bus of the Lincoln Park

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Ken Warren (Continued)

airk.

But, I rummaged through Marshall Field's until I got bored—after a bus/train transfer from the Northwest Side—and made it back again on my worn transfer.

No, I couldn't have made it under the one-hour transfer limit if my original bus driver hadn't given me a 10-minute bonus (I guess he punched a bunch of transfers at me on time).

Even then, the bus driver on the final leg of the trip back to my starting point gave me an extra seven minutes (but he was so confused that he told me the much abused transfer was still good for an hour).

Altogether, I made it from Belmont and Central Park (3600 West) to the Field's in the Loop, back to Belmont and Central (510 West), then back to Belmont and Central Park.

At Field's, I tried on four sweaters (eight none), checked out their 'Young Chicago' collection (kidding myself), twizzled through the South American Shop and took a leisurely stroll through the split department.

On the way back to the subway for a freebie return trip, I stopped at Stop & Shop on Washington to buy a 25-cent apple (shy).

And, in my travels, I bought a birthday card at a shop in the 5500 block of Belmont.

In all, my transfer was honored for 1½ hours (three bus rides and two subway trips). And if my feet hadn't gone numb I would have tried—heady with beating the system—to ride the CTA all day on one fare.

But I got tired. I figured I'd tried my luck. And the CTA proved its point.

Dombrowski (Continued)

the building seeking shelter from the raw wind. They did not, as was their usual practice, grumble about the way the railroad was being operated as they buried their noses in the morning newspapers. Instead, they were talking to one another. People who until now had been faces in a crowd, someone to nod to in the morning, became human beings with names and families.

Nor did this camaraderie end when the trains finally arrived. It continued until the men and women dispersed.

Sure, you say, it was because people were drawn together by a common problem—the delayed commuter trains. Then how can you explain the fact that they resumed their conversations when they met aboard the homebound trains that evening and continued their friendliness in the days that followed?

Albert Wilson is a service station operator. He is facing all the problems that are beginning to plague gasoline dealers because of the energy shortage. I had been dealing with him for more than a year and, aside from his courteous "Hello, may I help?" we had never spoken. The last time I stopped at his station for gasoline, he greeted me by name, something that has never happened before. As we concluded our transaction, he handed me his business card.

"We're closed on Sundays, you know, President Nixon's orders," he said. "But if your car won't start or something else happens—no matter where you are—give me a call here or at home, and we'll come get you."

Perhaps, you say, my Mr. Wilson is trying to provide service to his customers

in the expectation of keeping them when he may not have as much gasoline to sell.

Everyone has a favorite story about CTA bus drivers. Many of these tales are based on rudeness or discourtesy or downright nastiness. I don't know the name of the driver in this story; he wouldn't tell me.

An elderly woman, carrying a suitcase and the inevitable shopping bag, boarded the bus at Union Station. She spoke almost no English. She had just arrived in Chicago to visit her grandchildren and was unfamiliar with the city. Haltingly, she asked the driver in a mixture of Spanish and English how to get to her destination on the Northwest Side. The driver patiently tried to explain that she would have to transfer at Chicago Avenue to another bus. It was clear that she did not understand.

The driver assured her that he would help her. When the bus reached Chicago and Michigan Avenue, he stopped at the curb and set his brake. Helping her with her suitcase, he walked her to the corner, waited until the bus came, and then told the driver of the second bus to make sure she reached her destination. Instead of complaining, the other passengers on the delayed bus applauded their driver when he returned.

The driver was a rare cat, you say. Maybe so, but how does that explain the warmth and friendliness of the passengers whose travel was delayed by that act of simple kindness?

Others have noticed this new attitude, but they cannot explain it either. If I were to make an uneducated guess, I'd say people were just being themselves—friendly and basically warm. And I like it.

George Clark Retires as Supt. of Shops, Equipment

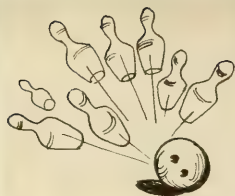
GEORGE J. CLARK, who was responsible for the maintenance of the CTA's trains, buses and other vehicles, retired Jan. 1 as superintendent of shops and equipment.

Clark began his career in transit in 1939 as a test engineer for the former Chicago Surface Lines. He was appointed CTA superintendent of shops and equipment in 1969 after having served as chief engineer of equipment, and as superintendent of the South Shops.

In recent years, he was chairman of major committees of the American Transit Association, and was active with other industry organizations at both the national and state levels. He is a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers, and holds a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Illinois.

He was honored by a large gathering of friends and business associates at a dinner on Dec. 19. Pictured beside his wife, Ruth, Mr. Clark is shown with Milton Pikarsky, CTA Chairman, and Joseph Bolech, superintendent of rail vehicle maintenance.





CTA Sports News



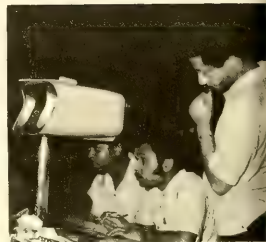
MEL ALEXANDER, Sports Editor

Bowling "Wives Night Out"

THE WIVES of the 77th Street Operators League will be honored at a "Wives' Night Out" on Feb. 15 at Palisades Bowl.

Through the cooperative efforts of the bowling alley management, tables will be set up behind the lanes to accommodate the wives for this very special night.

Calvin Pollard, league president, said, "Since the wives have been so lenient about giving up their weekend Friday nights, we thought it would be nice to give them another wonderful night in conjunction with the last night of bowling."



77TH STREET OPERATORS BOWLING LEAGUE

Teams	W	L	Pct.
George's Arco	43	20	.683
Archer Bandits	41	22	.651
Pin Busters	37	26	.587
500 Club	37	26	.587
Road Runners	36	27	.571
Clippers	35	28	.556
Poppers	35	28	.556
Boozers	30	33	.476
Manipulators	29	34	.460
Late Comers	29	34	.460
Hot Hands	28½	34½	.452
Tranquilizers	28	35	.444
Toppers	28	35	.444
Baggers	26½	36½	.420
Spartans	24	39	.381
Misfits	18	45	.286



CTA Mart team improving

SHOWING A vast improvement over the past month, the CTA Mart bowling team has won 12 of their last 16 games.

The team captain, Tim O'Rourke, came up with a whopping 215 game, combined with a 60-pin handling for a total 275, and sparked his teammates to a sweep over their opponents.

Tim said, "We promised you that we would improve, and now we are beginning to prove it."

Basketball league opens season

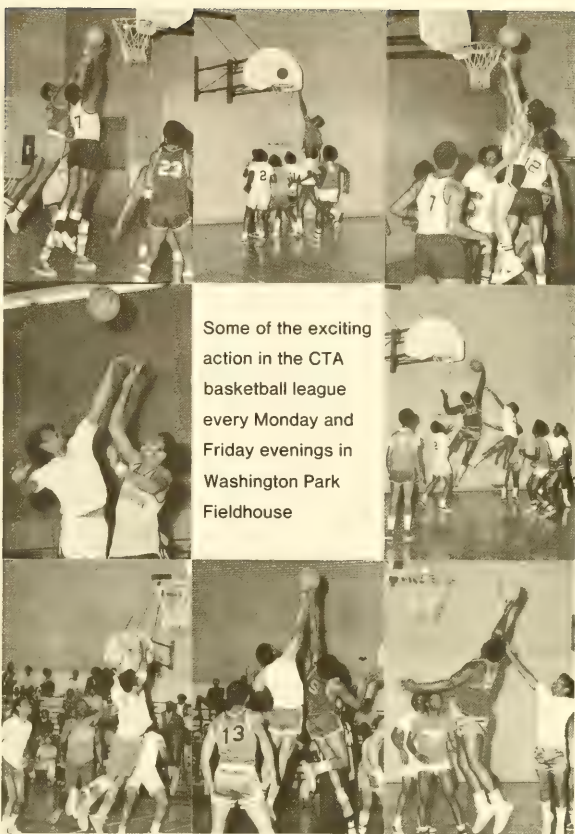
THE CTA basketball league opened its season on Friday, Jan. 4, with the North Avenue Saints advancing towards their second league championship by defeating the 77th Street Bandits 49 to 39.

With a composite of 14 teams, the league appears very strong as they go into the second round of play.

The games are played every Monday and Friday evening starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Washington Park fieldhouse, 55th and Irving Drive. The crowds at these games, averaging 350 to 400, are tremendous, surpassing all attendance marks for the previous years.

CTA BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Teams	W	L	Pct.
North Avenue	3	0	1.000
Bedzie "A"	3	0	1.000
77th Street	3	0	1.000
Archer	2	0	1.000
West Glen	2	1	.667
7th Shop	1	1	.500
North Side "L"	1	1	.500
North Park	1	1	.500
Bedzie "B"	1	2	.333
Beverly	1	2	.333
7th Street	0	2	.000
South Side "L"	0	2	.000
2nd Street	0	3	.000
Limits	0	3	.000



Some of the exciting action in the CTA basketball league every Monday and Friday evenings in Washington Park Fieldhouse



Beverly Operators
ART MULLEN and
DUKE SIMS



North Park Operator
ULISES RUIZ



North Park Operator
L. QUINLAN
(above), and 52nd
Street Operator
V. FORD (right).



Service anniversaries in January-February



P. A. Comiano,
Law



J. E. Will,
Beverly

**40
years**

on vacation

J. A. Laskey,
Forest Glen



J. P. Flynn,
Archer



A. P. Howard,
Forest Glen



J. R. Wilson,
69th Street



J. P. Wallace,
District D



R. J. Holan,
Archer



E. L. Carlson,
North Park

45 years



S. F. Mailuck,
General Accounting

35 years

J. R. Anderson, North Section
P. Hudul, Archer Garage
R. C. Newman, North Avenue Garage
D. E. Riess, Personnel

30 years

J. Burns, 52nd Street Garage
W. E. Cerkan, North Park
D. D. Coney, Archer
A. M. Garrity, Purchasing
H. Goldman, Kedzie
S. H. Goldman, North Park
R. McCabe, North Avenue Garage
W. Molenda, North Park
W. T. Ruddle, 52nd Street
H. R. Schmidt, Forest Glen
R. M. Schneider, South Shops
N. V. Scimeca, Howard Maint. Term.
W. F. Stasulas, West Section
W. A. Taylor, District B
W. Thornton, Dan Ryan Maint. Term.

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M. H. Adams, West Section
J. D. Allen, West Section
L. Blake, 77th Street
V. S. Brookins, North Section
L. F. Cook, Limits
R. Crawford, 77th Street
R. L. Crawford, West Section
D. Daly, Garage Campaign Area
R. L. Desvignes, 61st Street
A. DiGianfilippo, Wilson Maint. Term.
F. J. Duczman, Beverly Garage
C. F. Estelle, 77th Street
C. E. Filipek, Forest Glen
R. E. Flowers, R.T. Maint. Terminals
H. A. Fullriede, Specifications
P. Gazo, Forest Park Maint. Term.
W. Green, North Avenue

B. Hill, Building Maintenance
B. I. Houzz, Archer
C. J. Jones, South Section
E. Jones Jr., South Section
A. J. Karkoska, Beverly Garage
E. M. Kelly, Util. & Emerg. Service
W. N. Kinnish, 77th Street
W. J. Kosek, South Section
P. J. Kourakos, North Park
S. L. Kubicz, North Park
S. Kuropas, South Shops
J. E. Lane, West Section
T. G. LeNoir, 77th Street
W. A. Loftlin, South Section
R. F. Lorentz, North Park Garage
R. Loughran, Communications & Mktg.
L. H. Lykins, South R.T. District
E. Marcanton, West Section
L. L. Matthews, Districts A-B
G. Millonas, Buildings & Const.
W. R. Mooney, North Section

C. P. Moore, 77th Street
J. O. Mulligan, South Section
W. E. Nash, South R.T. District
R. E. O'Brien, North Avenue Garage
D. T. O'Donnell, MC&OP-South Shop
J. Philip, R.T. Signal Division
W. W. Postada, West Section
D. E. Reed Jr., Substation Engineer
J. E. Roberts, Congress-Douglas
J. Rodriguez, Surface Stations
J. J. Russ, Skokie Shop
F. R. Simmons, South Shops
W. O. Simpson, South Section
W. Thomas, 77th Street
L. C. Troken, Executive
R. R. Tray, Forest Glen Garage
R. G. Vandermeir, North Park Garage
J. T. Virruso, South Shops
R. N. Walston, 77th Street
E. H. Washington, Kedzie
C. Wesley, 77th Street

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

COUNTING (Payroll) -

A few of our payrollers finished off the old year with a vacation. Not a bad way to go. JEANNE BIZEK, Payroll, and her sister, JACQUELINE, Revenue, when they visited their father, JULIAN BIZEK, who resides in Arizona. Besides the excellence of dad's home cooking, they enjoyed great weather while sightseeing in the Grand Canyon and Old Tucson...VICTORIA LEWIS said, "Why not," and took her first airplane ride, venturing to Florida with her friend, MARGE LYNCH, Claim. They vacationed in Tampa and Orlando visiting Disney World and the famous Busch Gardens. Vickie admits she still prefers having both feet on solid ground...The rustic country of Hillsboro, Wisconsin, lured MARY CARNEY up north. Mary tells us it's deer hunting season so we wonder if she was really shooting the "buck" or the "bull"...Sometimes the holidays seem even warmer when friends or relatives come home to visit. Assistant Payroll Accountant ALBERT LATHOWERS was glowing when his daughter, KATHY, and her husband, Dr. JOHN BERRYMER, an oral surgeon, arrived from New Orleans for a five-day visit. They agreed it was great fun being home, but due to the gas problem, traveling was like pulling teeth!...The JOLEMAN household was celebrating when their daughter, JOYCE, returned home from North Norbert's college in De Pere, Wisconsin...YVONNE ZAJAC had her holidays made a bit with the return of her daughter, DEBORAH, from Ball State university. MORIS YOST was treated to a visit in the merchandise Mart from her daughter, EGGY, and her husband, LEO PARISEAU. He is a career Navy man who is presently stationed at Great Lakes Naval Station. A 16-month old grandson, BRIAN, highlighted the visit by stealing the show...It's always a pleasure to hear the pitter-patter of little feet, but of 13 dogs? That's what MAUREN HOULIHAN's mother, VERNAL, recently experienced. Both of the family's dogs, Senator and Minkie, gave birth to pups in litters of five and six. It was certainly a kind gesture when DOROTHY NYKAK offered to place one of the pups in her home. Good luck to all...Bring out the dice and light the candles for our January birthday people: MAUREN HOULIHAN and JOSEPHINE COLEMAN...See you soon.

- Clotilde Frankiewicz

(center) -

Our sincere sympathy is extended to JULIE TORREY of Key Punch and her family in the loss of her husband, PHILIP...On a happier note, we wish to welcome NORRIS EVANS who transferred to

the Tabulating Department from 77th Street where he was a relief clerk...DAN FRUSOLONE and his wife, NETTIE, a former CTA'er, were down for a visit. Dan is getting along fine and looks great. It was very nice to see them both...A big hello is extended to four new employees in the Systems Section of the Datacenter. They are: JOHN BONNER, HOWARD CHEN, JOHN KOLENKO and RON GATELY. We would also like to welcome JAMES GRIFFIN, programmer trainee, who came to us from South Shops. We wish all of you the best of luck in your new positions.

- Evelyn Lee

BEVERLY -

Received a nice letter from Pensioner CHARLIE HOOGSTRAAL who retired from 77th Street in 1955. Charlie wishes Pensioner GEORGE EVANS and all the boys good luck. He says the golden years are the rusty years. Charlie's address is: 13681 Cedarcrest, Seal Beach, California 90740. Thanks for the pictures and clippings, sorry we can't reproduce newspaper photos though. Good luck, Charlie...Received a card from Operator CHARLIE (Peepers) GLINES and JOHN BARBER who vacationed in Los Angeles, California. They went sightseeing on Main Street and Pershing Square, but found out they were too old and had to go down on the beach and watch the girls go by...Received a nice letter and picture from Pensioner ED MOLONEY and his wife, CLARA, who drove



The Moloneys

to Chicago from Deerfield Beach, Florida, to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Bernadette's, followed by an open house at the home of their daughter in Evergreen Park, was attended by more than 100 relatives and friends. Ed and Clara now boast of 20 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Mrs. ANNALEEN HELMS, the wife of the late FRANK HELMS of Beverly, came with them to visit friends and relatives. Ed says that Pensioner JOE O'CONNOR, former chief clerk at 52nd Street, lives two doors away from him in Florida. We express our deepest sympathy to the families of Pensioners JOHN NANNINGA who worked Kedzie and ANDY BAKER who had the night bus on Western; to Pensioner ART RYAN in the loss of his wife; to the family of MARGE GEARY, wife of the late JIM GEARY, and to the family of CHES-

TER WILLIAMS, former board member of 69th Street...Pensioner JERRY GLEASON is still doing charity work. You can't keep a good man down for long. Keep up the good work, Jerry.

Pensioner RALPH LEIGHTON of Holiday, Florida, was here to visit his friends and couldn't wait to go home to the land of sunshine. Ralph said he had enough of this snow and zero weather...We express our sympathy to the families of the following: Pensioner LEONARD (Swede) ERICKSON, Pensioner JOHN BUEGERMEIER, Operator JOHN PEARSON, Operator DONALD PETERSEN, and our pal from Kedzie Avenue, Operator CHARLES GLINES who went to his eternal reward...Pensioner WALTER DALY, formerly of 69th, looks in good shape and would like to say hello to his many friends...Thanks to all the pensioners for the Christmas cards, and to Pensioner BERNIE ZESCH for the nice letter...Superintendent JOSEPH WILL is leaving on pension Feb. 1. We hate to see him leave as we couldn't have a finer boss. We wish you many years of good health and happiness.

- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster

CTA SECURITY -

Since our last writing we have added a few new faces. In the field we have GEORGE MUNYER who transferred from Skokie Shop; TOMMIE BOSLEY from Kedzie Station; BILL TALBERT from Special Investigations, and BOB SMITH who worked out of Lake Street as a temporary summer employee. I would also like to bid welcome to MARGUERITE RUFFULO who will be my sidekick in the office. We would also like to bid adieu to a few people: JAY JONAS who is now with the Chicago Police Department, FRANK INGRASSIA who moved to Florida where he will work for Bell & Howell, and JOAN CUCI who moved upstairs to the Law Department. Best wishes to everyone on their new jobs...Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of retired Lieutenant RAYMOND LOHSE who passed away...Our chief, BOB MILLER, is home recuperating after having one of his lungs removed. We all hope you're feeling better, chief, and will be back with us soon. While Bob Miller is off, Lieutenant BILLY BUTLER is acting chief.

Congratulations to GEORGE and BETTY EVANS who are the proud parents of GEORGE MICHAEL weighing in at 8 pounds 4 ounces...It was nice to see some of those faces that we seldom see anymore at the Christmas party: JOHN McGRATH, KEN-

NY GRIMALDI and ROCCO COLUCCI...The recent Illinois Police association convention at the Arlington Park Towers was attended by PAUL WALLACE, GEORGE EVANS, TONY MOKSTAD and CHET MAZURKIEWICZ...RAY WISNIEWSKI is on vacation enjoying the great comfort of his couch.

- Pat Flynn

ELECTRICAL (General Office) -

DEL TOSH, chief power supervisor, and his wife flew to England to visit their son and his family. WAYNE TOSH, a former CTA employee, has been stationed in England with the air force for the past year after returning from Vietnam. The senior Toshes enjoyed touring the English countryside, but seeing their granddaughter, SHERI, was also one of the highlights of their visit...CLYDE HAYES of the Signal Division has left the CTA and we wish him good luck. . . Welcome to JAMES SCHUMPP, engineer assistant, who transferred to the department recently. Jim vacationed in Washington, D.C., during the Christmas holidays, and he also made news when he received a \$10 suggestion award... CHRISTOPHER JOHN, the son of DONNA and KENDRICK BISETT Sr., signal design engineer, was born on Nov. 25 weighing 9 pounds 5 ounces. Congratulations to the loving parents. We also learned that DONNA KAMINSKI and her husband, RON, are the parents of a daughter, KRISTEN. Donna was formerly a stenographer in the department... From Blue Island we hear that OLLIE THOMAS, B electrician, and his wife, LILLY, are very proud of their twin daughters. The girls are honor students with ANNIE ranking first in their class, and AGNES following closely in second place. They are 17 years old and it certainly is unusual to have two in one family take top honors.

- Kay McAlister

(Chicago Avenue) -

The retirement party for CHARLIE SALVATORE, STANLEY LUCAS, HANK GABAUER, MIKE WHITE, MEL FELTON and BOB MONSON at Johnny Latner's Marina Towers restaurant was one of our largest parties. It's a good thing I got there early, as the fellows started coming in groups. The bar was overflowing—with people that is. Pensioner friends who attended were T. CALMELAT, F. PIONKE, T. HENRY, R. CONROY, W. WATERS, S. DANECKE, C. SCHUMACHER, J. CICHON, D. SUCCIMORI and C. BUCK. Local No. 9 was represented by G. SCHMIDTZ, N. BURKHARDT, J. FEELEY and F. HINCE. JOHN SHEA was the master of ceremonies and kept the program rolling. Electrical Engineer A. R. SANDBERG presented all the retirees with wallets...CHARLIE NOLTE became a grandfather again when little JUDITH MARIE BLUM was born weighing

in at 9 pounds 11 ounces. Congratulations, Charlie...JOHN MURPHY is back to work after a stay in the hospital...ED DEVLIN, PAUL STAHULAK and JACK HOBBS are back to work after being hospitalized. 73

- Ben Nielsen

(Rapid Transit Signal Division) -

ROY WILLIAMS and his wife, MARION, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a surprise party given by their children. Among the guests were GEORGE MATEJOVSKI and TED SZEWC from the front office. Congratulations to you and your charming wife. May you have many more years of happiness together...Regretfully we report the death of Mrs. JUANITA WALTON, the mother-in-law of Signal Maintainer EARL BELL. You have our prayers and sympathy in your hours of bereavement...We congratulate KEN BISETT and his wife, DONNA, on the birth of their first child, 9 pound 5 ounce CHRISTOPHER JOHN. Ken's broad smile certainly indicates he's very happy with the new arrival...All the way from Chicago to San Francisco for a ride on BART, only to find it shut down because of a strike was the lot of ROY WILLIAMS and his family on their recent vacation...Back from a wet vacation in Hot Springs, Arkansas, is VICK ZASTERA. His drive home took him through Ava and Van Buren, Missouri, where he saw HERBY TEMPLEMAN...CLYDE YOUNT spent a 17-day vacation in and around Los Angeles, Santa Barbara and San Diego, California. He said he enjoyed every moment of his get-away trip but would rather be there than just talk about it. He had an exciting side-trip to Tijuana just over the border.

Congratulations to Signal Maintainer BIRNETH HICKS and MARCIA HUPPERICH who were united in holy matrimony in December at St. Martha's church in Morton Grove, and honeymooned in Jamaica. Also, Birneth is now a draftsman in the Electrical Department in the Mart. Congratulations on your promotion, Birneth...A farewell dinner was given by the CTA Electrical Department's Signal Division for ELMER J. STOKES in honor of his retirement Feb. 1...Returning from a month-long European tour are LORI and KATHLEEN BROWN, the daughters of Signal Maintainer ROBERT BROWN. They are home now but will need several more months to finish telling all they saw on their trip. The tour, which was quite educational, carried them to several countries including Ireland, England, Holland and France...RUSK SCHAEFFER's wife went out and got a job. Rusk went out and bought a 1974 Gremlin. I don't know which one to congratulate, so I guess I'll just mind my own business...

Hats off to our signalmen who work the night shifts. Those night hours in the wintertime not only can be dreary but very cold as well. We can't help but smile when

we board an on-time train in the morning to go to work, because we know it didn't just happen all by itself. Thanks!...FRANK HALPER has said that far-away look in his eye again. Frank said, "As we peak the coldest days we know that our annual fishing trip (this time on May 19) is not far away. Vera and Orville at Forestview Lodge near Leech Lake, Minnesota, said everything in readiness for the Signal Department spring fishing expedition... The Trans News is taking on a new look and we will have to put forth a little more effort. One thing's for sure, we'll have to prompt."

- Tommie Lowery

ENGINEERING -

Wedding bells rang on Oct. 13 when KATHY KRUEGER, stenographer, Design Section, became the bride of PAUL STRANDBERG. Best of luck with the duties of wife, Kathy...A speedy get well is wish for CATHY HANSEN, Research/Planning, now home recovering from an operation. We hope to see you soon, Cathy.

(West Shops) -

The welcome mat is out to ANNIE LOVE of the Building Department. She is small but mighty. Happy to have you aboard, Annie...Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families of J. P. UITZ in the loss of his father; to A. SUNZERI in the death of his mother-in-law, and to R. SALINAS in the death of his grandmother...FRANK MONTALCO, leader A machinist, Frog Shop, was selected for the "Man of the Year" award. Congratulations, Frank, it could happen to a nicer fellow...Congratulations to Sheet Metal Foreman STEVE KUDELA and his wife on the birth of a son, STEPHEN, and to Track Foreman TOM STAUTON and his wife on the birth of MICHAEL ANTHONY on Dec. 11 weighing 8 pounds 10 ounces...WENDY HALLFORD, the daughter of W. C. HALLFORD, supervisor of mechanical maintenance, was a very happy and thrilled young lady when she was selected "Queen for the Day" at the Ringling Brothers Circus at the Amphitheatre.

A little note of cheer is sent to DAN BANDIS, carpenter foreman, JOHN HERNANDEZ, carpenter, and TONY SUNZERI, track laborer, to get well quick...JOHN UITZ had a very exciting vacation in Europe visiting Rome, England and many other places...PAUL and MARIE ANDERSON have returned from their vacation in Hawaii. It's getting to be a habit with them...We bid a fond adieu to AL THOMAS, clerk in the Track Department, who left us for greener pastures--77th Street. It was a pleasure working with you, Paul, and don't forget us. Good luck.

- Kathy Labahn & Jennie Scott

FOREST GLEN -

I'm sorry to report that BOB EVARTS is still on the sick list. He was in Northwest hospital for several weeks but is now home trying to get his strength back with the help of his lovely wife, PEARL...From the repair department we hear that TONY FANTOVACCI and his wife celebrated 40 years of marital bliss. Congratulations...Operator JOSEPH DIMARTINO finally became a father when little ALVERA DIANA was born on Dec. 1 weighing 6 pounds 8 1/2 ounces. Mother, JILL, is doing fine and gave dad lots of support...Our deepest sympathy is extended to Operator JOSEPH GRZELAK and HELEN GRZELAK in the death of Father LOUIS TUSINSKI Dec. 17...Flash--Operator Woody became a grandfather for the 13th time when little STEPHANIE WOOD was born weighing 8 pounds 10 ounces...Happy anniversary wishes are extended to J. R. MILLER and his wife who celebrated 37 years of marital bliss. Miller says it's only a few years, and that's what love can do...Clerk HERB SCHMIDT and his wife also celebrated 40 years of wedded happiness. Married life sure must agree with the old boy as he always looks happy.

I had a card from GARY NAPIER who says the girls in Florida are out of this world. No wonder he's walking around in a daze...Operator GEORGE BARSKI finally took into himself a bride and is very quiet about it all. At least he has slowed down while driving the coach on Milwaukee avenue...Relief Superintendent W. R. PARNUM was seen one afternoon showing Operator BUNTA how to clean the windows in a bus. More power to both of them...TOM MEASHER is finally getting wiser in his old age. He is now picking Irving Park West instead of the Milwaukee downtown run...Operator STOBART is talking about taking his pension and settling down and doing a little fishing...Loader JOHN MAHNKE is as lively as a spring chicken while loading buses at Jefferson Park terminal...Operator BERG says to be on the lookout for more babies in his family...Operator BARKAN is still up to his old tricks every morning...Operator HAMMOND is waiting or another snow storm so he can ride the fire engine to work...Operator LOMBARDO has slowed down and it's no problem following him now...Our friend, MALFESE, said he will be leaving us Apr. 1. He's planning on going to greener pastures...Operator WITKUS is still driving Harlem Avenue but says he doesn't see the boys anymore at the clubhouse...Operator CHRIST PANTOS is getting set for the spring wedding of his son, STEVE, and said that we all are invited. Gee thanks, Christ...We have had no report from Operator NELSON since his last Florida vacation, but he is still working Elston...Operator LAST is still working nights, but is still behind in his club dues...Operator JEE is now trying out the O'Hare runs and doing a fine job...BASGALL is now working

the snow and salt trucks in his spare time. He always finds time to do extra work as long as it brings relief to our drivers.

We haven't had any news from Operator WHITEFIELD for awhile. I guess his Mrs. is waiting to go fishing again...We really miss Clerk MILLER each morning since he was bumped off the night shift...Loader PLANTHABER is still trying to play pool...Operator T. HICKEY is contemplating his pension on Mar. 1...The HENRY family (Don't call me Wilbur) has another son. My lovely wife and I just adopted a ten-year old, and now my son, WILLIAM, will finally have a brother. Our new son's name is DAVID, and he fits into our home perfectly...Night Clerk RAGE is really doing a fine job. He always has your transfers and trip sheet ready when he spots you in the depot...Our hats are off to Curly JOE, the young man who assigns our coaches to us each morning. Sorry, Joe, for all the tricks yours truly plays on you...Operator ARTHUR DAVIS and his wife, AGGILENE, are the proud parents of a baby girl born Jan. 8 weighing 6 pounds 8 ounces. This now makes No. 4 for the Davis family. Congratulations...Remember your credit union—it is always there to give you aid and for your savings.

- W. A. Henry -

GENERAL OFFICE (Medical) -

During the holidays Dr. ARNOLD PECK flew to Pompano Beach, Florida, to visit with his folks. Also birthday greetings are being sent to him for Jan. 23. The years are creeping up, Doc.

(Insurance & Pensions) -

Congratulations are in order for JAMES BURKLOW who was promoted to Insurance clerk V, replacing ANN GOLDING who took her retirement on Feb. 1...FRANCES CALPIN and her mother flew to California to visit with her sister, ANNE MARIE. While there they took a tour of Alcatraz, visited the wine country where they drank all the wine they could hold, and also visited the Christian Brothers company where they purchased some brandy. A good time was had by both...Congratulations to PAT AUGDAHL who became Mrs. EDWARD



HOFF on Dec. 1. Mr. Hoff is a supervisor in District D. A church wedding and reception was attended by many CTA friends and co-workers...TONI MISETIC, receptionist, presented her husband, KRIS, A electrician at Skokie Shop, with a real surprise for Christmas. She made arrangements to have his mother and father take their first airplane flight from Croatia to visit with them starting New Year's eve for two months. It was really a surprise since Kris hadn't seen his parents for seven years.

(Personnel) -

MARTHA MORALES, clerk-typist in the Placement Division, left CTA to await the stork...JOHN O'CONNOR and his wife and daughter flew to the Bahamas for a week's vacation and a good time was had by all...DON RIESS and his wife drove to Texas, Louisiana and Florida and had an enjoyable time. What with the gas shortage, how did you make it Don?...T&PS sends its condolences to WALTER GARBUTT, formerly of this department, in the sudden death of his son-in-law, JOHN O'BRIEN, the husband of KATHIE who formerly worked for CTA...The welcome mat is out for VIRGINIA HARRER, newly assigned to the accident statistical section...Working temporarily in the department is NANCY SHOLDICE, the wife of BILL SHOLDICE...LEN LOHN is coming along fine and is now at home. He would like some cards or letters as he is unable to go out as yet...ARTHUR HUBACZ had his son, ARTHUR, and daughter-in-law, KAREN, home for the holidays from Hawaii. Arty Jr. is in the U.S. Navy and he and Karen are anxiously awaiting the birth of a baby in April.

(Treasury) -

Aloha from ERIC SMITH, maintenance engineer of Central Counting, and his wife, PAMELA. They spent an 11-day belated honeymoon at the Princess Kaiulani hotel on Waikiki beach in Hawaii. The honeymoon was only four years late...A three-week vacation for F. C. PALILUNAS, Central Counting, and his Missus included a jaunt to Florida with a stop at Disney World...Assistant Supervisor JIM MCGANN had to contend with pictures of Disney World and Fort Meyers, Florida, sent by his older son and his wife, and granddaughter, KRISTIN. They also reported that they met retired North Avenue Operator JOHN SENKO...The big story out of Central Counting is MICHAEL KANE Jr., born to Money Handler and CC bowling team captain MIKE KANE and his lovely wife, JOANIE. Little Mike weighed in at 7 pounds 2 ounces, checking in at Little Company of Mary hospital in Evergreen Park...Three other vacationers snuck away under a shroud of secrecy: BILL LEAHY, JOHN CUNNINGHAM and TOM COLLOPY. What's up, fellas?

- Regina Doree & Eileen Neuvander

KEDZIE -

We welcome all the operators who came to Kedzie on the system pick, and also all the Lawndale operators. Our board members are R. HARMON and J. EDWARDS. See them and let yourself be known...I met Pensioner TALLEY and his wife who just returned from Florida. They sure looked good and said hello to all at Kedzie...Congratulations to Board Member R. HARMON and his wife, FLORENCE, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Jan. 2... Congratulations to MICHAEL SHEVCHUCK, the son of ANTHONY SHEVCHUCK, who took unto himself a wife, MARCIA JEAN, on Dec. 22. The reception at Chateau Royale on Chicago avenue was just great...Our deepest sympathy is extended to Operator EUGENE JOHNSON in the death of his mother; to Mrs. KENNEY in the death of her husband, Pensioner M. J. KENNEY; to Collector JOSEPH GILIO in the death of his wife, ROSE MARIE, and to Repairman J. FINLAY in the death of his wife, VERONICA...Don't forget your credit union, save a little each payday.

- Raymond Graham

LOOP -

Now enjoying the beautiful Hawaiian breezes are Mr. and Mrs. ERWIN A. STORKE who now reside in Kailua, Hawaii. Ed, a former West Section trainman, retired in March 1969 after more than 41 years of service. They are staying with their son, S/Sgt. E. M. STORKE, and Ed says he is feeling so much better since moving to the Islands. We all wish them the best that life can offer.

- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wisted

LIMITS -

Congratulations to J. ARNIERI, FRANK NORTON and JOHN LOHRMANN on completing 45 years of active service. No other station can top this for active personnel...Operator ROSS is the proud father of a 6 pound baby girl. After finding out that everything was alright, Ross reported to work his night car. Congratulations to the new parents...Congratulations to Operator RUFUS BOYD on the marriage of his daughter, LINDA, to RALPH BUNCH on Nov. 24. RALPH MUELLER, the son of Assistant Superintendent L. R. MUELLER, was united in holy wedlock to CHRISTINA ROPEL on Nov. 17. Best wishes to all the newlyweds...Retired station superintendent GEORGE MAY informed us that his son, G. E. MAY, has been appointed principal of Linne Elementary school...When you see Operator DANIEL ROGERS, shake his hand. Because of his coolness, he prevented his passengers and himself from

being robbed...A warm welcome is extended to Operators J. CLAY and GEORGE VLASS who have returned to work after being off sick. A speedy recovery is wished Operators L. DANIELE and MARR. Our sincere condolences are extended to the families of Operators E. NOWICKI and E. WESTBROOK, to L. CRAIG whose mother passed away, and to R. BENSON in the loss of his wife...I heard that our great basketball team lost its first game. Maybe we should give them more support by coming out on Mondays and Fridays, 7:30 p.m., at Washington Park Fieldhouse, 55th and King Drive...Since the Transit News will be coming out monthly in the future, I will be expecting a lot more news from you guys. Remember, leave a note with the clerk for the Transit News.

- Charles Turner

MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

Conductor THEODORE CARRUTHERS, Jefferson Park, trained in his badge for a tag and became a ticket agent...Congratulations to Former Agent JAMES SCHUMPP who went to the Engineering Department on Nov. 12 as assistant electrician...We extend our condolences to Superintendent JOHN ZUPKO in the loss of his brother. May he rest in peace...HARRY COTTON and CHARLIE CARDEN went on pension Feb. 1. Best wishes for a long and happy retirement to both!...Your co-reporter, GRACE MOUNTS, celebrated another birthday (her 29th?) on Jan. 8. Her daughters took her and her husband to dinner, then took them home to a birthday cake in the shape of a bus. The license plate on the green and white bus read "912"--Grace's tag number...Glad to see that Co-reporter KATY MORIARTY is back on the job after 2½ weeks off sick...I'm still at Irving Park--keep the news coming!

- Grace Mounts & Katy Moriarty

NORTH AVENUE -

A great big HELLO to everyone!...Clerk ED WITEK and his wife, GLADYS, travelled to Austin, Texas, in a small van-type truck, where they spent an enjoyable vacation with Ed's sister. Leaving the truck in Texas, they returned home by plane...What ever happened to AMTRAK? That goes to Texas. In fact, that's what District C Superintendent VIC LAULETTA and his wife used when they spent a holiday vacation in Kansas City, Missouri. We're real proud of you, Vic, that's the way to travel...Instructor MARVIN KOCAR's little ol' VW took him and his wife, PEGGY, and their two daughters to Canada. Sorry about missing your birthday, LINDA...My better half and I went to Bloomington, Illinois, to spend time prowling through the Illinois Central Gulf railroad yards taking pictures of a lot of old and new equipment. Also spent some time at a real great shopping

center they have just outside of town. You can guess who enjoyed what part of the trip the most...Superintendent BILL MCSER, Archer, and his daughter, KATHY, celebrated their birthdays in January along with Instructor MARVIN KOCAR.

Instructors JAMES BROGAN and ED JURZAK and their respective spouses celebrated their wedding anniversaries in January. No, we didn't forget that No. 1 district superintendent, TOM HILDEBRANT, was also a January baby. February finds Supervisor W. GILLIES taking his well earned retirement. The other big event this month is Clerk HANK ZYCH's birthday...All of us should be putting on a little more weight on March 13. My wife, VIRGINIA, and Tom Hildebrant will be celebrating that day together. Her "???" birthday and his 40th anniversary with the company. Clerks ED WITEK and BOB WITTENBERG, along with Mrs. PEGGY KOCAR take up the rest of the month with their birthdays. Our congratulations are best wishes to all of you...Some time ago Operators M. LONGTINE and M. WATSON found that honesty is the best policy...The third man of North Avenue's open-heart team, Supervisor MIKE CLEMENTE, is really smiling behind that face mask he's wearing during the recent cold weather.

Assistant Station Superintendent J. McEVEILLY's son is up and around after undergoing surgery...The last we heard, our genial box-puller, TOM MURPHY, was still keeping all the pretty nurses company at St. Anne's hospital...Our sincere sympathy is extended to these fellow workers in the recent loss of their loved ones: Relief Station Superintendent E. WESTON in the loss of his sister; to Operator M. ANDERSEN in the loss of his father; to Operator F. NEUBAUER in the loss of his mother; to retired transfer instructor, BILL KENNEDY in the loss of his wife, and to Senior Station Instructor JAMES BROGAN in the loss of his mother-in-law. Our condolences also to the families of District D Supervisor W. HOFF and retired clerk ROLAND HEAD.

Supervisor JOHN MILLETTE and his wife, NANCY, spent a most enjoyable vacation with retired clerk HERBY HARRIS and his wife, HELEN, in Tracy City, Tennessee's about 75 miles beyond Nashville on the way to Florida. The Harrises have a welcome mat out for anyone who can find enough gas to drive down and visit with them. As I remember, Herby, this should be something we would certainly enjoy...Operator LEWIS MONTGOMERY and his wife, GLORIA, are proudly presenting their first son to the world. Our congratulations to the happy couple...The RTA could be a mighty successful thing if we could get all our friends to vote for it.

Special thanks to former reporter BILL MIEDEMA who provided the following news

out our pensioners. . . FLORIAN DWIEL underwent surgery and has fully recovered. . . and his wife, EVA, are going to make their home in Florida. Now I'll have another pensioner to visit for some fishing. . . EIL and BETTY COTTER, Portage, Wisconsin, are well and happy. Betty was under the weather" for awhile. . . ART and BETTY MOILANEN are fine and keeping busy in L'Anse, Michigan. Art hasn't done much fishing, but has been hunting several mes. . . FLORENCE BLAKE, the widow of BERRY BLAKE, Michigan City, Indiana, sited Las Vegas, New Jersey and the convention in Miami. She tells us AUGIE JOHNSON looks great. He moved to Clearwater, Florida. . . GUS and MARIE AY are happy in Winter Haven, Florida, and say hello to all their old friends. . . ANS and ELLA HABBESTAD, Eatonville, Washington, were back east last summer. They have 2½ acres of land and are very happy. . . RUDIE and LILLIAN KANNAWURF are enjoying retirement in Colorado Springs, Colorado. . . LARS PEARSON, Fountain Home, Arkansas, gets a lot of fishing done. He and his wife, ANNA, were in Chicago and visited with us. Both look good. . . All is well with FRANK and MARIE OLEMAN, Ormond Beach, Florida. . . EDNA and RUDY MAY, Phoenix, Arizona, are well. Edna recently had surgery. . . JOHN and JEAN SENKO have been travelling. . . Besides the above mentioned, we also received cards from OLIVER and MARGE TRENT of Garden Grove, California; CAROLD LEMIEUX of Wautoma, Wisconsin; LEO and EVELYN PLUSKOWSKI of Waukegan, Wisconsin; ERNEST and EMILY JOCK; BARNEY and JO CALLAHAN; HERB and MILDRED LINDEMANN; VIGGO and HO WINDFIELD and his wife; JOE and CATHERINE HEIBEL; JOHN and MARGARET KULLOWITZ, and ERV and ERMA METZ. . . We are sorry to report the death of our old friend BILL ECHOLS. Bill had been ill for some time. He passed away Nov. 24 in Veteran's hospital, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Many of you remember him from his column in the Union Leader which he wrote under the name "OTTO MOBILE." We were also saddened by the death of ENE KOEHN, the wife of ARMIN KOEHN in Westfield, Wisconsin. Jesus said: "I go to prepare a place for you that where I am there ye may be also."

- Walter Bliz & Aaron Pruitt

NORTH PARK -

Pensioner HARVEY GEHMAN and his wife, NGBERG, came to Chicago from Spring Grove, Minnesota, to visit their children, HELENE, MARIE and TED. The occasion also included the confirmation of their granddaughter, CINDY COLLARITSCH. . . Operator SAM POSNER and his wife, ETHEL, flew to Los Angeles, California, where they stayed with Ethel's mother, Mrs. MINNIE MOLL. On the agenda were visits to San Diego, Long Beach and three

wonderful days at the Executive Suites motel at Las Vegas, Nevada. . . Pensioner AL REMACK and his wife, DOROTHY, vacationed throughout Europe this past fall. Starting in London, they toured Holland, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Italy and ended up in Paris, France.

Pensioner JAMES DOWEY and his wife, EULALIE, and her brother, the Reverend JOHN NICHOLSON, spent a week in the Ozark area where they visited with Pensioners RAY DONESKI, ROY LEMKE and JOHN PAAKONEN. . . Pensioner FRANK LASKE and his wife, GERTRUDE, attended a wedding in London, England. The Laskes were very impressed with the beauty of England and enjoyed their stay on the old sod. . . Operator LEONARD QUINLAIN, while fishing from Operator CLARENCE VAN MIDDLESWORTH's charter boat, the Debtors Prison, caught a 32-inch, 17-pound lake trout off Algoma, Wisconsin. . . Operator LEROY CARR and his wife, LOUISE, became grandparents for the first time when their daughter-in-law, STEPHANIE, and their son, THOMAS, became parents of a son named THOMAS TRENT born on Oct. 29 in the Northglenn Colorado hospital weighing 6 pounds 8 ounces. . . Operator RALPH McDONALD was hospitalized at Edgewater hospital for major surgery and at this writing is at home convalescing satisfactorily. . . Our sympathy and condolences are extended to Pensioner MARTIN DEVANEY in the loss of his beloved wife, PEGGY.

- Melvin Horning

NORTH SECTION -

Taking their pensions on Jan. 1 with a combined total of 95 years of service were the three trainmen pictured here receiving a farewell gift from Superintendent M. LaVelle and congratulations from Conductor ABE PETAK. They are, from left to

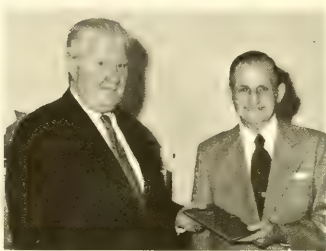


right, Conductor HOWARD D. BROWN, 32 years, Mr. Petak; Conductor HAL G. STAATS, 32 years; Chief Foot Collector JOSEPH L. GOLDBERG, 31 years, and Mr. LaVelle. Everyone on the North Section would like to take this opportunity to wish these three fine fellows many long years of health and happiness.

- Tina Henke

OPERATIONS (Transportation) -

LESLIE and EVELYN PEASE announced the double wedding of their son, CRAIG, to CARYL MINCH, and their daughter, PAMELA, to JAMES NAPIER at St. John Lutheran church. Leslie is a radio-telephone operator in Operations Control. . . Line Supervisor JIM LUVISI's retirement Jan. 1



was marked by a party and a gift presented by Transportation Manager D. M. Flynn.

(Utility and Emergency Service) -

Our sincere condolences to the family of Pensioner ELMER FEHLHABER. Elmer was formerly the president of Teamsters Local 726 which represents the chauffeurs in the Utility Department. We also extend our sincere sympathy to MATT SZAREK, STANLEY KAMINSKI, ANTHONY KRAUS and TOM GODFREY in the loss of their fathers. . . ED KENNEDY and his family vacationed in Massachusetts where they visited Plymouth Rock and other historical places. . . Pensioner CHARLES BELASICH called Blue Island during the holidays to extend greetings to everyone. Charles is now living in Alsip, Illinois. . . ALBERT SCHMIDT joined the ranks of the retired on Jan. 1 after 28 years of service. We all wish you many years of good health and happiness.

- Colette Szyganczak

PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -

A warm hello goes out to these new employees: RITA KRUEGER who came to Stores from Insurance Department, new Specifications Engineer GENE FREGETTO, and South Shops Typist MAUREN SHORE. At the same time we wish a big farewell to MARYANN JOBARIS, former co-reporter who left us to work in Engineering Department, and MARY JOHNSON who went back to school at Indiana university. Last, but not least, is our former co-op student in Specifications, DEAN MEYER, who has returned to school at Marquette university. . . The holidays meant vacation time to many of us. BOB PIEPER, Stores, went up to Michigan visiting relatives. MARGARET KELLS, Purchasing, was gone for a week. She had a grand time sleeping, she said. VIRGINIA RESNICK, Purchasing, was busy preparing for the Christmas season. Her



J. A. LOHRMANN
45 Years



T. J. CULHANE
45 Years



J. C. KASMAN
44 Years



E. E. ANDERSON
47 Years



G. DEMCO
44 Years



D. A. CESARE
44 Years



W. R. NOVOTNY
44 Years



G. WICKMAN
44 Years



W. E. HOLMES
44 Years



L. W. HEISE
42 Years



A. P. HOWARD
40 Years



A. L. MAZZA
40 Years



J. P. FLYNN
40 Years



J. E. WILL
40 Years

NEW PENSIONERS

WITH COMBINED service totalling 603 years are the 14 employees pictured here who retired on January 1 and February 1 with 40 or more years of transit service each with CTA and its predecessor companies.

JOSEPH AFFRONTI, Track Foreman I, Track, Emp. 5-26-41
ARTHUR V. AMBERG, Operator, Kedzie, Emp. 8-11-41
ESTHER E. ANDERSON, Control Clerk, Accounting, Emp. 6-1-26
STANLEY J. BARKAUSKAS, Bus Repr., Archer Garage, Emp. 1-23-36
HUGH W. BARNES, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 10-16-45
FRANCIS A. BELLINO, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 10-23-44
CHESTER M. BIRD, Collector, 77th Street, Emp. 7-15-37
WILLIAM C. BLADES, Supervisor, District D, Emp. 6-12-41
MICHAEL J. BOCIAN, Painter, Engineering, Emp. 12-1-45
HOWARD D. BROWN, Conductor, North Section, Emp. 2-17-42
JOHN W. BRUCKER, Superintendent, North Section, Emp. 1-27-42
BEN E. BRUHNKE, Operator, Archer, Emp. 10-15-41
MATTHEW BUCHANAN, Motor Blower, Wilson Shop, Emp. 1-26-51
ERNEST BUCHWITZ, Operator, Limits, Emp. 11-18-36
CHARLES CARDEN, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 9-8-36
LUTHER A. CARR, Car Repairman, 61st Street, Emp. 10-16-47
LAWRENCE M. CASEY, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 3-6-34
ROBERT J. CASEY, Chauffeur, Util. & Emerg. Service, Emp. 2-14-44
DOMINIC A. CESARE, Motorman, 61st Street, Emp. 11-4-29
HAROLD W. CHILDERS, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 9-8-36
GEORGE J. CLARK, Superintendent, Shops & Equipment, Emp. 4-9-35
JOHN H. CONLON, Investigator II, Claims, Emp. 12-1-30
LUCIEN J. CONTANT, Janitor, 77th Street, Emp. 8-11-41
JOHN M. COOKE, Audit Clerk IV, Internal Auditing, Emp. 5-21-46

HARRY C. COTTON, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 5-4-37
HARRY O. COX, Operator, Archer, Emp. 11-17-36
THOMAS J. CULHANE, Motorman, West Section, Emp. 12-7-28
RAYMOND DAGENAIS, Superintendent, Surface Operations, Emp. 8-15-41
RAYMOND L. DALKE, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 8-1-43
ALPHONSE F. DELCORSE, Ticket Agent, South Section, Emp. 4-10-43
GABRIELE DeMATTEO, Laborer, Stores, Emp. 5-5-43
GEORGE DEMCO, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 2-12-29
GEORGE W. DEUTER, Investigator, Claim, Emp. 2-23-48
FRANK A. DISCH, Clerk II, Communications and Mrktg., Emp. 4-3-36
THOMAS H. DOUGLAS, Conductor, 61st Street, Emp. 3-19-51
PAUL P. DUCAR, Conductor, South Section, Emp. 4-11-41
ARTHUR E. FANSTILL, Supervisor, District D, Emp. 10-5-40
JOSEPH P. FLYNN, Operator, Archer, Emp. 1-27-34
OSCAR H. FRIEDEMANN, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 11-19-53
LeROY R. GALLAGHER, Operator, 52nd Street, Emp. 4-23-45
MICHAEL J. GALVIN, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 9-8-42
WILLIAM A. GEDWELLAS, Bus Repr., Archer, Emp. 5-15-41
WILLIAM A. GILLIES, Supervisor, District C, Emp. 9-21-36
ANTHONI L. GLOPPE, Collector, Limits, Emp. 9-15-36
JOSEPH L. GOLDBERG, Chief Foot Col., North Section, Emp. 12-9-43
ANNA M. GOLDING, Insurance Clerk, Insurance, Emp. 11-17-43
PETER P. GURETZ, Clerk, West Section, Emp. 11-29-40
COPSIE A. HAL, Janitor, North Section, Emp. 4-17-49

GEORGE HANN, Bus Repairer,
North Avenue, Emp. 12-29-47
MRS G. HARRISON, Supervisor,
District B, Emp. 11-1-34
WRENCE W. HEISE, Chauffeur,
Hl. & Emerg. Service, Emp. 3-26-30
BERT H. HOCHLEUTNER, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 4-19-34
LEBUR E. HOLMES, Platform Man,
West Section, Emp. 12-3-29
MAN P. HOWARD, Operator,
West Glen, Emp. 1-29-34
CHARLES J. KASAL, Operator,
Adzies, Emp. 1-23-43
HEN C. KASMAN, Bus Repairer,
Hill Street, Emp. 2-5-29
JOMAS K. KAY, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 5-19-42
WILLIAM P. KELLY, Supervisor,
South Shops, Emp. 9-16-36
JOHN D. KING, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 3-30-37
CHARLES W. KOENIG, Operator,
Miles, Emp. 8-22-41
EMUALD LAUDANSKI, Car Repairman,
Hilton Shop, Emp. 1-21-52
JOHN R. LERNER, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 11-20-40
JOSEPH M. LEVIGNE, Carpenter,
Building, Emp. 5-6-36
JOHN A. LOHRMANN, Supervisor,
District D, Emp. 3-5-28
HARRY J. LOUIS, Box Puller,
Beverly, Emp. 9-21-36
JAMES J. LUVISI, Line Supervisor,
Operations Control, Emp. 4-24-41
ETER S. MARCHISOTTO, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 1-16-43
MRS C. MARTINEK, Chief Clerk,
South Section, Emp. 12-5-38
THUR L. MAZZA, Supervisor,
District D, Emp. 10-30-33
ALBERT C. MCKENZIE, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 3-17-54
JOHN C. McPARTLAN, Car Serviceman,
Innball, Emp. 10-6-48
ARIE S. MULVIHILL, Assignment Agent,
West Section, Emp. 11-10-56
REDRICK O. NELSON, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 8-19-36
DAGAR P. NEWTON, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 9-12-42
WILLIAM NOVOTNY, Elect. Wrkr. A,
South Shops, Emp. 8-15-29

LEE R. OAKES, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 9-3-47
WALTER J. OLENICK, Mach. Foreman,
South Shops, Emp. 10-16-39
GUSTAVE J. PAVELKA, Day Foreman,
52nd Street, Emp. 8-19-36
CHARLES F. PEARSON, Repairman,
Forest Glen, Emp. 10-22-41
JOSEPH B. PELIKAN, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 8-22-41
EDWIN H. PLATH, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 10-5-40
WILLIAM PROKOP, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 9-20-43
LAWRENCE T. PROVOST, Info. Clerk,
Travel Information, Emp. 3-23-42
RAYMOND W. PRYOR, Supervising Instr.,
South Section, Emp. 2-18-36
CARL G. REDEMSKE, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 9-25-42
RUDOLPH A. RIEP, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 2-9-37
JOSEPH M. ROCH, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 8-29-41
HERBERT H. RUMSFELD, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 11-19-41
JOHN J. RYAN, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 10-26-36
JOSEPH A. RYAN, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 4-12-48
JOHN SABO, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 7-3-51
STANLEY J. SAGEN, Blacksmith/Welder,
South Shops, Emp. 7-2-45
FRANK J. SCHENDL, Repairman,
North Park, Emp. 6-25-42
ALBERT L. SCHMIDT, Chauffeur,
Util. & Emerg. Service, Emp. 9-25-45
NICHOLAS V. SCIMECA, Car Serviceman,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 1-8-44
ANDREW SKELTON, Bus Repairer,
Archer, Emp. 8-30-47
GEORGE SLADEK, Bus Serviceman,
North Avenue, Emp. 6-30-45
ROBERT P. SORENSEN, Motorman,
North Section, Emp. 1-3-46
HAL G. STAATS, Conductor,
North Section, Emp. 4-4-41
FRED C. STAWINSKI, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 7-23-46
ARTHUR STERN, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 11-14-45
ELMER J. STOKES, Signal Maintainer,
Electrical, Emp. 7-16-30

ANTHONY TESTA, Plumber,
Building, Emp. 12-27-44
EARL P. TIERNEY, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 2-18-42
EDWARD W. TIERNEY, Box Puller,
69th Street, Emp. 8-7-41
JACOB T. URBAN, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 8-18-41
EDWARD A. VANEK, Collector,
Beverly, Emp. 10-29-53
CHARLES J. VLASAK, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 11-10-36
BRUNO F. WARDA, Conductor,
South Section, Emp. 7-19-40
ARTHUR F. WEINREICH, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 6-17-41
GEORGE WICKMAN, Receptionist,
Executive, Emp. 12-2-29
JOSEPH E. WILL, Station Superintendent,
Beverly, Emp. 1-9-34
HARRY E. WILSON, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 9-24-45
JOHN H. WILSON, Switchman,
West Section, Emp. 12-20-40
JOHN E. WISNIEWSKI, Upholsterer A,
South Shops, Emp. 10-28-43
GEORGE S. WITT, Bus Serviceman,
North Park, Emp. 4-8-47
FRANK J. WOJCIK, Chief Operator,
Electrical, Emp. 11-22-43
CLYDE E. WOOL, Box Puller,
69th Street, Emp. 8-20-41

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

LUCIOUS BANKS, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 8-6-53
WALTER M. BIERNAT, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 3-6-58
JOSEPH C. GOOCH, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 9-15-58
THOMAS F. McDONALD, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 1-22-46
ROBEY MCKAY, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 2-6-51
WALTER RAJEWSKI, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 10-28-42
EARL J. ROCHE, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 6-25-46
WILBUR J. STRASSER, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 8-19-41

vacation provided her with the time she needed to put her Christmas tree up and start her shopping done. Mr. HARTY had two weeks with his family. He said it was a delightful treat to be with his entire family for the first time in three years. Mr. JILLRIEDE, Specifications, spent a wonderful time with his family. NICK LACORA, Storerom 42, spent his vacation at home with his family. And last, your new porter was on a great skiing trip for a week in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, and nearby areas. I had fun snowmobiling too and tried to leave to come back...We were happy to see JERRY LEVINE, Purchasing, back at work after her stay in the hospital.

..BOB MCCARTHY, Purchasing, is proud to report that his daughter, MARY BETH, has been named an Illinois State scholar. She plans to be a nurse...One big announcement I have left for last. ED TOBIN, Stores, is looking forward to moving into his new house. Anyone interested in purchasing his present tri-level in DesPlaines can call Ed.

- Priscilla Kamradt

RAPID TRANSIT MAINTENANCE TERMINALS - Unbelievable! Fantastic! Those were the words describing the winning of the Irish Sweepstakes by Instructor D. NICOSIA.

His share was \$24,000. He stated some of the money will be spent for a trip to California and possibly a new car. The rest will be taken care of by his financial advisor and bookkeeper, his wife. Keep up the good work, Dom...Instructor H. YOUNG is enjoying his vacation doing chores around the house...Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Repairman L. CARR, 61st Street, whose sister passed away, and to J. HINTON, Dan Ryan switchman, in the loss of his father...Vacationing from 61st Street are J. BUFORD, G. BUNDLEY and W. SPARKS...A party was held for Car Serviceman M. BUCHANAN, Wilson, who retired Jan. 1 after 23 years of

service. Among old friends present were C. DANSBY of Dan Ryan and J. LOCKE.

Congratulations to J. ZACCOLI, Congress, on his new Buick Riviera...Superintendents J. BOLECH and A. J. PROCARO would like to congratulate Foreman M. COYLE and H. DICKERSON and all the employees at the Dan Ryan Shop on the cleanliness of the shop which was praised by representatives of New York City Transit Authority and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority when they visited the shop. With them from the Fire and Safety Department at South Shops were J. DUDLEY and W. FINKLER...Vacationing during December were Dan Ryan's H. DICKERSON, F. PICKETT, R. LONDON, V. LINDSEY, Y. PATE and T. FRIEND...J. ARMSTRONG took his lovely wife, ANGELA, to a Holiday Inn in Wisconsin on her 21st birthday...Congratulations to Q. L. BONDS on 25 years of service, and to T. FRIEND, now a great-great-grandfather.

- Frank Pickett

SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

Pensioner ARVIN KREUTZER recently visited the office and looks very well. Retirement really agrees with him...Mr. and Mrs. NICK ZAHN, Mr. and Mrs. ED JOYCE, Mr. and Mrs. FRANK CORBETT, and Mr. and Mrs. DAVID JACOBS all flew to Hawaii for vacations, and all came back recommending it highly...EUGENE WROBEL is sporting a 1974 Dodge Swinger...GEORGE HANUS and his wife drove to Redington Beach, Florida, for their vacation...DOROTHY ETSCHIED flew to Florida and really enjoyed it...Your scribe, KAY BATINA, flew to Las Vegas and came home with empty pockets.

- Kathryn Batina

SKOKIE SHOP -

Good luck to WILLARD CARPENTER, electrical apprentice, who transferred to South Shops. Stop in and see us, Willard...Congratulations are extended to ED MAJ-KSZAK and his wife who became grandparents for the first time on Dec. 23...That old saying about money goes to money, how true it is! GARY OLSON, carpenter, won a \$600 diamond. Congratulations, Gary!...Everyone will be glad to hear that DAN O'BRIEN finally put a muffler on his MG. Thanks, Dan...Our deepest sympathy to the family of ED O'GRADY, retired laborer who recently passed away...The welcome mat is out for GENEVIEVE BERG who recently joined our office staff, ELMER FISCHER in the Welding Department, and all our new electrical apprentices, JIM ARNOUX, ED SMITH, JESSIE ROBERTSON, TED MILLS and DON FREEBRAIN...Our very best to JEFF BRADY, technical services engineer, who left us to become a car inspector for the Northwest Subur-

ban Mass Transit District. He will be inspecting commuter cars being built in Philadelphia for operation on the Milwaukee Road. So good luck to a really swell guy and a real sharp engineer who will be missed by everyone at Skokie. I think that's about everything you told me to put down, isn't it Jeff?

A hardy hello to Electricians ED DELANEY, DON VILLA, RICH FELDMANN and HERB LINDQUIST, Carpenter DON TEDESCHI and Welder GERALD HORNUNG who are presently working at the Springfield Shop. Good luck fellows!...TOM HOEY and his wife, ANN, spent two weeks in Florida visiting Disney World, Cypress Gardens and Miami. Tom says they had a great time...I stopped in to see CATHY HEGARTY, former timekeeper and Transit News reporter, who says hello to the fellows out in the Shop. It looks like you're really enjoying your new job as a full-time homemaker, Cathy!

- Pat Hannett

SOUTH SECTION -

To catch up on the news, I'll start by reporting that the Agents' Pension Club Dinner and Christmas Party was held on Dec. 2 at Sharko's restaurant and the honored guest was former Division 308 president JOHN BURNS. It was a gala affair with about 140 people attending, including John's wife, KATE, their daughter, grandsons, and



John's sister, DELORES BERO, West Section ticket agent. Master of ceremonies was ROBERT ROESING, West Section superintendent of Agents and Janitors, and he did a bang-up job. Retired assignment agents and president of the club LULU HAMANN and Treasurer ROSE HEIDENBLUT did their usual super job with the party and John was thrilled...The 1973 vacation for yours truly and husband, Clerk ROLAND, included stops in Florida with retired clerk JOE and retired agent ANN O'CONNOR in Holiday, and retired supervisor DON MURPHY and GEN in New Port Richey...Accepted for supervisor's school from the South Section are Motorman THOMAS OVERTON and FRANK PICKETT, Extra Conductors JERRY JOHNSON, WILLIAM SMITH and BRAXTON ATKIN-

SON, and Switchman JOHN HINTON. Congratulations!...Mrs. JOHN LEMKE, the wife of retired yard foreman JOHN LEMKE, was in the hospital but is home now recuperating and feeling better...Retired conductor JOSEPH MASCOLINO recently had an operation but is doing fine now. received a nice letter from California where he is spending the winter. He is going to see retired towerman CHARLEY RUMMELL and retired conductor JOHN LOUGHLIN while there...This is a "goof" on me. I said in my last column that Part-time Conductor JOHN BENNETT had returned to school in the fall. Well he didn't he decided to become a full-time conductor and is now working the West Section...Retired station superintendent MICHAEL (Mickey) O'CONNOR's wife, ALICE, was in the hospital for surgery, but is doing fine now. The O'Connors live in Tucson, Arizona, and love it there...Collector GEORGE DeYOUNG was very happy when he told us that he was named chairman of the Boy Scouts Troop 686 of Alsip...Retired conductor PHAROAH (Mother-in-law) CAIN and his missus were down in New Orleans and they say hello to all of us.

A big send-off was given Chief Clerk JIM MARTINEK who retired on Jan. 1. A nice luncheon was held at the Ashland office and



the food was delicious. A token of remembrance was given Jim by all his friends and co-workers. Jim's lovely wife, DOROTHY, his two daughters, DOROTHY and DELORES, two of his grandchildren, and his son-in-law surprised Jim by coming down. Among Jim's former bosses who came out were retired station superintendent RICHARD MEISNER, Superintendent of Rapid Transit Operations JAMES BLAA and Operations Control Superintendent EDWARD HEATER. Also Superintendent of Operating Stations GEORGE RILEY and Chief Clerk of the Transportation Department JAMES TUCKER. Pensioners who came included clerk JOHN MORAN and conductor FRANK PONZIANO. Many thanks to Clerk AL RAKESTRAW, Janitors MIKE CARUSO and ED FREEMAN, and Motorman TONY JAGLA, without whose help we couldn't have managed. Everyone wished Jim a happy and long life of retirement...Just heard recently that retired supervisor CHARLEY SPIELMAN and retired motorman PATRICK GALLAGHER passed away. Our

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

WILLIAM ADAMCZYK, 93, Armitage,
mp. 10-12-06, Died 11-28-73
DERS E. ANDERSON, 83, North Ave.,
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sympathy goes out to their families...Going on pension Jan. 1 was Conductor THOMAS DOUGLAS of 61st Street. The men gave him a nice send-off and a gift of remembrance was presented to Tom by his co-workers. May you have many healthy, happy years of retired life, Tom...Passenger commendations keep pouring in for our men on the South Section: Motorman ROOSEVELT GRADY and Conductor MARSHALL MASON were commended for aiding in the capture of a purse snatcher; Motorman THEODIS WELLS was commended for avoiding striking a passenger who had fallen to the tracks; Agent ENGELBERTA CLARK was commended for doing a good job; Agent WILLIAM PERRY was commended for performing his duties in an excellent manner; Conductor MARTIN CUNNANE was commended for doing a good job, and Motorman DELMUS ALLEN and Conductor WILBUR COOLEY were commended for assisting a woman in recovering her purse which was snatched. Keep up the good work everyone...Work Train Motorman DOMINIC CESARE and Conductor BRUNO WARDKA who retired on Jan. 1. I have our sincere good wishes for a long and happy pensioned life...Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Conductor THOMAS MOORE in the loss of his father, and to Janitor OSCAR GROSS in the loss of his mother. It is a terrible loss to lose someone you love...Last, but not least to retire on Jan. 1 was Conductor PAUL DUCAR at Ashland Avenue. His co-workers gave Paul a nice send-off and a gift was presented to him. Good luck, Paul, on your pension.

- Verna Fantasy

SOUTH SHOPS -

In our office here at the South Shops we have had a few changes. SANDY HOFFMAN, who resigned to await the stork, and her hubby, JOHN, are the proud parents of a bouncing baby girl named JENNIFER ANN who weighed in at 9 pounds 2 ounces. SUE JURKATUS, formerly of Technical Services, and her husband, STEVEN, are very proud of little MICHAEL STEVEN who tipped the scales at 5 pounds 6 ounces. Congratulations to the Jurkatus and Hoffman families...We will all miss Superintendent GEORGE J. CLARK who retired on Jan. 1 after 38 years of service. A party was held in honor of Mr. Clark, and it seemed as though the whole company turned out for the affair. A good time was had by all. We sure will miss seeing you around here, Mr. Clark. Best of luck and health to you and Mrs. Clark...Our deepest sympathy goes out to JOHN JANKUS and his family in the passing of his mother...In Technical Services we have some good news and some bad news. First the good news. Welcome to JIM GEBIS, a graduate trainee. The bad news--a fond farewell is extended to BHUPINDAR MALLHI who left the quiet confines of South Shops to join the

many people in the Equipment, Research and Development Department in the Mart...

KATIE DUDLEY, the daughter of J. F. DUDLEY, safety coordinator, was awarded a scholarship for academic excellence to the high school of her choice by Divine Infant Catholic school. Katie chose Immaculate Heart of Mary High school in Westchester. While a student at Divine Infant, she was a member of the senior girls' choir and was lead guitarist for the school guitar group... Leaving our ranks is KAREN DONDLINGER who resigned to go to work at the Talm bank. Best of luck to you, Karen. GEORGE BARTON also left us to work for his church. PATTI JO JACOBS transferred to the Mart and is now working in the Reproduction Department. JOHN STEINMETZ also went downtown to work in Datacenter. Best of luck to all of you in your new jobs...We extend our welcome mat to the following new employees: RENA SABOL who's dad works in the Mart in the Schedule Department; JUSTINE JANASEK who rejoined us after raising her family (Justine's hubby, STAN, works here in the Shops); MARILYN HAYWARD who came to us from the Employment Department; TOM MARASOVICH whose dad, JOHNNY, works out here in Storeroom 60, transferred to us from the Treasury Department, and JEANNE DIEHL returned to us from the Transportation Department. Jeanne worked here in the summer of 1972, and her dad, BILL ROHE, and her brother, DENNIS, work here in the Shops too. Welcome to all of you and the best of luck... Congratulations go to STAN SARNA and ART BEAUCHAMP on their promotions to Methods & Standards section. We welcome back GEORGE HAENISCH who is now also a proud addition to Methods & Standards... Get well wishes go out to RALPH KEANE who fell and broke his ankle. Hurry and get well...It is with great regret that your co-reporter, DENISE COX, is giving up the job of reporting for Transit News. My successor will be JEANNE DIEHL. I know Jeanne will be a fine job, and with LARRY BERNAS as her co-reporter I'm sure the column from South Shops will be the best ever.

OUT IN THE SHOP, we extend congratulations to EDWARD and MARIAN MILKINT on the birth of a son, EDWARD JAMES, who tipped the scales at 8 pounds 4 ounces. Ed is a mechanic apprentice currently serving time in Bay 6...Good luck to Mr. and Mrs. IRVIN KRAULEDIS in their new home and mortgage. Irv and his wife now live in Richton Park...AL SAMASKA Sr. visited an old friend and former co-worker, CHARLIE BUZA, down in Angola,



Katie Dudley

Indiana. Charlie, who worked in the office, hosted Al in a round of golf & won 7 of 9 holes. Charlie is in great health and says hello to all his friends...CHARL STARR visited retired electrician I. KALOUSEK down in Seminole, Florida, & reports that Irv looks great and says "I won't come back to work no matter what. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome WILLARD CARPENTER, electrical apprentice, to South Shops. Will transferred to us from Skokie Shop. N. to have you aboard...Stopping by during holidays to say hello were CHARLIE TICKELL, ANDY ANDERSON, JIM O'BLEN, TED WOSS, BILL WILLENUS, WALLY RICHARDS, TONY GASPAROVIC, DAVE WELLEHAN and Father MURPHY. All are retirees and fellow workers in F. 6. It looked like an "old folks" reunion. Nice to see you fellows... Hey anybody looking for candy (cheap) see RICH STANTON in the Brake Department. Sure he it's not left over from Halloween, Rich.



The Castigliones

Congratulations FRANK and SARAH CASTIGLIONE who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Oct. 30. Before his retirement in December 19 Frank was a carpenter A at the West and South Shops. Their son, MICHAEL AEL, is a South Shops electrical worker. JOHN WISNIOWSKI, Area 321, upholster shop, retired Jan. 1 after 30 years of service. His co-workers had a dinner for him and presented him with a gift on his last day here. Good luck and health, John... and Mrs. ROY EVANS Jr. were blessed with their second child, TERRENCE, who weighed in at 6 pounds 7 ounces. Terrence is reported as doing just fine... Mr. and Mrs. HARRY POSES were blessed with their first grandchild recently. Their grandson, CRAIG ANDREWS, weighed 7 pounds 7 ounces at birth... Our deepest sympathy is extended to RONALD BLAIR in the death of his father, MARK L. BLAIR. JERRY MORIARTY, Area 321, and his wife just returned from visiting their son in Hawaii. Jerry tells me the islands are something else. Maybe he would like to retire soon and live there. With all the money he could do it... ED FITZGERALD has returned from his vacation in Cottage Grove--Minnesota, that is... With JO REED's new Pinto, MIKE KEEL's new Apollo, BERNAL DAVIS' new Buick and FRANK GRAY's new snowmobile, you wouldn't think there was an energy crisis would you... Last, but not least, VERN HOWE tells me his son, RAYMOND, who graduated from Lowery Air Force Base, Colorado, as a precision measuring equipment specialist. He now holds the rank staff sergeant. Good work, Ray!

- Denise Cox & Lawrence Bonas

...sorry, I'm sorry for not writing the column, but my mind has been a total blank. I know there are many who will agree with me. My partner, LOU PAYNE, made supervisor and has been sharpening his pencils, but I fear it will not be long before he is writing a column. Congratulations to one, FREEMAN and PEPPER on their promotions to supervisor. I'm sure they will do a fine job...JOHN CIMMERER and his lovely wife, JUDY, took a trip to Florida and had a real fine time. The only problem is that since he left the carhouse he has been like a morgue. JERRY BOYLAND and ZIG KOPIZINSKI have tried, but they will never be able to shout as loud as John. LEROY HASLAM also left and they stuck with making the coffee and cleaning the car every day. Hurry back, fellows, we are losing money. I did have help from PETERSON and CRAWFORD and would like to thank them very much. Speaking of Crawford, he is confined to the hospital as he is writing, but hope that by the time this is published, he will be out and feeling fine. Alright, he didn't go to the hospital drinking my coffee...We had a new truck and two of my buddies are gone, JOHN MIGHT and STEVE DUDASIK. John will sorely miss for he has the smarts and now we are left in the dark about things. We are missed for different reasons. We miss his soft voice and those sweet words he keeps saying, "You want to buy an egg?" It sounds like a knife on glass...Did you guys see our two movie stars, BATES and BROWN, in the last Transit News? They are now considered the "Super Fly's" of Lake Street...I have an original recording of Janitor AL MONTGOMERY singing "Oh Lord," and would like to sell it to the highest bidder. I'm sure it will bring in a lot of pennies...I know I should write something nice about GEORGE WOODMORE, but for the life of me I can't think of a thing...JOE FLOYD, one of my old-time students, still thinks of me as a young fellow. My other students just don't have any respect for me as they call me gramps, old man, and a few other choice names...Say, we found on Friday morning at Lake Street and see pretty Mrs. BUTLER working the clerk's job. I know that GRIFFIN is cute, but Mrs. Butler is a lot prettier. TOM WILHANE took his pension on Feb. 1, and we all wish him much luck and happiness in his retired life. He was a real nice guy to work with and know...You can't help but notice the safety record at Lake Street lately, it hasn't been too good. So let's all try a little harder so we can be number one again...I'm really going to try and write more often, but I need your help. I will love to put up a suggestion box in the carhouse but fear what you would write out to me...See you next month, and speak kindly of me.

- Santo Scelliano & Lou Payne

52ND STREET -

Night Clerk and Mrs. THOMAS A. RANDALL proudly announced the arrival of their new son, RAMON DAVID, born Nov. 3 weighing 6 pounds 5 ounces. Also the Nov. 7 arrival of a granddaughter, MARRIETTA LORRAINE, weighing 4 pounds 8 ounces. This makes seven children and five grandchildren for the Randalls. Marrietta Lorraine is the first for AARON and CARMEN BROWN. Carmen is the daughter of Clerk RANDALL...There was an addition to the BETTISON family--a boy, DENNIS WILLIAM, born Nov. 16 weighing 7 pounds 12 ounces. The mother, WARDINE, is doing fine...Operator LEROY GALLAGHER pulled out for the last time on Dec. 31 as he retired Jan. 1 after 28 years. Now life will be a long vacation. Good luck, Leroy...Chief Clerk A. HILLSTROM started a two-week vacation on Dec. 31...Operators JAMES RIVERS and LARRY GENTRY had minor setbacks and both are doing fine at home. A call or a hello would be welcomed...Operators LEYDELL SMITH and JOHN KELLY at this writing are off sick. We look for their fast return to work...ALVIN DAVIS resigned as secretary of our credit union due to illness. We all wish him a speedy recovery, and thank him for his long service on our Board of Directors. Join your credit union and save. In joining you also help another member who might be in need of financial aid. A 5 1/2 per cent dividend was declared for 1973. The credit union also has a family group life insurance contract at low quarterly premiums. All men are advised to take advantage of this plan. See TYLER, M. PHILPOT or ALVIN POTTS Jr. for details.

- John L. Hudson

69TH STREET -

I finally found out what MIKE BARRIS means when he leads you down the street and wiggles his index finger in the air...C. THOMA pulled a TONY VANDERBERG and came to work on his anniversary date...Pensioner H. MILLER is back living in Palos. He said it was just too hot in Florida...Farmer DAKE became a grandpa for the fourth time when little CHRISTINE was born in Memphis, Tennessee...J. WHITE and D. SMITH went to Honolulu, Hawaii, just to play in the Chicago Tribune Printing Trade Golf tournament. They also took time out to visit four islands...It is always nice to see M. J. MOORE's pleasant smile when my day's work is done...RAY ORACKI, now on disability, paid us a visit and looks great. He still claims he doesn't tint his hair...ROBERT LANE, the brother of S. LANE, was hurt in an automobile accident, but has now fully recovered...BOB DAVIS, former 69th Street operator, is now doing K.P. in the out-houses...Two retired fellows from 69th Street who are looking good and say hello are JOE DAVIDSON and M. ENSWORTH...E. WATSON

is now back to work after being off ill for five weeks...J. RADLOFF and CHARLEY (Drawbar) HOLLAND are still off sick...A. PORTER and his wife vacationed in Hawaii, and Al just had to take a ride on the city buses. They met Al Harrington, Ben Kokua of Hawaii Five-0, and Al was kissed by a golden Polynesian. This trip was to celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary...Choo-Choo FRALE is planning a winter vacation in Hawaii to see if things look the same after 30 years. He was in the army there in 1942-43. I think he had other reasons as he didn't go alone...Operator S. ROGERS was confined to South Community hospital. We hope he is feeling much better now...Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of former board member CHESTER WILLIAMS, and to the family of BILLY TAYLOR, former operator and box puller. Clerk RAY SOMMERS, SCOTTY HIGGINS, Operator I. SEARS and Pensioner WALTER BREZEK also passed away. To their families we at 69th Street express our sincere condolences.

From the repair department we hear that Pensioner JOHN LOONEY, that famous motorman from 63rd Street, was here for a visit and looks fine. He says he is enjoying retired life very much. John visited the "Old Sod" and California, and said he likes to travel...DENNY SULLIVAN is getting along fine and enjoying his pension to the fullest, as is DENNY GRIFFIN, MIKE DWYER and PADDY FITZGERALD...To Pensioner MIKE McGROARTY we extend our deepest sympathy in the loss of his wife...On vacation are RALPH GRAGIDO, Instructor WILLIAM ROBINSON, F. AMBERS, S. VINE, DON KRIVICKAS, J. WILLIAMS, W. DOWNS, V. ONDRAS, G. BRUNSON, C. DICKERSON and J. LEE. We hope you all have a good time...Off sick are C. CRACEO, J. JOHNSON, J. JANECKO, G. GACEK and J. CASEY. We wish them all a speedy recovery...We welcome K. MICHALSKI who recently transferred to 69th, and say good luck to K. KARSON who transferred to Forest Glen.

- Art Buesing & Jimmy Alcorn



77TH STREET -

Travelling all the way to his hometown, Newark, New Jersey, to take unto himself a bride was Operator AARON CROCKETT. The lovely bride is the former ANNETTE BRANCH of Chicago, and the wedding took place in the Friendship Baptist church. All the fellows at 77th Street wish Aaron and Annette many long years of marital bliss.

- Allison De Bonnett

CTA SETS NEW SAFETY RECORD

The Chicago Transit Authority chalked up its safest operational year in history during 1973.

Milton Pikarsky, CTA Chairman, credited the outstanding safety record to diligence on the part of operating employees, as well as instructors.

In 1973, CTA buses traveled 89,617,000 miles and rapid transit trains traveled 48,186,000 miles, for a grand total of 137,803,000 miles.

Overall, the 1973 rate for both traffic and passenger accidents amounted to 6.6 accidents for each 100,000 miles of travel. It was the fourth consecutive year that the CTA achieved a new safety record.

Safety Contest Standings 4th quarter of 1973

Interstation Safety Contest

Surface System

1st Beverly	5th Kedzie	8th 52nd Street
2nd Archer	6th Forest Glen	9th North Park
3rd North Avenue	7th 69th Street	10th Limits
4th 77th Street		

Rapid Transit System

1st Jefferson Park	4th Dan Ryan	7th 61st Street
2nd Douglas	5th Ashland	8th Forest Park
3rd Kimball	6th Congress	9th Howard

Employee Safety Contest

Surface Garage Competition

1st Beverly	5th Forest Glen	8th 77th Street
2nd Limits	6th Kedzie	9th 69th Street
3rd 52nd Street	7th Archer	10th North Park
4th North Avenue		

Rapid Transit Maintenance Terminal Competition

1st Wilson,	3rd Kimball	5th Forest Park
Howard, Linden	4th Congress,	6th 61st, Racine
2nd Dan Ryan	54th, Foster	

Shops Competition

1st Skokie Shop	2nd South Shops
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THE BIG ISSUE - THE RTA

At the Primary election March 19, you will be given a BLUE BALLOT for the vote on the RTA.

Here is a question-answer explanation of the proposal to create the Regional Transportation Authority for the six-county Chicago area:

Q. What is the RTA?

A. The RTA will be a new Regional Transportation Authority with the specific purpose of providing more and better public transportation--bus, elevated--subway and commuter railroad--at fares everyone can afford throughout the six-county Chicago metropolitan area. The area will include the City of Chicago, suburban Cook County, and the other Illinois Counties of Lake, DuPage, McHenry, Kane and Will. Everyone agrees that it is impossible to charge fares high enough to pay the full cost of public transportation, so public funds will be provided to keep fares at a low level.

Q. Does the RTA have any special meaning in relation to the energy crisis?

A. It certainly does. The energy crisis--the shortage of gasoline--makes the creation of the RTA an absolute necessity. We must have improved and expanded public transportation throughout the six-county area if people are to be able to move around--to get to and from work and to make all of the many other trips that are so essential to everyday living. With the energy crisis now upon us, a collapse of our public transportation systems would actually mean a collapse of our life in Chicago and the suburban areas we know it today.

Q. Besides improved and extended service at fares everyone can afford, does the RTA offer other direct benefits?

A. Yes, there are many other benefits which the RTA must provide, in accordance with the recent state enabling legislation. For instance, the RTA must provide for the special transportation needs of senior citizens and handicapped riders.

The state legislation makes it mandatory that the RTA protect its riders against crime.

The RTA, through its mass transportation facilities, will be concerned about protecting the environment. The RTA will coordinate the planning of transportation improvements throughout the six-county area and will coordinate such planning with that of regional planning agencies.

Q. Are there other specific benefits from the standpoint of the rider?

A. Concern for the rider will be foremost in everything the RTA does.

For instance, through such new benefits as joint fares and transfer privileges, it will be much easier--and less costly--for people from Chicago to get to jobs in the suburbs and for the people in the suburbs to get to and from Chicago and also to and from the various suburbs.

Q. How will the RTA operate?

A. Generally, the RTA will contract for transportation services with the existing systems--the CTA, the commuter railroads, and the suburban bus companies. It also can operate transportation itself, and can create new systems, such as much needed suburban bus operations.

The RTA also can set fares and determine transfer privileges--all for the purpose of guaranteeing the amount and quality of service the public needs.

The RTA will be required to operate in a fishbowl--completely open to the public. The state law requires that RTA proceedings and actions be open for public disclosure. Budgets and operations of the various transportation systems--such as the CTA and the commuter railroads--also will be subject to scrutiny by the RTA and the public.

Q. What will be the labor provisions of the RTA?

A. RTA employees will have benefits and protections equivalent to those provided under comparable federal laws. Employees will have the right to organize and bargain collectively. Employees of transportation agencies acquired by the RTA will lose no existing rights and benefits.

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RTA: Q&A (Continued)

Q. Will there be any new types of transportation?

A. One of the prime responsibilities of the RTA will be to develop new and better ways for people to travel by public transportation.

For example, dial-a-bus service will very likely be a new form to be developed in the near future. This new dial-a-bus service would be provided both in Chicago and in the suburban area.

Dial-a-bus already has proved to be very worthwhile as a result of experiments elsewhere. Under the dial-a-bus arrangement, a person would telephone a request for bus service and the bus in a short time (in less than an hour) would pull up at the person's doorstep.

It is an excellent type of personalized transit service for persons wishing to go to medical centers, to shopping districts, or to catch a commuter train.

Q. It was mentioned earlier that the RTA would depend upon public funds to help pay transportation costs and keep fares at low levels. What will these tax sources be?

A. First, everyone should realize that there will be no tax on real estate for the RTA.

Fare collections will continue to provide the largest amount of money needed for public transportation operations.

To provide the extra public financial help that is needed, the RTA will receive most of its tax-source money from existing state revenues.

The RTA will receive from the state a set percentage of sales tax receipts and a portion of the existing state license fees for vehicles registered in the City of Chicago.

A special \$5 million annual payment will be made by the City of Chicago and other Cook County governments as a condition of RTA aid to the CTA.

All of this money comes from existing sources. It also is expected to be supplemented by millions of dollars in federal financial assistance and in bond funds.

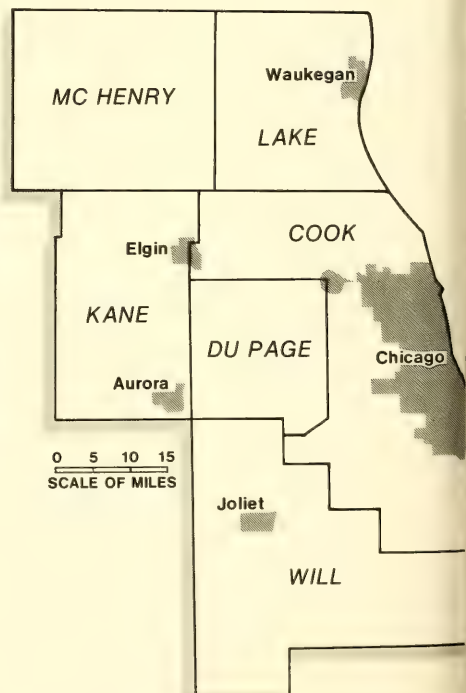
The RTA may also, after a two-thirds vote of its Board, use two narrowly defined tax sources. One is a sales tax of up to 5 per cent on motor fuel sales in the six-county area (about 2 cents per gallon at present prices). The other is a tax on the privilege of parking at parking facilities.

Under the RTA, it is estimated that about 60 per cent of the funds for public transportation will come from fare collections; 24 per cent from existing tax sources, and the remaining 16 per cent from the limited tax sources of the RTA.

Q. What will the parking facility tax actually be?

A. It will be limited to the "privilege" of parking lots and similar facilities.

The RTA could not possibly tax parking on the street or in a private driveway because such parking is "right," not a "privilege" as specified in the RTA legislation.



Six-county area to be served by RTA.

What will be the governing body of the RTA?

There will be a nine-member Board appointed on one-person, one-vote basis. Chicago, with half of the area's population, will be represented on the Board with four members. Suburban Cook County and the other counties, altogether representing the other half of the population, will be represented on the Board with four members. The Board membership will be reapportioned every ten years to reflect population shifts.

Ninth Board member, who will be the chairman, will be elected by a vote of three-fourths of the eight appointed members. The ninth member not only will be the chairman, but also will serve as the full-time, experienced, professional manager of the RTA.

Will any one area of the Board control the RTA?

Such control would be impossible. The RTA legislation was drafted specifically to protect the interests of all portions of the six-county area, giving equal rights and representation to the City of Chicago and to the suburbs.

Decisions on such major matters as enacting each year's budget and effecting the two limited taxes of the RTA will require the extraordinary vote of at least six of the nine members of the Board. As another safeguard, the RTA law requires that proposed programs and budgets must be subjected to hearings in each of the six counties.

Who supports the RTA?

The RTA legislation was passed in the Illinois General Assembly with bi-partisan support. Supporters of the RTA legislation included the Governor of Illinois, the Democratic and Republican leaderships in the General Assembly, the Mayor of the City of Chicago, the Mayors of many other cities throughout the six counties, the Illinois Federation of Labor, the United Auto Workers, the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce, the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry, the Illinois League of Women Voters, many other civic groups (including especially organizations concerned about the environment and about the welfare of senior citizens), the four major Chicago metropolitan newspapers, other news media, and many suburban newspapers.



Shades of the 1940's

North Side Train Crew On a Journey into History

WHEN BILL ATHANS reported to work at Howard Street on Friday, Jan. 25, the chatter in the train-room suddenly turned to silence. Everyone looked on in bewilderment. Why?

As chief collector, Bill is certainly well known on the North Section--everyone recognized him.

It's his uniform, one man said, there's just something different about his uniform. Neatly pressed, spotless... but the color, that's it, the color... his uniform is dark blue.

Bill stood out like a sore thumb among the multitude of CTAs who had been wearing blue-gray uniforms since 1968. And to top it off, he took a brass badge, unused since 1963, and clasped it to his cap.

Ready for a day's work as a conductor, Bill and Motorman John Hill deadheaded to Wilson Yard where the mystery of their unusual assignment was to grow even deeper. Their special train from CTA's mothball fleet was a pair of 1925-model cars.

Riders who might have noticed the old-time cars and Bill in his unusual attire had still another shock when passengers dressed in styles of the late 40's boarded the train at Randolph and Wells.

If you're a regular viewer of Chicago's TV stations then this setting probably sounds familiar. The Chicago Sun-Times TV commercial with its old-and-new scenes on the "L" starts out on Bill's train.

In his full uniform reminiscent of early CTA operations, Bill Athans added a necessary touch of realism to the commercial.



100 New L-Subway Cars Ordered

A \$29,321,300 contract for 100 air-conditioned rapid transit cars was awarded by the CTA Board on Feb. 14 to Boeing Vertol company of Philadelphia, the lowest of two bidders.

Purchase of the cars is part of CTA's \$140 million Phase I Capital Improvement Program being funded by the Illinois and U.S. Departments of Transportation.

Delivery of the first four cars is to be made within 21 months. All 100 cars are to be delivered in 31 months, or by late 1976.

NEW \$391 MILLION CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

A PROPOSED new Capital Development Program costing more than \$391 million was announced Saturday, Feb. 16, by CTA.

CTA Chairman Milton Pikarsky reported that an application for 80 per cent funding has been presented to the Urban Mass Transportation Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

A similar request for funding the remaining 20 per cent has been filed with the Illinois Department of Transportation.

The federal share amounts to \$313 million and the state share would be \$78 million.

A public hearing on CTA's proposed \$391 million Capital Development Program will be held on March 22, 1974, in Room 734, Merchandise Mart.

The new program represents Phase II of an ongoing CTA improvement program for which the federal and state governments are providing \$140 million for Phase I.

Like the first phase program, the newly proposed program is aimed at acquiring new equipment and rebuilding old facilities.

The major equipment acquisition would include 650 rapid transit cars and at least 500 buses.

This new equipment is in addition to the equipment acquired under the current program which includes 1,070 buses and for which final plans were made Thursday, Feb. 14, to acquire 100 modern rapid transit cars (see above).

Other major features of the proposed \$391 million program include reconstruction of 18 rapid transit stations, modernizing 20 other stations, and the installation of 100 bus passenger shelters.

The bus shelters would be the first facilities of this type offered CTA riders.

Other major items include a radio network for rapid transit trains to provide better communication between train crews and CTA's Operations Control Center.

Tied in with the improved communication network is the installation of coaxial antenna cables in the

State, Dearborn and Kennedy subways. The installation of the antenna system is required to permit radio transmission to, from and within the subway tubes because radio waves will not penetrate the subway structure.

What the new communication system means for the rider is that passengers will be better informed regarding service adjustments and delays.

Other major items included in the program are the reconstruction of tracks and structures, replacement of electrical substations, and new passenger information directional signs.

The purchase of 650 rapid transit cars will make CTA's rapid transit fleet totally air conditioned. The cars will replace those purchased between 1950 and 1960.

The 500 buses included in the program will make CTA's bus fleet over 60 per cent air conditioned. Buses to be replaced have an average age of 12 years.

In the program, 18 rapid transit stations will be rebuilt with new facilities--lighting, platform canopies, escalators (wherever possible), and fare collection equipment.

The stations are:

--Morse, Loyola, Granville, Lawrence, Belmont Cermak, Indiana, 47th Street, 51st Street, King Drive Cottage Grove, and Racine on the North-South rapid transit route.

--Pulaski, Polk and Cicero on the Douglas rapid transit branch.

--Medical Center on the Eisenhower rapid transit branch.

--Dempster terminal on the Skokie Swift rapid transit route.

--Western on the Ravenswood rapid transit route.

The stations selected for rebuilding are those which are major transfer points between bus and rapid transit and have between 5,000 and over 14,000 daily passengers.

Twenty other stations will be improved with modern lighting and platform heating.

Employee Suggestion Awards Total \$1,900

PROFIT FROM any ideas lately? The 59 CTAers listed on this page did--to the tune of \$1,900.

And all they did was put their idea down on a suggestion blank and send it in to CTA. In return, each suggestion won from \$10 to \$195 when the idea was accepted.

Top winner was Wayne Matejka, South Shops, who pocketed \$215 from two separate ideas. By adopting his suggestions, CTA stands to save over \$1,300 each year the suggestions remain in effect.

Good work, Wayne. Keep sending those ideas in.

Cash Awards Plus Gift Certificates

\$195	Matthew Spatzek, Skokie Shop
\$175	Wayne Matejka, South Shops
\$100	Jerome Pavel, South Shops
\$50	Chester Seymour, Congress Maint. Terminal
\$40	Wayne Matejka, South Shops Edward Reynolds & George Wylie, Skokie Shop
\$35	Regina Daren*, Medical Muzio Ficarella, Skokie Shop Joan Fitzgerald, Reproduction Services Clarence Forbes, 77th Garage John Friedman, Building Wiring Richard Gavrys, R.T. Signals Michael Healy, Skokie Shop Luke Howe, Telephone Maint. John Kalinowski, South Shops Max Kuchan Jr., South Shops James McLane & Harold Thurbush, Rapid Transit Instruction Dominic Nicosia, Skokie Shop Maurice O'Connor, Skokie Shop David Passarella, Skokie Shop Jerome Pavel, South Shops Harold Rowbottom*, Street Traffic Daniel Sagel, Forest Glen James Schumpp*, Electrical James Zazula, Skokie Shop

Supplementary Cash Awards

\$40	John Kalinowski, South Shops
\$20	John Kalinowski, South Shops John Newman, South Shops
\$10	Leonard Skrine, Office Services

Gift Certificates

\$10

Michael Caselman, Kimball
Thomas Coates, South Shops
Raymond Corbel, Accounting
Edward Coyle, Repro. Services
Regina Daren**, Medical
Don Edwards, Blue Island
Sidney Edwards, Dan Ryan
Muzio Ficarella*, Skokie Shop
Robert Hasemann Sr., Kedzie Gar.
Sandalio Hechavarria, North Park
Mary Jane Johnson, Payroll
Frank Klein, South Shops
Stanley Kuropas, South Shops
Evelyn Leu, Accounting
Daniel McClure, Skokie Shop
Eileen Neurauter, Comm. & Mktg.
Dominic Nicosia, Skokie Shop
Daniel O'Brien, Skokie Shop
Timothy O'Mahony, Security
Walter Onysio, Skokie Shop
James Pankonen, South Shops
Nello Paolicchi, Skokie Shop
Kenneth Pott, South Shops
Donald Powell, South Shops
Arturo Rivera, Skokie Shop
Joseph Rombout, Skokie Shop
Lawrence Rosebar, South Section
Harold Rowbottom*, Street Traffic
John Sara, Skokie Shop
Biagio Savarino, South Shops
James Schumpp*, Electrical
William Sholdice, Personnel Dvlp.
Frank Sprovieri, South Shops
Ted Szymanski, Skokie Shop
Raymond Tieri, Investigation & Claims
Donald Villa, Skokie Shop
Paul Wallace, Security

*Winner of a subsequent award of amount shown

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CTA Sports News



MEL ALEXANDER, Sports Editor

Wives Night Out Huge Success

THE WIVES turned out in grand fashion on Feb. 16 at Palisades Bowl as the husbands honored them with a very special occasion—"Wives Night Out."

Bowling was fast and furious as all the fellows tried to outdo each other as the wives watched on their night. It was an overflow crowd, and extra tables and chairs were made available to accommodate everyone.

League President CALVIN POLLARD said, "It was really wonderful to see so many of the ladies come out on this very special night. I hope they will make every Friday a special night."



77TH STREET OPERATORS BOWLING LEAGUE

Teams	W	L	Pct.
George's Arco	52	23	.689
Archer Bandits	48	27	.640
Pin Busters	47	28	.627
500 Club	43	32	.573
Road Runners	43	32	.573
Clippers	43	32	.573
Poppers	43	32	.573
Late Comers	39	36	.570
Baggers	34½	40½	.454
Boozers	33	42	.440
Manipulators	33	42	.440
Hot Hands	32½	42½	.427
Tranquilizers	32	43	.426
Toppers	28	47	.373
Spartans	28	47	.373
Misfits	22	53	.293



North Avenue Looms as Basketball Champs

AS THE basketball season slowly comes to an end, North Avenue looks like a repeat champion of the league for 1973-74.

Going into the last two weeks of play, North Avenue leads the league with a 7 and record with only one more game to play.

Playoffs will begin Mar. 8, with the finals on Mar. 22 at DeLaSalle High School gym, 3455 S. Wabash avenue.

Prior to the championship game, there will be an all-star game, pitting the CTA operators against the CTA lawyers starting at 7 p.m. Tom Stiglic, CTA representative for the sports program, says he will play in this game with the attorneys. You will have to see this for yourself, so come early if you want a seat. You can be sure there'll be standing room only if you're late.

CTA BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Teams	W	L	Pct.
North Avenue	7	0	1.000
9th Street	4	1	.800
Archer	4	1	.800
North Park	4	1	.800
Cedzie "A"	5	2	.715
North Side "L"	5	2	.715
7th Shop	3	2	.600
Forest Glen	4	3	.572
Cedzie "B"	2	5	.287
Beverly	2	5	.287
South Side "L"	1	4	.200
Limits	1	5	.167
2nd Street	0	5	.000
7th Street	0	6	.000

Softball League Managers Plan for 1974 Season

THE CTA sports program softball league will kick off their 1974 season when they hold their annual meeting in April.

All interested players should contact their respective managers.

The exact time, date and place for the meeting will be announced in the April issue of Transit News.

As in the past, the meeting will be restricted to managers or their designated representatives only.



Service anniversaries in March



E. P. Heidenreich,
North Avenue



E. Shields,
Utility & Emerg. Service

**40
years**



C. W. Schmook,
Archer



T. A. Hildebrandt,
District C



J. A. Laskey,
Forest Glen
(on vacation at
time of anniversary
in February)



H. J. Risch,
69th Street



W. H. Lynam,
Forest Glen

**45
years**

J. Stelzner,
52nd Street Garage



35 years

F. W. Petriekis, 77th Street Garage

30 years

S. Baker, North Park
J. Bedame, Building Maintenance
P. Brown, North Park
W. H. Dean, Mechanical Maintenance
M. M. Dorgan, Datacenter
J. P. Kmiec, North Park
P. J. Schreves, North Park Garage

25 years

L. G. Anderson, Building Maintenance
G. P. Daly, North Avenue Garage
C. J. Florence, West Section
J. S. Kapinski, South Shops
N. J. Kujawa, South Shops
P. P. Malone, Power Operations
J. J. Molloy, 61st Maintenance Term.
D. A. Murphy, South Shops
P. S. Sauve, Power Engineering
J. Vasa, Mobile Bus Maintenance

CTA is First Stop

by Cleveland Board Member

on Tour of Transit Systems



MRS. STELLA G. WHITE, first woman board member of the Cleveland Transit System, discusses transit problems with Milton Pikarsky, chairman of the Chicago Transit Authority.

Chicago was the first city to be visited by Mrs. White in tour of major cities in the United States and Canada she is making as chairman of the advisory committee on minority affairs of the American Transit Association.

In addition to being a Transit Board Member, Mrs. White also is active in the marketing program of transit in Cleveland. She also is a columnist for the Cleveland Press.

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (General) -

scribe wishes to thank everyone who participated in any way in the pre-nuptial luncheon which was held for her on Jan. 17 at hisela's restaurant. Special thanks go to RITA RACINE, Revenue Accounting, MARY CARNEY, Payroll, BARBARA PARSONS, Special Investigations, MARY ANN PARSONS, Law, and of course to two great friends, HAROLD BROWN and JOHN CAMPBELL. The beautiful wooden salad bowl which was presented to her that day will be a lifelong reminder of all her wonderful friends at CTA. The wedding took place on Jan. 19 at a mass at St. Patricia church in Oak Brook Hills, Illinois. The reception was held at the Driftwood Steak House and everything went beautifully. After the wedding, the new Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES WINTER spent two beautiful weeks seeing the Florida World, Miami, and many other Florida attractions in lovely 80 degree temperatures. . . Congratulations to BILL BRIDGMAN, Accounts Payable, who received a certificate for completing the 10-week Management Institute program, and to BILLY KANE, General Accounting, who became a grandfather for the third time on Jan. 2, when his son and daughter-in-law, MICHAEL and JOAN, became the parents of MICHAEL KEVIN Jr. . . Congratulations also in also in order for MIKE CIKARA and MARYANN JOBARIS who became engaged recently and will become Mr. and Mrs. on Jan. 22. Mike works in General Accounting and Maryann in Capital Development. It wishes to both of you...A warm welcome is extended to TERRY LATTIN who came to General Accounting from Internal Auditing, and all our best wishes to ESTHER ANDERSON who retired from the Payroll Department on Feb. 1 after 17 years of service. Many happy and healthy retirement years, Esther!

- Judy Weber

Payroll -

After 47 years of service starting with the Rapid Transit and continuing on through Payroll Accounting, the achievements of ESTHER ANDERSON were honored at her retirement luncheon on Jan. 29 in the M&M Club. Accounting Director HAROLD F. BROWN expressed the feelings of all her friends that she certainly will be missed. Among the many who celebrated with Esther were some of our retired friends: ROBERT BAXTER, NAOMI BOHLEN, JACK COMSTOCK, JEANNE FITZGERALD, FRANCIS HADDIX, ASTRID HEDBERG, EDWARD KAROSS, MAE KEARNS, CARA LAWRENCE, TOM McGRATH, SARA McDONNELL, GEORGE and LILLIAN PELLICORE and MABLE POTT-

HAST. It was a pleasure meeting Esther's two sisters, ENEZ BEENING and EDNA ANDERSON. God bless you, Esther, and we hope to see you soon. . . Pretty little RACHAEL HOSTETTER visited her grandmother, MARYJANE JOHNSON, at the Mart recently. The baby's mother, LYNNE HOSTETTER, had been visiting from her home in El Segundo, California. . . VI MEYER has been doing a little redecorating at home fixing things up here and there. Too bad you didn't win that bingo jackpot you told us about to help with those little expenses. . . For those of us who may be animal lovers, you can appreciate the pride that JEANNE BIZIK and her sister, JACKIE, take in their beautiful Arabian horses. The girls of J&J Arabians recently sold their yearling filly, Maryia, and are planning to again breed their mare, Fadrina, in the spring. Here's hoping they get as good results. . . To CHRIS CAMERON who is ill at home, we send her our wishes for a speedy recovery. . . Since we can't hide them, we may as well celebrate them, so happy birthday to MARIE COARI on March 10. . . See you soon!

- Clotilde Frankiewicz

(Datacenter) -

JOE GINGRAS and his wife, CAROLYN, became the proud parents of a daughter, JANET LYNN, born Feb. 4. Janet has two sisters and two brothers. Congratulations to all of you. . . The welcome mat is extended to BERNICE CONNOLLY who joined Datacenter on Jan. 14 as senior application analyst. Welcome aboard, Bernice.

- Evelyn Lou

CTA SECURITY -

Lieutenant JOE OSTERBERGER is retiring after 16 years of fine work in our department. Joe is very knowledgeable in the juvenile field and has received many commendations for his good work. Good luck, Joe, to you and Katy. We all hope you have many years of happiness in your retirement. Replacing Joe will be SAM RINI who worked with him in the Juvenile Division for many years and is also well-trained in the field. Congratulations on your promotion. . . RAY WISNIOWSKI is now a full-fledged sergeant and doing quite well. Best wishes on your new job, Ray. . . Because of pressing duties, PAUL WALLACE could no longer be active as department representative of the Illinois Police Association. He turned the duties over to GEORGE EVANS, but Paul is keeping active in State IPA affairs. . . JAY JONAS, formerly of this department, made a visit

to the office not long ago and is presently working at the 20th District. . . MARGUERITE RUFFULO is trying to stay one step ahead of the boss. She recently took up golf. Keep swinging, Marg!

- Pat Flynn

ELECTRICAL (General Office) -

BERNADETTE KIZIOR, stenographer, is at home now after being hospitalized with a broken leg. Bern suffered this misfortune in a skiing accident. We hope it won't be long until she will be back with us because we miss her. . . HERMAN SMITH, engineer assistant III, and his family started the year off right with a vacation in Florida. . . Welcome to BIRNETH HICKS, signal draftsman, who joined us recently. He was formerly a signal maintainer. . . Start poring over those seed catalogs now because spring is on the way. . . Congratulations to SHIRLEY and WILLIAM WYMAN, B electrician, who became the parents of PATRICIA LYNN on Feb. 3. Baby dear weighed in at 9 pounds 11 ounces. . . We are happy to hear that VERNON KEE, substation attendant, and his son, TIM, are doing well after surgery at Illinois Research hospital. Vernon donated a kidney to his son and we hope they will both be enjoying good health very soon. . . GERALD CHRISTENSEN, B electrician, is on the sick list and we all join in wishing him a rapid recovery. . . Welcome back to FRED DAMROW, unit supervisor of rapid maintenance, who has returned to work after his illness. . . Condolences to JAMES BRANDON, substation utility man, in the loss of his father and mother. His parents passed away within three weeks of each other.

- Ray McAllister

(Rapid Transit Signal Division) -

JOHN GAY is back in the signal construction gang. John, if you can make it there, you can make it anywhere. Good luck ole chum. . . Signal Maintainer COY CAUSEY and his wife, LITA, a ticket agent, celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on Jan. 26 at the Veteran's Tavern and Lounge, 2532 West Fullerton. The party was well stocked with food and guests. A number of our signalmen attended the gala affair with their wives: BIRNETH HICKS, ROY WILLIAMS, CLYDE YOUNT, D. W. TOPOLINSKI, CHARLES LASKOWSKI, JERRY GUTH, JOHN WOUFE, LEON WILSON, DAVE GREIG, DANNY HAMMOND, DAVE BARR, RICHARD VIETH, DENNIS DOBBYN and ROGER COMER. Roy stole the show as he danced with a little 17-year old doll. Also attending the

NEW PENSIONERS

JOINING THE ranks of the retired on March 1 were the three employees pictured here who had 40 or more years of transit service each with CTA and its predecessor transit companies.



A. F. SUMA
45 Years



H. E. BONESS
48 Years



J. S. BRZOSKA
44 Years

FRANK G. ANDERSON, Clerk,
North Park, Emp. 9-14-46
NELSON P. ANDERSON, Clerk,
Plant Maintenance, Emp. 7-16-26
HARRY E. BONESS, Adjusting Director,
Investigation & Claims, Emp. 1-6-26
EDMUND E. BRODERICK, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 2-2-37
JOSEPH S. BRZOSKA, Electrical Worker,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 3-13-29
LOUIS BURDZINSKI, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 10-17-42
JAMES BURNS, Bus Repairer,
52nd Street Garage, Emp. 2-21-44
JOHN J. CLARK, Stationary Engineer,
South Shops, Emp. 12-2-52
THOMAS CLEMENTS, Plumber,
Building Maintenance, Emp. 4-20-53
ELMER C. FORMELLER, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 9-8-36
ANTHONY FRICANO, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 2-3-43
EDWIN R. GROESS, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 4-6-34
ERNEST G. HAMILTON, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 6-7-46
ELWOOD J. HAMMOND, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 1-23-43

WILLIAM HARGRAVES, Bus Serviceman,
Forest Glen Garage, Emp. 1-3-47
THOMAS E. HICKEY, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 11-10-36
EDGAR T. HIMEL, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 10-17-57
SIDNEY L. JACOBSON, Mail Clerk,
Office Services, Emp. 12-9-42
STANLEY G. KLICH, Bus Repairer,
North Avenue Garage, Emp. 8-2-42
ALBERT J. KUNKA, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 12-5-42
THOMAS J. LENIHAN, Bus Repairer,
South Shops, Emp. 2-10-43
LEROY P. LILLY, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 4-2-53
THOMAS P. MURPHY, Box Puller,
North Avenue, Emp. 12-16-40
ROY T. NIELSEN, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 6-30-43
JOSEPH A. OSTERBERGER, Supervisor II,
Security, Emp. 1-24-57
GLENN D. PEYTON, Superintendent,
69th Street, Emp. 4-19-34
ANTHONY F. RESZOTKO, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 2-10-43

MICHAEL W. ROVELLA, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 9-17-43
SYLVESTER SCOLLATO, Box Puller,
69th Street, Emp. 4-14-43
WILLIAM F. SHEEHAN, Ticket Agent,
South Section, Emp. 9-4-41
HOWARD D. SMALE, Investigator I,
Investigation & Claims, Emp. 8-11-41
IGNATIUS J. SOJKA, Motorman,
West Section, Emp. 10-1-45
ALBERT F. SUMA, Bus Repairer,
Campaign Area, Emp. 8-21-28
ROBERT L. TALBOT, Senior Radio Op
Operations Control, Emp. 8-26-36
RAYMOND V. ULRICH, Supervisor,
District A, Emp. 2-13-36
PAUL P. VASIOPOULOS, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 2-13-36

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

DANIEL A. FRUSOLONE,
Senior Tabulating Machine Operator,
Datacenter, Emp. 11-17-43
CURTIS B. ROSS, Janitor,
Archer, Emp. 8-27-59

party were Coy's sons, his sister, VICTORIA, former signal maintainer R. CAUDILL and his wife, HOWARD NORMAN and D. (Andy) ANDERSON, CTA towermen, and their wives. After exchanging gifts, Lita received a set of diamond earrings. Coy said, in referring to his 25 year old marriage, "I'd make the same mistake again, only I'd make it much sooner." Congratulations to four signal helpers who were recently promoted to journeymen: DONALD HAWKINS, D. L. COOTS, EDDIE MCCLINTON and PAUL C. JANKOWSKI. These fellows have a lot going for them...GEORGE E. WAGNER, retired blacksmith helper, had a recent operation and is now at home doing fine. He sends his hello's to all of his friends here and there...Local No. 9's annual Old Timers corned beef and cabbage dinner held on Jan. 25 had the largest crowd ever. Of the 36 members retiring in 1973, 24 were present and received a new wallet containing \$20. Among the retired members present were: BILL BAKER, PAT DOYLE and CLARENCE ZAK. Signal personnel attending were: CLYDE YOUNT, DANNY WATERS, ROY WILLIAMS, FRANK HALPER, RICHARD GAVRYS, DAN MORIARITY, RICHARD VIETH,

DAVE GREIG, DENNIS DOBBYN and yours truly. Special guest at the fete was Joseph B. Keenan, executive secretary of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers who came in from Washington to attend this gathering. We thank Fred Hince and Mr. J.A. McCann, president and business manager, respectively, and the entire No. 9 staff for an enjoyable evening.

ELMER J. STOKES retired after more than 44 years of service. A party was given in his honor Feb. 2 at the beautiful Zum Deutschen Eck restaurant. Gifts were presented to Elmer by Senior Signal Supervisor TEDSZEWC. Some of those attending were: PAUL CLEAVER, superintendent of signals and communications, C. L. WIKSTEN who now heads the train control and communications division of DeLew Cather International, and ART MALMQUIST of the Track Department. All of us will remember the very fine job JIMMY NESBIT did as m.c., even if he doesn't. We thank FRANK HALPER and Big LOU GONZALEZ, co-hosts of the party, for such a nice evening...The North Section signal foreman's office has been moved from the relay room, where it has

been for countless years, to Kimball Avenue on the Ravenswood line. DAN WATERS, North Section signal foreman, pleased with his new location...We welcome a new crop of signal helpers. They are E. WILSON, H. YOUNG and J. J. ROUBOUT. These three fellows are destined to be tops in their field.

- Tommie Lowery

(Chicago Avenue) -

Jan. 25 was the big night for the Old Timers party at Local 9. As usual it was held at Plumbers Hall. These parties have always been big successes and this time it was even more so. About 100 people attended. If more people had come they'd have had to sit out in the hall. I wouldn't care to estimate how many gallons of beer or pounds of corned beef and cabbage were consumed. It would boggle the mind. I saw the following pensioners at the shindig: SALVATORE, LUKAS, CHON, SPITZCOCK, WATERS and SCHMACHER, and many more...We would like to congratulate LUKE HOWE who is a foreman of telephone maintenance...A flash brings us the sad news that WILLI

R, one of our pensioners, passed away on Feb. 11. We all extend our sympathy to the family.

- Ben Nielsen

GENERAL OFFICE (Reproduction Services) - Welcome mat is extended to VERA CUTLEY, dictaphone operator, who transferred from Insurance Department.

Personnel - We welcome back PEGGY STEVENS, stenographer, who had left us to get married and decided to become a careerist. The welcome mat was also extended to ANITA MARTINEZ and MARIA BASTIAN who were hired as clerk-typists... BOB WARNSTEDT spent a week's vacation in and around Chicago and was busy shelling snow... Welcome to CRAIG BETTER, job analyst, who transferred from the Vehicle Maintenance Department. Mr. Better's dad, ED HEATTER, is senior superintendent in Operations Control... Congratulations to GEN BERG, who transferred to Skokie Shop. We wish her the best of luck on her new job... Good luck to GERALDINE TAPLING who transferred to the routine trainee program. She's now a trainee agent on the West Section as part of a training program. How's it going, Geraldine?

Property - JUNE H. BURDA, a former employee of the Accounting Department, was recently appointed head tax accountant for the Kroger Cookie company located in Elmhurst. He is the son of HAROLD F. BURDA, Chief of Property Accounting.

Investigations & Claims)

During Grandpa HERB SCHOMER to talk about his grandchild DANIEL J. SCHOMER, Jr., is an honor task. Dan's uncle, DAN Sr., is a cleaner at Kimbrough, and his mom, LANN, stays home and takes care of the household.



Insurance & Pensions)

MARY LABUS and her fiancé, RUSSELL BATHFORD, drove to Florida for two weeks where they visited Orlando, Disney World and Silver Springs. A good time was had by both. To her surprise, her mother showed them, driving her own automobile, and acted as chaperone... We welcome to the department PAMELA LLOYD, clerk-typist.

Executive)

Luncheon was held in the M&M Club for GEORGE WICKMAN who took an early retirement on Feb. 1. George, a former bus

operator, worked as a receptionist in Executive.

(Communications & Marketing)

We wish FRANK DISCH loads of happiness in his retirement years. Frank retired on Feb. 1 and was a clerk II. Before coming to the Mart he worked as a bus repairman at Limits Garage.

(Medical)

Dr. MOSNY and his wife flew to Massachusetts to visit with his daughter, son-in-law and grandson, STEVE, who are permanent residents there.

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neumann

LIMITS

Greetings fellows... The annual credit union meeting and dinner was held on Jan. 27 at Johnny Weigelt's restaurant. It was buffet style and very delicious. All officers were retained. Door prizes were awarded, and some of the winners were: Mrs. C. WARDLOW, Mrs. D. MONTGOMERY, Mrs. L. KEAG, Mrs. R. CALLUM and Mrs. T. O'LEARY. Some of the guests attending were: BOB QUETSCHKE from the Mart, Retired Superintendent GEORGE MAY, A. VOSS and his family, S. TWERK and his sister, and Operator WINGEL provided us with songs and jokes, and it was good to see Mrs. JOE CLAY out after her stay in the hospital. Retiree DANNY O'LEARY was also there, as were FRED PEPKE and his wife, MARY, the daughter of Big Mike RICHARDS... A little note of interest to our board member, R. GOLDMAN, keep up the good work, we never had it so good... As for our basketball team, get yourself together and good luck... If you have news, let me know.

- Charles Turner

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

A big hello goes out to COLLEEN THIRBAH, stenographer I, Stores, who joined us recently to work with ED TOBIN. Ed said he is very happy with his new stenographer. We are most proud of SOPHIE REYNOLDS, typist I, Stores, who has performed 500 hours of volunteer work at Holy Cross hospital. She received her 500-hour pin on Feb. 17... FRANK TAMBURINNO, order control clerk, Stores, is dreamy-eyed until his retirement in 203 days. TONY DIGIOVANNI, order control clerk, Stores, said he is helping Frank with the countdown. He can't wait. Tony, we know how you two like each other... A hearty hello goes out to JOHN TOUSSA, laborer, who has joined the crew at Storeroom 20... HANK BRANDENBERG, stock clerk at Storeroom 15, spent two enjoyable weeks with his wife in sunny New Port Richey, Florida. He also extends his best wishes to his sister, Mrs. SPEIGHT, who resides in Florida, for a speedy recovery... JOHN MARASOVICH,

stock clerk II, Storeroom 60, and his wife are going to spend one week in Las Vegas. Don't lose too much, John, and at least come back with your shirt. John also wants to report that his son was transferred from the Treasury Department to Vehicle Maintenance... BERT MUIRHEAD, stock clerk I, Storeroom 60, is proud of his daughter, ROBIN, who completed her high school training in three years. She is now working on scholarships... DAVE MURRAY, stock clerk in Storeroom 59, is looking forward to getting some relaxation in Freeport in the Bahamas... GABRIELLE DeMATTEO retired from Storeroom 20 on Jan. 1. Congratulations, Gabrielle!... Yours truly celebrated her second wedding anniversary on Feb. 11... CHARLES BENNETT wants to announce that he and his lovely wife, MARITA, celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary on Mar. 17. Many more to you, Charles.

- Priscilla Kamradt

MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents)

Congratulations to MARIE MULVILL on her transfer to the assignment office... CHARLES VLASEK, W. RAJEWSKI, HARRY COTTON and J. ROCH took their pensions recently. To each of them we wish a long and healthy retired life... Congratulations to Assignment Agent LELIA WHITE and Agent CLIFFORD HINTON who were united in holy wedlock on Jan. 1. They were married by Reverend W. HINTON, Clifford's father, in the Hinton home... Still on the sick list as of this writing are: Assignment Agent CECELLA ROPA, V. JACKSON, MARY GALLAGHER, MARIAN HANNING, BETTY RICE, JUNE MARTIN, MILDRED DOYLE, CLEMONS, BETTY FINLEY, GERALDINE CASS, O. FREDERICK, G. MONROE, A. BAISDON, RUBY WILLIAMS, MARY WIXTED and BILL PFEIFFER. We hope you are all feeling better soon and return to work... Congratulations to BARBARA REEVES who was appointed assignment agent, and to KAREN BULLOCK who made clerk. Others in training for clerk are: NATHAN KAPLAN, SUE MATHEWS and ROBBIE MYRICK... JACKIE HOLMES is really excited about her first airplane ride to New Orleans to attend the Mardi Gras. Have fun, Jackie... Congratulations to Supervisor RICK ARMSTRONG who was recently graduated from Arnetta's Beauty college. He was valedictorian of his class and received a special award in the science and practice of cosmetology. As the elected king, he will travel to Los Angeles with the queen in April for the national convention. Foot Collector EDDIE WILLIAMS is also a graduate of this college. Keep up the good work, fellows... EILEEN CARMODY has returned to work after being off for nearly a month. She fell down the stairs at her home and sprained her ankle. JO DILLON fell and broke her wrist... MARY GALLAGHER, who was in an automobile acci-

dent, has moved into a new apartment in Forest Park... The janitors have been transferred from the Transportation Department to the Maintenance Department... Former Ticket Agent ALDA B. CLARK celebrated her 89th birthday on Jan. 27 with a big cake at the Harding hotel in Marion, Ohio. Congratulations, Alda, that is a good age...Co-reporter KATY MORIARTY adopted two lovable little kittens from the Animal Protective Association. Any of you animal lovers interested, contact the APA at 248-2410...Congratulations to STANLEY CHRIST JR. on his engagement to JUDY STACHNIK, a student nurse. The big day is planned for next year...Congratulations to Agent and Mrs. I. WIECZOREK on the birth of their first grandchild, KATHLEEN MARIE, born on Jan. 22 weighing 6 pounds 12 ounces. The proud parents are BILL, of Personnel Development, and MARIE CLINE, also formerly of that department. The proud grandmother is THERESA WIECZOREK...Recently returning from maternity leave are: TAMARRA WILLIAMS, JOANNE SAMUELS and VALERIE BARKER. Still on maternity leave are: NANCY THOMAS, EMMA RICHARDSON and PATRICIA BANKS...Keep the news coming, GRACE is still at Irving Park on the Kennedy, 3 to 11 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

- Grace Mounts & Katy Moriarty

NORTH AVENUE -

A great big HELLO to everyone!...Recently, all of us here at North Avenue had a reluctant farewell to District C Superintendent VIC LAULETTA who was transferred to District D. In his place we roll out the red carpet for JIM KEHOE. Good luck to both of you...Forest Glen Credit Union just couldn't have had a successful evening without North Avenue representatives KENNY METTLER and JULIUS TEDESCHI. Chief Clerk RUSS GUNDERSON, Clerk HANK ZYCH, and I also attended along with our better halves...The month of April is going to see us celebrating the birthdays of a few nice people, such as: Senior Station Instructor JIM BROGAN, Clerk FRANK PASCHE, Sanitary Engineer ED KOCIENSKI, and a very special young friend of mine, MARIANNE KOCAR, the daughter of Instructor MARVIN KOCAR. Congratulations to all of you. Also belated best wishes to RUSS GUNDERSON; we weren't aware that he was a March baby...Our most heartfelt sympathy is extended to Assistant Station Superintendent J. McEVILLY in the recent loss of his son, PATRICK. The brother of Archer Superintendent BILL MOSER also passed away recently...By the time you read this, CHRISTINE ENGSTROM, the daughter of Instructor MIKE LACRIOLA, should be out of the hospital and looking more beautiful than ever after her recent surgery. Former Box Puller TOM MURPHY is out of St. Anne's and feeling much better. His place in the hospital was taken by Switch-

board Operator LOU DRAPP who should also be out of there by now. Retired Chief Clerk FRED MURBARGER, and Clerk BOB ARENDT are amongst those who spent some time chasing a few pretty nurses around. Let's try to stay healthy folks...Judging from all appearances, Instructor ED HOFF and his wife, PAT, are sure enjoying being newlyweds. Just another happy CTA family...See you all purty soon.

The following bus operators changed their status to pensioners as of Feb. 1: LAWRENCE CASEY, FRANCIS BELLINO, JOSEPH PELIKAN, CARL REDEMSKI, T. KAY, LEE OAKES and OSCAR FRIEDMAN... DANIEL, the son of Instructor DAVE EGGERSDORF, qualified for the yellow belt in his karate class...Repairman DANIEL COSTLEY and his wife, LINDA, are the proud parents of a son, DANIEL II...DARRYL, the son of Operator GEORGE MYLES and his wife, ANN, was anxiously awaiting the end of the month to get to his third birthday, Mar. 1...The Repair Department lost two repairmen to retirement Feb. 1--GEORGE SLADEK and GEORGE HANN...Repairmen RAY NEWMANN and JOHN RUDDE are enjoying vacations at the time of this writing. Those two fellows must have some connection with the weatherman...Kedzie Station's gain is our loss as Relief Foreman WEBB has transferred to the Kedzie Garage...A hearty welcome to Foreman JONES who comes to us from Archer Station...In our constant discovery of talent among the men of North Avenue Station, we find Operator HOLLIS LEWIS holding his own among the contemporary artists...Among the many visitors to the Station, we were greeted by Pensioner ANTHONY GLOPPE (known to many as the "Riverview Kid"), Sanitary Engineer MARTY LUDOLPH (a former Cicero Avenue operator now at the Training Center), Pensioner JOHN SENKO (who is still talking about his wonderful trip to Europe), and Operator CLARENCE BAKER (now working at 77th Street Station)...We wish much success to Supervisor HUGH D. SHORT on his appointment as Relief District Superintendent...Our sympathy is extended to Operator HORACE BROWNING in the death of his brother, JOHN L. BROWNING, and to Instructor BOB ANDERSON in the death of his father, Pensioner FRANK ANDERSON...Congratulations to Operator KENNETH C. METTLER on his appointment as treasurer of the North Avenue Credit Union. He filled the vacancy created by the resignation of Operator PETER J. DOWDALL. The board of directors of the credit union also appointed Operator AARON B. PRUITT (your co-reporter) as the secretary-assistant treasurer, and Operators JOSEPH CHRISTY and ANTHONY KEMP as clerks. Operator JOHN W. WEATHERSPOON was elected president and Operator JOSEPH FERNICE was elected vice president. We also wish to welcome as new members Operators ED-

WARD STOKES on the supervisory committee and Operator GILBERTO CORRE on the credit committee...The finalists in the "checker set" have narrowed down to Operators LEON THOMAS, OLIVER WILSON and RICHARD LONG. The competition was going strong as Operator E. WIGGINS, a top player, looked on. Wiggins not eligible to compete since transferred to North Park Station...We will see you again next time in print.

- Walter Ellis & Aaron Pruitt

PLANT MAINTENANCE -

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of WILMONT SIMPSON, Transfer Room, in the death of her father in Ray Banks, Mississippi...R. J. STAVINGA returned from his Las Vegas vacation with smile on his face. Guess it wasn't so bad...Janitor GENE REID and Carpenter Foreman JOE FUCARINO chose their vacation wisely. They are sunning in Florida. V haven't heard from JOE KLEIN, Transfer Room, as to where he chose to go, but I wish them all a very restful vacation...The welcome mat is out to Inspectors JOE MASTERSON and RON GASTROGIOVANNI of building construction.

- Jennie Scott

RAIL VEHICLE TERMINALS -

Foreman A. SWOOPE, Forest Park, asking that anyone who would like to donate blood for Repairman CHUCK MEYERS could do so at Illinois Masonic hospital. Chuck will undergo open heart surgery...The office personnel wish a speedy recovery Clerk C. VANDERVEST, Forest Park, who is home sick...Congratulations to J. BRINSON, 61st Street, who was promoted from B to A repairman...Everyone welcomes C. JOHNSON to 61st Street Terminal...A party was held for Repairman CARR, 61st Street, who retired Feb. 1 after 27 years of service...Lots of luck to BUFORD, 61st Street, on his instructor training. Hope you make it, James...A surprise party was given for S. NETTLE. Among those attending were A. MOORE and his lovely wife, ARLENE...C. WILLIAM with his new hairdo became Dan Ryan's first "Super Fly"...Good luck to C. TOWNSEND and V. COLLYARD on their instructor's training...M. MCINTOSH gave the birthday party of the year. Everyone seemed to be there. Even the weight watchers, J. ARMSTRONG and his beautiful wife, ANGELA.

- Frank Pickett

SCHEDULES -

Retired Schedule Superintendent L. DUTTON visited the office recently and looks very well. Retirement really agreed with him...WILLIE SCOTT's daughter W.

and on Jan. 26. Congratulations to the couple...NORMAN OSWALD and his wife drove to Florida where they visited Disney World...We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Pensioner JOHN NELSON in the loss of his wife on Jan. 9...We received a short note from Pensioner ROSE BRYAN who is living in California and doing well after a hernia operation. Congratulations to BILL STANLEY who became a father for the first time when his wife gave birth to a baby girl, ELIZABETH ANN, weighing 7 pounds 14 ounces. Mother, father and baby are doing well. Schedule Clerk JOE RITROVATO is performing outdoor household chores and is now hopping around with the aid of a cane.

- Kathryn Salina

SECTION -

where it is March and soon the trees are budding, flowers blooming, and the birds singing with spring making her beautiful appearance...Congratulations and good luck to Assistant Station Superintendent RONALD BAKER who was appointed district superintendent-North R.T. district on Feb. 3...On Feb. 1 Agent ALBERTO DELCORSE decided to take life easy and retire. Racine Station on the Envy Branch won't seem the same without him...Good luck to Conductor PAUL DUNN who retired on Jan. 1 after more than 20 years of service. An open house was held at Ashland Avenue by his friends and coworkers and Paul is shown here receiving a farewell gift from Station Superintendent STANLEY CHRIST...We all had a big shock when Conductor LORENZO NELSON passed away suddenly. He always worked and never was sick. Our deepest sympathy to the Lawson family...Station Foreman JAMIE MORRIS took a winter vacation to Florida and enjoyed the sunny weather...Greetings to newly hired employees: MICHAEL GREEN, JIMMY EDWARDS, PERRY TURNER, WILLIAM GIBSON, RONALD PLUMMER, FREDERICK SMITH, ROBERT NELSON, KEVIN VAUGHAN, JERRY WALTON, ROBERT WILLIAMS, JAMES DAVIS and JOHN JASPER...Our heartfelt sympathy to retired Towerman PATRICK JOYCE and his wife in the loss of their daughter, JENNIFER, recently...Received a nice



letter from Retired Assistant Station Superintendent JOE TVRDIK from Oakland, Arkansas. He says they are really getting a winter down there. He's just waiting for the ice to melt so he can go fishing for trout. He visited with Retired Motorman CHARLES MC MORROW in Mountain Home, Arkansas. Charlie had just returned from a trip to Alaska which he said was great. He even went up to the Arctic Circle by plane...Good to see Conductors ROSCOE BURBRIDGE and PATRICK NOLAN back to work off the sick list.

Supervisor ANDY O'BRIEN told us all about his winter vacation in Phoenix, Arizona. While there he visited with Retired Motorman ED (Three-star) HENNESSY and his wife, VIOLA, and Retired Collector TOM MCINERNEY and his wife, former Assignment Agent NANCY. They all had a good time talking over old times. Ed also wrote to tell us he had a nice visit from Retired Conductor JOSEPH (Mr. Sox) SCHUMACHER and his wife who live in California. They talked about the Sox and Cubs...Congratulations to Conductor EDWARD DAVIS and Agent ROBBIE MYRICK who recently qualified as clerks...Received news that Retired Motorman DENNIS O'GRADY passed away. He was 96 years old...Clerk AL RAKESTRAW got away from it all and had a ball down in Miami Beach, Florida, on vacation...Stopping off at Ashland not long ago were Retired Towerman FRANK PINTA, Retired Motorman DAVID O'MALLEY and Retired Supervisor DAN HAYES. All three look wonderful and are sure an advertisement for retired life...My hubby, Clerk ROLAND, and I were guests at the retirement dinner for HAL STAATS, secretary-treasurer of the North Side "L" federal credit union who went on pension Jan. 1. There was a big turnout to greet Mr. Staats, and the buffet dinner was just delicious. Our congratulations to MAE CRONIN of the credit union on a wonderful party...Good luck to Conductor EUGENE TRIPP who transferred to Vehicle Maintenance, and to Conductor HENRY TAYLOR who transferred to Personnel Development...Congratulations and best wishes to CHARLES LOUGHRAN, vice-president of Division 308, who was appointed special organizer of the International Amalgamated Transit Union...Our passenger commendations keep pouring in: Conductor ROBERT JORDAN for helping a passenger recover his wallet; Conductor JOHNNIE PALMER for his clear and informative announcements, and Conductors MATHEW WILLIAMS and JAMES MINNFIELD on their clear announcements...Received a nice card and folder from Retired Towerman and Mrs. ELMER PIPKORN from Laguna Beach, California. They live in a beautiful new project with all kinds of recreational facilities...Instructor DARDEN FULLER's young daughter, LACARISHIA, passed away suddenly. Everyone sends their deepest sympathy to the Fuller family...Motorman TONY and MARIE JAGLA

just came back from a beautiful trip to Hawaii. Oh for those sandy beaches and warm days. The Jaglas think Hawaii is just great...Received a nice note from Retired Supervisor WALTER HILL and his Missus from St. Petersburg and they say hello to all their friends here in Chicago...Taking his pension Jan. 1 after more than 22 years of service was Conductor THOMAS DOUGLAS. A luncheon was held at 61st Street for Tom and he was presented a gift by Assistant Station Superintendent ROBERT DESVIGNES from his co-workers and friends...Collector THOMAS BRAGGS and Motorman ROBERT JAMES were elected co-captains of the South Side "L" basketball team. Go-go team and let's win some games.

- Vera Hartley



SOUTH SHOPS -

I'd like to start this column by acquainting you with the administrative appointments since the first of the year at the Shops: J. J. REPPPLINGER as director of Vehicle Maintenance; J. A. ROSENTHAL as superintendent of automotive vehicle maintenance; R. M. SCHNEIDER as supervisor of bus shops; J. R. PANKONEN as supervisor of bus garages; J. W. DAIN as supervisor of instruction and O. K. PETERSON as supervisor of personnel relations. Congratulations and best of luck to all...BILL KELLY, supervisor of material handlers, retired on Feb. 1 with 37 years of service. A luncheon was held for Bill on Jan. 31. Bill will be at the Marquette Bank, and we all wish him the best of luck...Congratulations are extended to JIM RIZZUTO and his wife, ELEANOR, on the birth of their daughter, ANGELA MARIA, weighing in at 7 pounds on Dec. 1. Jim works in Material Control. Eleanor formerly worked in the General Office and was known best by her maiden name, Weber...The South Shops Credit Union hosted its annual meeting and dinner dance on Jan. 26 at the Glendora House in Chicago Ridge. The entertainment was provided by Ted Grayson. All officers were re-elected for another year. The dance was a huge success with approximately 250 people attending...RAY BLAU was appointed project coordinator to Mr. Reppplinger. Congratulations, Ray...I am happy to announce the engagement of ELAINE STEWART and WILLIAM MCGREGORY. The couple will be joined in marriage on May 5. Everyone at the Shops wishes Elaine and Bill the best of happiness in the future...It seems GAIL HATHAWAY of Technical Services buys a car every year. This year she bought a 1974 Oldsmobile Cutlass. The exterior is a dark green and the interior is white. Any plans yet for next year, Gail?...A warm

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

EDWIN O. ANDERSON, 72, North Avenue, Emp. 10-17-27, Died 12-7-73
 FRANK A. ANDERSON, 87, North Avenue, Emp. 6-1-21, Died 12-26-73
 HOLGER ANDERSON, 90, North Avenue, Emp. 7-31-13, Died 12-18-73
 BERNARD ARKIN, 58, North Section, Emp. 3-7-44, Died 12-16-73
 HERMAN BALLERSTADT, 80, W. Sect., Emp. 12-5-24, Died 1-31-74
 WILLIAM J. BLISS, 72, West Section, Emp. 12-29-49, Died 12-8-73
 MABEL S. BRADFORD, 84, South Section, Emp. 9-12-44, Died 1-26-74
 IRVING BRIM, 69, West Section, Emp. 6-14-43, Died 12-29-73
 THOMAS BROWNE, 78, Skokie Shop, Emp. 5-6-27, Died 1-13-74
 LOUIS BUSHMA, 83, South Shops, Emp. 6-25-43, Died 12-25-73
 JOHN B. CARLSON, 85, Kedzie, Emp. 4-2-14, Died 1-1-74
 FRANK CONLEY, 91, North Section, Emp. 1906, Died 1-29-74
 FRED CONLEY, 91, North Section, Emp. 10-30-07, Died 1-27-74
 JAMES J. CONLON, 88, 77th Street, Emp. 1-9-18, Died 12-15-73
 THOMAS J. CONNELLY, 68, 77th Street, Emp. 5-8-29, Died 12-26-73
 MARINUS COOPER, 72, Beverly, Emp. 9-29-27, Died 1-3-74
 THOMAS A. CUMMANS, 67, North Avenue, Emp. 7-5-29, Died 1-28-74
 RAYMOND DIETZ, 75, Archer, Emp. 12-17-24, Died 12-27-73
 WILLIAM G. ECHOLS, 77, North Avenue, Emp. 6-14-28, Died 11-24-73
 STEPHEN FARRELL, 88, 77th Street, Emp. 1-9-20, Died 1-26-74
 JOHN F. FIALA, 88, West Section, Emp. 6-15-08, Died 12-10-73

THOMAS FITZPATRICK, 84, 77th Street, Emp. 6-1-18, Died 12-17-73
 MIKE FRANCISCO, 83, Wilcox, Emp. 4-6-43, Died 1-7-74
 PATRICK GALLAGHER, 77, So. Section, Emp. 8-23-43, Died 12-15-73
 MAE I. GEORGOPOULOS, 90, West Sect., Emp. 4-20-18, Died 12-21-73
 JOHN HEDERMAN, 87, 69th Street, Emp. 10-25-10, Died 1-27-74
 JOSEPH J. HICKEY, 78, North Avenue, Emp. 7-13-21, Died 12-29-73
 ROBERT J. HICKEY, 81, Lake Street, Emp. 12-7-18, Died 1-21-74
 ARTHUR HOFFMANN, 66, Stores, Emp. 10-8-47, Died 12-21-73
 HOMER J. HOLT, 72, West Section, Emp. 4-4-24, Died 1-10-74
 CHARLES KASPER, 88, District C, Emp. 7-27-27, Died 1-20-74
 STANLEY KAWALEC, 81, 77th Street, Emp. 12-30-19, Died 1-27-74
 HAROLD N. KING, 61, North Park, Emp. 1-9-47, Died 1-28-74
 JOHN F. KRIZ, 81, West Shops, Emp. 2-20-30, Died 12-28-73
 GEORGE G. LARSON, 78, Lake Street, Emp. 6-12-26, Died 1-28-74
 THOMAS J. LEAHY, 72, 77th Street, Emp. 12-4-25, Died 1-5-74
 MABEL M. MAGNUSON, 77, Payroll, Emp. 11-26-17, Died 12-31-73
 JOHN J. MANNING, 77, 77th Street, Emp. 5-6-24, Died 2-1-74
 MICHAEL MASTRE, 90, 69th Street, Emp. 4-16-23, Died 12-17-73
 JOHN J. McGOVERN, 60, Claim, Emp. 3-18-46, Died 12-30-73
 OWEN McGRORY, 82, West Section, Emp. 5-14-14, Died 12-15-73
 MARTIN McHUGH, 89, Devon, Emp. 4-17-13, Died 1-18-74

JOHN MILLER, 83, North Park, Emp. 7-27-27, Died 12-24-73
 EDMUND NONA, 69, West Section, Emp. 3-6-34, Died 1-13-74
 THOMAS NORTON, 83, Devon, Emp. 3-20-12, Died 12-22-73
 DENNIS O'GRADY, 95, South Section, Emp. 11-15-05, Died 1-22-74
 EDWARD J. O'GRADY, 69, Skokie Shop, Emp. 2-7-51, Died 12-25-73
 EDWIN L. OLSBERG, 75, West Division, Emp. 9-3-43, Died 1-20-74
 CASIMAR PAULINSKI, 55, Claim, Emp. 3-10-60, Died 1-9-74
 CHARLES PIEKAL, 74, Kedzie Garage, Emp. 10-29-42, Died 12-14-73
 ISADORE PLOTNICK, 74, Constr. & Mch, Emp. 11-30-48, Died 1-14-74
 JOSEPH A. RABIG, 84, 77th Street, Emp. 7-24-18, Died 1-26-74
 JOHN J. REILLY, 91, Lincoln, Emp. 6-20-11, Died 1-21-74
 GIOVANNI SARANGELO, 88, Lake Street, Emp. 12-19-23, Died 1-11-74
 EMIL J. SCHREIBER, 74, Limits, Emp. 6-24-37, Died 12-20-73
 MICHELE SORRENTINO, 90, Track, Emp. 6-1-25, Died 12-29-73
 NICHOLAS STAFFORD, 77, Kedzie, Emp. 5-29-23, Died 12-22-73
 ANDREW L. STEVENS, 73, North Section, Emp. 10-7-26, Died 12-23-73
 MATTHIAS E. STIGLICH, 65, Building, Emp. 7-20-42, Died 12-21-73
 JOHN E. SUTTER, 59, Beverly, Emp. 8-7-41, Died 12-28-73
 ELMER H. THIEBEN, 80, 77th Street, Emp. 6-28-26, Died 1-15-74
 MICHAEL J. WATERS, 82, 77th Street, Emp. 11-27-22, Died 1-5-74
 MARK R. WEBSTER, 84, Kedzie, Emp. 2-10-15, Died 12-14-73

welcome is given to AL THOMAS, who came to us from West Shops.

OUT IN THE SHOP NEWS: JERRY WALTER just had his skin repainted. On the bottom it says, "if you can read this send help."...News from the engine line is that the fellows are looking for a pie thief... JOE KOPINSKI and his wife, JEAN, have been married for 35 years now. Congratulations! Ditto for MAX and ADELINE HAMILTON who also celebrated 35 years together...BOB SMITH is willing to share his camper with anyone who will supply the gas. How about IKE WOODS, Bob? ED and MARY NAUSIEDAS are celebrating 18 years of marriage this month. In the Machine Shop, FRANCIS and CHARLOTTE SOBZAK are celebrating their 34th wedding anniversary...Happy birthday to FRED (Banana nose) PETROZZ. Fred says "29 and feelin' fine!"...In the convactor area, anniversary greetings go out to WILLIAM and ELSIE PANEK, their 29th. BILL and

ROSE HOWE celebrated their eighth by taking in a movie and dinner afterwards at Lum's. They had hot dogs steamed in beer...You can blame a new stereo if you see BILL RAFFERTY coming to work late and still half asleep...JOHN GAUDIE and FRANK KLINE figure they'll save over \$100 a year on milk costs since buying that cow last month...Congratulations go out to TERRY REILLY and JIM MARTIN on making journeyman last month...NICK SIMONETTI and his wife, ANGELINE, spent nine days in Greece. While there martial law was in effect throughout the country and Nick insists it was purely coincidental...It's sure nice to have WALTER KAWECKI and PAT BARRY back on the job after being off sick. Good health to you guys... I would like to wish speedy recoveries to JOE SANDERS and RALPH KEANE who are on R&R at home (that's not Rock & Rye either)...JOE KENNY reports receiving a letter bomb from the guys in Bay 6...ALEX GASICK, print shop, has good reason to be

proud. His daughter, GAYE, is going to appear with actress Anne Jeffries in a play at the Pheasant Run Playhouse Feb. through Mar. 17...RICH and MARGE E. JAC are elated over the birth of their third grandchild, KEVIN, an 8 pound, ounce bouncing bundle of joy...EUGENE CORKER, Area 345, is looking for so former army buddies who served in 452nd Anti-aircraft Battalion, D Battery, during World War II. Please contact G. c/o South Shops...Rumor has it that R. GOODE has been getting his shoes shined at a topless shoe shine parlor...HENRY and BERNICE MILEWSKI enjoyed a week vacation on the paddlewheeler Delta Queen. They travelled from Minneapolis-St. Paul to St. Louis. Aboard ship they danced and were entertained...More anniversary greetings: to ROBERT and C. LEEN FUHRMAN on their 25th and THONY and EMILY GRIMALDI on their 22nd wedding anniversaries...We're close on a sad note. ADAM ZARAZA, Area 3

his mother-in-law this past month, and condolences also to TED WOSS, retired foreman, in the passing of his mother.

- Jeanne Diehl & Lawrence Bonas

TRANSPORTATION -

AMOND DAGENAIS retired as superintendent of surface operations on Feb. 1, and had combined service totalling 32½ years with CTA and the old CSL. Ray is credited with General Operations Manager



ERGE KRAMBLES (left) and Transportation Manager DAVID M. FLYNN (right), and his wife, SYLVIA, will now enjoy themselves in the warmth of Arizona, where many of their friends are living. I'll wish them a very happy and wonderful retirement... We extend our sympathy to Line Supervisor DARDEN FULFORD whose daughter, LACARISHIA, passed away on Feb. 7.

City and Emergency Service) -

and Mrs. W. J. (Pat) PORCELIUS vacationed in Las Vegas during the holidays and were greeted by a record snowfall... and Mrs. HOWARD SURRETT vacationed in Mexico where they visited Acapulco and did some deep-sea fishing... MARY HEISE with 43 years service, and G. CASEY with 30 years service, joined the ranks of the retired on Feb. 1. They will both be greatly missed and we wish them many long years of good health and business... Congratulations to CHARLES E. on his appointment as union steward of Local 726 of the Brotherhood of Teamsters... A big "Thank You" is extended to L. H. the wife of O. W. JOHNSON, for all the homemade goodies she sends to Blue Island for the many retirement festivities. Everyone extends their appreciation for all the hard work and generosity.

Transportation Instruction) -

On Feb. 1 RAY PRYOR, supervising instructor, began his retirement after 38 years of service. There was a very nice surprise luncheon for him at 69th Street which was attended by his many friends. He was also presented with a gift, which I know he appreciates and will use to great deal. Congratulations and best wishes for a very healthy, happy and won-

derful retirement, which will be spent in the Sunshine State of Florida.

- Colette Szeggyancz

52ND STREET -

JANINE COURTNEY SKIPPER was the first baby born in the Kenwood-Hyde Park area in '74. The proud parents are Operator and Mrs. J. C. SKIPPER. Janine weighed in at 8 pounds 12 ounces. The Skippers will receive gifts from merchants in the area who sponsor the "First Baby" each year... Day Foreman GUSTAVE PAVELKA retired on Feb. 1 and his co-workers from all over the system came by 52nd to see him off. H. MCGANN has replaced Gus as day foreman. H. JOHNSON, former assistant day foreman, was transferred to Kedzie Station... Our credit union's 13th annual meeting was held Jan. 25 at Bethel A.M.E. church center and was well attended. Reports were given by ERNEST A. HILL, president; TYLER M. PHILPOTT, treasurer; ROBERT B. HOLMES, chairman of the credit committee; FRED B. POWELL, chairman of the supervisory committee; CHARLES O'KANE, chairman of the membership committee, and ALVIN POTTS Jr., assistant treasurer. All reports reflected the credit union's progress and were approved unanimously by the membership. ROBERT B. HOLMES, EUGENE T. JONES and CHARLES O'KANE were again elected as members on the board, and WALTER FALLS Jr. as a member on the credit committee. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. JAMES A. PATE, Mr. and Mrs. HARVEY BEY, Mr. and Mrs. JOHN TIFY, and the wives of our attending members. Prizes were awarded and refreshments served... Best wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to LYDELL SMITH, JOHN KELLY, REGINALD TOLBERT, LAWRENCE GENTRY, JAMES RIVERS and Mrs. FLORENCE HOLMES... Too many fail to read posted notices--get in the habit of reading them daily... Protect your job and your future. RTA will help, but it all depends on what kind of service we give to the public as operators, so pitch in and do what's expected by our patrons. Better service will mean more riders, more jobs and benefits for us.

- John L. Hudson

69TH STREET -

On Jan. 2 my roommate and I were married for 36 years. This scribe, ART BUESING, hopes she has 36 more... Did you fellows see the picture of our No. 1 man, J. R. WILSON, in the last issue on the anniversary page? He was in the 40-year class. He and I are going to help HANK RISCH, soon to have 40 years also, get rid of the insides of those antique whiskey bottles he has stored up... Sure miss seeing Box Puller ED (Paperman) TIERNEY now

that he has retired... My elbow-bending friend, Box Puller CLYDE E. WOOL, also retired. Clyde was formerly from the old 38th Street barn... To make sure it was official, about 80 people stuffed themselves with food cooked by SIG WODARCZYK, and beans by LEROY MARSHALL, when Supervising Instructor RAY PRYOR retired. He is going down to Florida to play a little golf... Pensioner DAVE MCGOWAN, formerly the fastest man with a key at the vaults, can be seen buttering up BART JOHNSON at his tap on West 55th Street... Instructor BIRMINGHAM has lost so much weight (160 pounds), he also lost his pants when he stretched while painting his house... Pensioner F. C. STAWINSKI won't send me his address in Florida for fear I will out-fish him and drink all his booze... Gee, G. JAMES, I miss how you operated and picked me up after I had breakfast with Marge at Walgreens... GEORGE JAROS will be taking his pension soon... Former Superintendent E. C. TOCCI took about 50 boys from Leo High school to Notre Dame on retreat. The boys were fine, but I'm not too sure of Ernie... Pensioner MIKE HENAHAN paid us a visit with his two teenage sons. He looks like he could lead any of us down the street... TONY VANDENBERG lost his three-week Florida tan when he returned to our eight degree weather... We extend our deepest sympathy to W. J. WITTSTOCK in the loss of his mother... it is dangerous to come around the round table between 4:00 and 4:30 a.m.; J. J. KELLY will vouch for that. SCOTTY HIGGINS is there on Monday, and between F. MITTLER, DAKE, THOMAS, CHAMBERS and myself, you better not miss a meeting. In fact, MICKEY YOUNG, after indulging in Dake's picnic basket, has always brought a good supply of coffee from White Castle and homemade cake just to stay friends... Have you noticed the new look of the Transit News? How about helping by dropping a few lines of news in my mail box by the clerk's window.

From the Repair Department we hear that TOM CLEMENS took his pension on Mar. 1. Tom will make his home in Ireland... We offer our sincere sympathy to the family of JOHNNY (Pops) HEDERMANN who passed away recently... The best of luck and happiness in their retirement years to these new pensioners: BILL KELLY who retired as supervisor of material handlers; GUSTAVE PAVELKA, formerly 69th day foreman, who retired from 52nd, and JACK COOKE from the Mart... HARVEY BROCK is going on another of his famous fishing trips. I only hope he brings back some bass instead of carp this time... Here's hoping JIM CASEY will have a good time on his vacation... To C. CRACCO and JOHN JOHNSON who are on the sick list, we wish you both a speedy recovery... We wish KENNY KOELYN and his bride many long years of health and happiness.

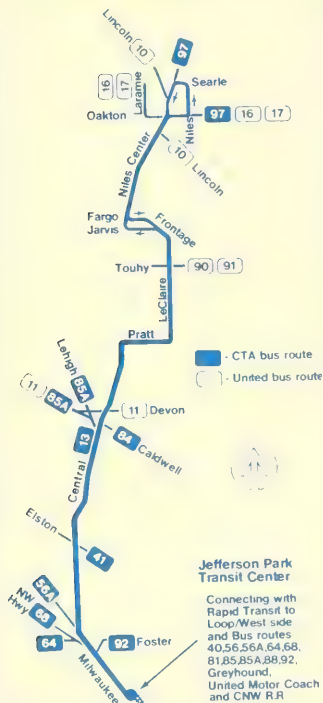
- Art Buesing & Jimmy Abner

CTA Provides More Service for Skokie



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13 Southwest Skokie



CTA's NEW weekday rush period bus service linking downtown Skokie with CTA's rapid transit terminal and bus interchange center at Jefferson Park on the city's Northwest Side started Monday, March 4.

For riders within Skokie, the new bus service features a local 25-cent fare as a result of a subsidy program provided by the Skokie Village Government.

Known as No. 13 Southwest Skokie, the new bus route also provides residents of Lincolnwood and a section of Chicago with a new "feeder" service to the Kennedy rapid transit terminal at Jefferson Park.

The Jefferson Park terminal is also a major transfer point for ten existing CTA bus routes, a North Western railroad commuter station, three routes of the United Motor Coach company, and cross-country service of Greyhound buses. Connections may be made at the Jefferson Park terminal with CTA's No. 40 buses which serve O'Hare Airport.

Service is provided Monday through Friday every 20 minutes between 6:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m., and between 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

For rides other than the local 25-cent trips within Skokie, the basic fare schedule for the new rush period bus service is as follows:

Inbound from Skokie—75 cents.

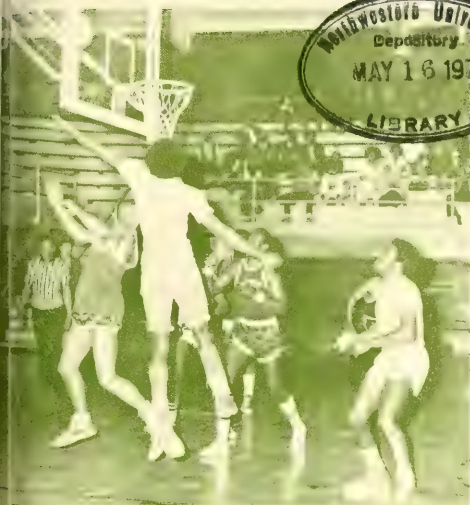
Inbound within Chicago (originating south of Pratt avenue)—45 cents.

Outbound—45 cents.

Within Skokie, free transfers may be made between the new CTA bus route and the United Motor Coach No. 16-17 Skokie bus route.

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SURE SIGNS OF SPRING



Archer Station Wins Crown as Season Ends

AFTER AN outstanding season of ten wins and one tie, the Archer Station team put it all together to defeat the highly rated North Park team 80 to 77 to win the coveted CTA Sports Program 1973-74 basketball crown in a game that spelled excitement from start to finish.

In the final game at De LaSalle High school gym, North Park led at half time 39 to 38, and at the beginning of the second half they jumped out to a seven-point lead. Archer immediately called a time out, and Coach Bankston stressed control of the boards to win. Archer quickly responded and assumed a three-point lead, a margin which was held until the final buzzer. Throughout the season Coach Bankston reminded his players that the most disciplined team would win the tournament. He feels it did.

High point man for the game was Archer forward James Reynolds who had a total of 25 points. Backing up Reynolds during the game was Tom Collins at the power forward post, Ray Garner at center, and James Wilker and Jackie Paradise, the guards.

The fans responded with an overwhelming ovation to show their appreciation to the athletes for their display of sportsmanship and excellent performance.

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Gardening in Your Yard Can be Fun and Profitable

IF YOU didn't have a reason to grow a garden before, you sure do now. With prices of vegetables being what they are it makes sense to turn a non-productive patch of your back yard into a goldmine for your dining room table.

Begin planning your garden now because the planting season is almost here.

For some within the CTA's ranks, gardening has long been a favorite warm weather avocation. Following are the case histories of five such CTA gardeners whose experiences can serve as guidelines.

For each one of the gardeners interviewed, tomatoes have annually been No. 1 on the list of vegetables in their gardens. Tomatoes come in different shapes and sizes, but cherry tomatoes are generally the easiest to grow and require the least space.

Each of the gardeners planted tomato seeds during March in the protection and warmth of their homes to give the plants a good head start before transplanting outdoors during May.

Ed Weston, relief superintendent of North Avenue Station, starts his tomatoes in six inches of dirt in peat pots sitting in dirt on the floor of his utility room. Until they are planted in the garden, he takes the pots outside into the sunshine for at least an hour each day. When the plants are about a foot high he places the pots into the ground.

Frank Vitek, assistant superintendent of 77th Street Station, starts his tomatoes in a way that insures maximum exposure to sunlight. Seeds are planted in miniature hothouses--wooden trays filled with dirt and covered with plastic (Continued Page 2)

Frank Vitek unwrapping a "hothouse."



Gardening (Continued)

food wrapping—which are placed adjacent to the glass sliding door on the south side of his house.

He also starts a second crop of tomato plants from seed in April alongside his house under the protection of neatly arranged storm windows. The "greenhouse" is removed when the weather warms up.

Art Cooper, clerk at Kedzie Station, plans to move his 18 or 20 tomato plants outdoors late in May. During June he will buy another dozen plants to add to his garden, insuring a constant supply over an extended period of time.

Preparing the earth for planting is essential to a plentiful crop according to Weston. Early in April he rototilled his entire garden, mixing in sheep manure and peat moss. He says the crust which forms on top of the earth holds in moisture as seeds germinate.

Paul Cleaver, superintendent of signals and communications, is one gardener who refuses to buy fertilizer from the store. Instead, he uses such waste materials as egg shells, used tea leaves, vegetable skins and even grass clippings which are turned into the soil.

Besides tomatoes, each of the CTA gardeners surveyed also grows lettuce. But that's where the similarity ends. The wide selection of other vegetables goes on to include beets, brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cucumbers, green beans, onions, potatoes, radishes, spinach, squash, sweet corn, sweet peppers, turnips, and zucchini. Vitek's garden offers the widest selection with a total of 14 vegetables.

Besides six common vegetables, Weston's garden includes watermelon and cantaloupe. It is, in fact, Ed's melon farming that has resulted in a 30 per cent expansion of his garden this year. "The garden was just too crowded last year," he said. "Cantaloupes reached the size of a 12-inch softball and I had to take

a watermelon into the station to show everyone how big they got. Besides that, their garden-fresh taste is just beyond comparison."

Weston's garden measures 50 feet by 20 feet. He started it four years ago to have a hobby and now it is one of his favorite pastimes. He would be quick to admit there's quite a bit of satisfaction in growing food for the dinner table, especially after walking past the produce counter in the supermarket looking at the prices.

Cleaver didn't increase the size of his garden this year but his wife has already established priorities for what to grow based on the cost of produce. "Onions, lots of onions," he said. "Frozen beans and carrots lasted until just a couple of weeks ago, but the onions hung up in the garage were all gone early in the winter."

What's he leaving off this year's roster? Green peas—according to Cleaver they just didn't come up to expectations last year. His garden measures 10 feet by 25 feet. And as for how he began gardening four years ago, Cleaver says, "That's when I moved from an apartment to our own home. Besides, I've always been curious about what makes things grow. And, you know, you can really tell the difference between fresh vegetables and packaged ones."

For Cooper gardening has been a pastime since his first victory garden in World War II. Once his entire back yard was overflowing with vegetables. Now the garden covers 10 feet by 30 feet.

In addition to planting tomatoes at two different times, Cooper also has two plantings of cucumbers in mid-May and early June, to stretch out the harvest. "I have always found gardening to be a pleasure, and seeing the prices of vegetables today really makes it worth my while," Cooper explained.

Vitek is another long-time gardener, and he sets aside a 20 foot by 40 foot plot every year. Besides starting tomatoes indoors, head lettuce and sweet peppers take well in his "hothouses."

Not only does Vitek reap a savings by not buying vegetables in the supermarket, he also saves on seed costs. "For a number of years now I have kept to seeds from acorn squash, sweet peppers and zucchini for planting during the following season," he explained.

Harold Childers, the reputed "green thumb" of Forest Glen Station, is another whose gardening dates back to World War II. His victory garden was along the Milwaukee Road tracks near Irving Park. For the last 15 years though, gardening has been confined to a 15 foot by 25 foot area behind his Norrid home. On retirement since Feb. 1, Childers will be moving soon to the warmer climate of sunny Florida where he hopes to eventually resume his hobby.

Childers liked nothing better than to walk into his garden and pick fresh vegetables which he could enjoy with dinner. In fact, the picture on page 8 of the Transit News shows him in uniform standing in his garden holding a tomato in each hand.



Heat and humidity within the "hothouse" boxes is conducive to early germination and rapid growth. Frank Vitek demonstrates transplanting into a peat pot for planting in garden.



17 Advance as L-Subway Traffic Supervisors

SEVENTEEN TRAINEES recently qualified as traffic supervisors upon completion of the Rapid Transit Supervisor Training program.

Graduates of the program have been placed in the rapid transit supervisors pool, from which they will serve assignments on a temporary basis to obtain valuable experience and be evaluated in their progress toward advancement as regular rapid transit supervisors.

Listed alphabetically, the graduates of the training program are: Braxton Atkinson, Roosevelt Cory, John Jazens, James Daugherty, Thomas Freeman, John Hinton, Jerry Johnson, Elliot Linne, Joseph Nash, Howard Orman, Thomas Overton, Louis Payne, Walter Peeples, Frank Peppers, Freeman Pickett, Gerald Rhodes and Willie Wofford.

Management personnel in the Transportation Department pictured here with the new supervisors are, from left, Edward Heatter, senior superintendent of Operations Control; James Blaa, superintendent of rapid transit operations; David Flynn, transportation manager; Ralph Tracy, superintendent of operations, and Herbert Lowenstein, superintendent of south rapid transit district.



NEW FORM SIMPLIFIES FILING FOR HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS

DISTRIBUTION AND use of a new health insurance claim form for active and retired CTA employees and their eligible dependents will start April 1974 according to William A. Ashley, manager of insurance and pensions.

The new form replaces all previous forms except the "Disability Notice" and must be completed by employees for themselves or their dependents when making claims for hospital, surgical, diagnostic or major medical benefits.

The three-page snap-out form includes (1) a cover page of complete instructions, (2) a page to be filled out by the employees and (3) a page to be completed by the doctor.

Active employees may obtain the new claim form at the location where they work. Retired employees may obtain a form by calling the CTA Insurance Department at 664-7200 or writing to the department in Room 746, Merchandise Mart Plaza, Chicago, Illinois 60654.

CTATI Students See Inner Workings of CTA

THE WINTER session of the CTA Technical Institute (CTATI) acquainted 14 more participants with the inner workings of CTA. The class included eight participants representing governmental agencies, transit properties and private corporations, as well as six CTA management-level employees.

The CTATI is a six-day seminar designed to acquaint participants with the day-to-day operation of CTA and its associated problems. It includes sessions with CTA personnel from virtually every department and is conducted by the Personnel Development Department.

Participants also get a first-hand look at transit operations by visiting a bus garage, rapid transit terminals, shop facilities, Limits Training Center, and the West Shops base of the Plant Maintenance Department.

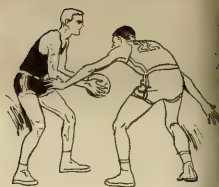


The final session included discussion of CTA's plans for the future and a presentation by a representative of the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding coordination with other transit carriers and regional planning. CTATI participants and personnel who served in an instruction capacity are pictured at the conclusion of the session.



CTA Sports News

MEL ALEXANDER, Sports Editor



At The Cubs Training Camp

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Frank Wsol, assistant station superintendent of 77th Street, on a recent visit to Scottsdale, had the pleasure of meeting Ernie Banks, CTA Board Member and Chicago Cubs coach, when he visited the Cubs spring training camp.



Ernie sends his regards to all CTA employees, and a big hello to all the operators at 77th Street Station.

Noted for his famous quips, Ernie said, "The Cubs will do more in '74 and also CTA."

77TH STREET OPERATORS BOWLING LEAGUE

Teams	W	L	Pct.
George's Arco	60	30	.667
Archer Bandits	56	34	.622
Pin Busters	56	34	.622
Road Runners	52	38	.577
500 Club	52	38	.577
Poppers	52	38	.577
Clippers	50	40	.555
Late Comers	47	43	.522
Hot Hands	41 $\frac{1}{2}$	48 $\frac{1}{2}$	.461
Boozers	41	49	.455
Baggers	40 $\frac{1}{2}$	49 $\frac{1}{2}$	.450
Tranquilizers	40	50	.444
Manipulators	39	51	.433
Toppers	35	55	.388
Spartans	34	56	.377
Misfits	25	65	.277

CTA BASKETBALL LEAGUE

(FINAL STANDINGS)

Teams	W	L	Pct.
North Avenue	8	0	1.000
69th Street	7	1	.875
Archer	7	1	.875
Kedzie "A"	6	2	.750
North Side "L"	6	2	.750
North Park	6	2	.750
77th Shop	4	4	.500
Forest Glen	4	4	.500
Kedzie "B"	3	5	.375
Beverly	3	5	.375
South Side "L"	1	7	.125
Limits	1	7	.125
52nd Street	0	8	.000
77th Street	0	8	.000

Archer Station New CTA Basketball Champs

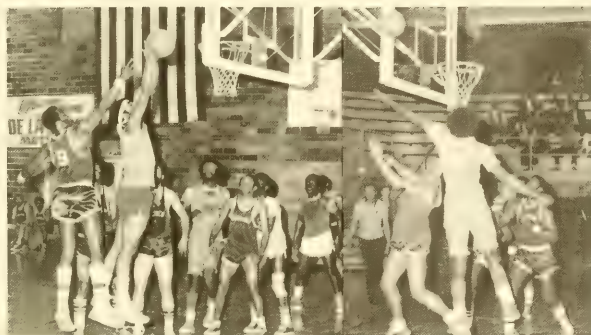
CARRYING THE fight to the boards after a go "chewing out" from Coach Bankston, the Archer Station basketball team outfought and outshot the North Park team to emerge as champions of the CTA Basketball League by a score of 80 to 77 in the tournament finale on March 22 at DeLaSalle High school gym.

With the quarter finals starting on March 8, eliminations began with North Avenue defeating 77th Shop, North Park beating 69th Street, Archer knocking off Forest Glen and North Side "L" topping Kedzie "A". In the semi-final round on March 15, Archer and North Park were the winners.

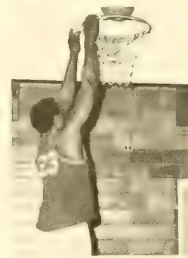
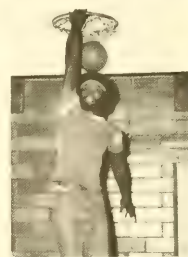
The clash between Archer and North Park was fast and furious with the score being tied 11 times during the game. After the final buzzer, the overflow crowd gave both teams a standing ovation for one of the best games of the season.



THE CHAMPS, Archer Station, had their picture taken prior to the final buzzer. In a seemingly pensive mood are, kneeling, left to right: Assistant Station Superintendent W. V. Coleman (now station superintendent at 69th Street), J. Walker, J. Paradise, G. Golden, K. Williams and R. Woods. Standing: Sports Director A. Bray, Assistant Sports Director J. Robinson, Coach H. Bankston, T. Collins, R. Garner, J. Reynolds, H. Johnson, W. Caldwell, W. Lewis and K. DuCree.



SOME OF the fast paced action of the championship game is shown in the above photos, while the bottom pictures depict the action in the consolation game between North Side "L" and North Avenue. In the left column, the starting five for Archer are, top to bottom: T. Collins, J. Reynolds, J. Walker, J. Paradise and H. Garner. In the right column the starting five for North Park are: B. Barn, C. Brown, C. McGee, B. Barry and D. Lewis.





77th St. Superintendent

John Knerr Honored at Retirement Party

JOHN AND DOROTHY KNERR were present to the large crowd in attendance at Club Allegro by Clifton Servant, chairman of the retirement party for Mr. Knerr.

UNAWARE OF what was taking place, Superintendent John Knerr received a standing ovation when the doors to the main dining room at Club Allegro rolled back and revealed the large crowd on hand to honor him.

On the night of March 16, John Knerr was the man of the hour. The occasion was a retirement farewell to a man who had shown much consideration and understanding to the men who worked for him. All of them refer to him as "the man who cared."

In addressing the large audience, Milton Pikarsky,

CTA Chairman, had high praise for Mr. Knerr.

Clifton Servant, chairman for the occasion, read a letter from T. B. O'Connor, retired general manager. The letter read in part: "You were a loyal and dedicated employee—one who accepted, as a matter of course, long hours on duty, in bad weather and good, in an earnest effort to provide the best possible service to our patrons."

A special award was presented to Mr. Knerr by Operator Robert Holtam in behalf of all the 77th Street operators.

With Next Paycheck

Report Cards Show Retirement Plan Credit

ALONG WITH paychecks distributed between April 10 and 18, all CTA employees will receive report cards showing credit with the Retirement Plan and other valuable information.

According to William A. Ashley, Plan secretary, information provided on the face of each employee's card may be used in the formula on the reverse side to estimate retirement benefits and total credit with the Plan as of the last payday of 1973. Employees with LESS than five years of service, for whom no "estimated five year average earnings" is provided, can make the projection by using the earnings credit for 1973. Employees are advised to retain the cards for ready reference.

Mr. Ashley also announced that during 1973 approval was given by the Retirement Committee to 334 retirement applications of CTA employees. Of that total, 116 applicants had reached the normal retirement age of 65 years, 163 were early retirements in the age group under 65, and 55 were disability retirements.

Exercising survivorship options were 22 retirees, three of whom chose the "all" option, three the "2" option, and 16 the "1/2" option.

Contributions to the Retirement Plan during 1973 totaled \$28,063,452—contributions by employees were \$10,341,877 and CTA contributions amounted to \$17,721,575. Approved during the year were disbursements totaling \$15,475,740 covering payments to retired employees, refunds to employees who terminated their services and to deceased employees' beneficiaries and expenses of administration.

During 1973 assets of the fund increased \$17,714,490, making a total of \$136,422,875 as of December 31, held by the Continental Illinois Bank and Trust company, trustee for the Plan.

These funds held by the trustee are invested in U.S. government securities, Farm Home Administration loans, corporate bonds and notes, common stock and CTA revenue bonds.

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (Datacenter) -

MIRION SUTHERLAND again had the good fortune to escape Chicago's bitter winter while on a sojourn on the West Coast. Included in her vacation was a visit to Las Vegas (she won but she isn't saying how much) where she saw many of the recent shows. Among other things, she was very impressed not only with the talent of Liza Minelli but with her beauty. JUAN FRUSOLONE took a disability retirement on March 1 after more than 30 years of service. Dan, we all wish you well...MARIE FOLZ has purchased a lovely condominium apartment in Highland Park. We wish you lots of luck and happiness in your new home, Marie.

- Evelyn Lee

(Yroll) -

Happy spring everyone! Wehrner von Braun wrote, "Nature does not know extinction. All it knows is transformation." Well, we can see this happening as the winter days roll by and the sun shines in. Being on vacation, your scribe found it a perfect time for spring cleanup and reeking at home...VAL BOWMAN found her leisure vacationing in Chicago visiting her family and friends...With time to travel, MARGE ORGAN visited friends in Lake Villa during her Chi-Town vacation...The old of the wild lured DORIS YOST and her hubby, FRED, to Northern Wisconsin. You can't beat those long walks through the woods...It is certainly a pleasure to see CHRIS CAMERON her chipper self again. After her recent illness, Chris would like to thank all her friends for their thoughtfulness during her stay in the hospital...Be you soon and a happy Easter to all.

- Clotilde Frankiewicz

OVERLY -

Superintendents H. BRAUN and F. ZEIGER wish to thank all the bus operators for winning the fourth quarter Interstation Safety Contest award for the 11th time. Director CLARENCE HEILBRONNER also gives the men a pat on the back, and gives a word of caution on the operation of the new buses: when you pull a new bus out of the depot and it's running when you get behind the wheel, be sure to check the farshift switch. The bus may be in reverse, and if another driver is walking between buses behind you, a serious accident could occur when you step on the gas. Sure it's nice to see Pensioner JOSEPH WILL, former superintendent, at the ISC yard festivities. He deserves all the honor due him, and we tip our hat to him.

We are fortunate in having Mr. Braun as our new superintendent. He knows every phase of bus operation and understands our problems...We wish a speedy recovery to Pensioner LEROY LILLY who had a serious car accident just before he went on pension. Keep your chin up, Leroy, as we know it was hard to have a happy birthday. We hope to see you soon...New pensioners are P. VASILOPOULOS, J. LERNER, W. PROKOP, and my old buddies from Kedzie, J. RYAN, JOHN KING and JOE (Squeaky) FINNAN. We were sorry to see Union Steward John King go on pension, as he was one of the best men we had. He was always ready to go to bat for you when you had a problem or needed help. Good luck to all of you fine old-timers, and we wish you good health in the golden years. We'll do our best to keep the street straight and spaced out, and look forward to giving you free rides ten times a day for your quart of beer...Don't forget the Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus silver anniversary dinner dance at the Martinique Garden Room on Sept. 14. Come out and have an enjoyable evening.

- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster

CTA SECURITY -

A big welcome back is extended to LES DEAN who returned after a long illness. There were a couple of housewarming parties this month. TOMMIE BOSLEY and JIM WYNN recently purchased new home-steads. How's the voltage at this one, Jim?...Good luck to HARRY LAATSCH, North Division, and RALPH VERNON, South Division, on their election to the position of divisional representative. The alternates are CHET MAZURKIEWICZ and HARVEY BELL of the North Division, and GEORGE EVANS of the South Division.

- Pat Flynn

ELECTRICAL (General Office) -

GEORGE CHRISTENSEN's home was gutted by fire over six months ago. Now the Christensens are once again back in their completely rebuilt abode and, judging from all reports, it sounds like a dream home. It was a great inconvenience for awhile but thankfully no one was injured in the fire. Best wishes for many years of happiness on Eddy street...GEORGE MATEJOVSKY, unit supervisor of signal maintenance, and his wife, MARY, accompanied his parents to Greece to attend the wedding of George's sister, CATHY. Before the wedding they visited Athens where they met THANOS, the groom-to-be. From there they went to

Thessaloniki to see Anatolia college where the bridal couple teach. The wedding was on Feb. 10 and the ceremony was celebrated in the 1,200-year old Agias Sophias (Holy Word) church. The Matejovskys rented a car and toured Halkidiki, Kasandra, Pella and Edessa. George says they enjoyed the food, shopping, and especially the people during their three-week stay and plan to return in two or three years with their three young children...We extend our sympathy to the family of S. S. DANECKE, retired superintendent of construction and maintenance, who passed away recently...When Pensioner BRUNO CZANSTKOWSKI and his wife vacationed in Florida they enjoyed a visit with ART HANSEL, also retired...Keep this date open—May 3—for the 28th annual corned beef and cabbage dinner honoring retiring personnel of the Electrical Department. It will be at Harrington's, and tickets may be obtained from the following men: H. COYNE, R. DORGAN, R. BOOTH, K. MIKOTA, W. BECKMANN, S. CHARLTON, B. JAUMAN and P. SAUVE. Come one, come all. We will have a ball...CHARLES H. PARK, the son of retired substation operator C. K. PARK, recently completed a four-year electrician apprenticeship in Local #134 I.B.E.W. He was chosen the outstanding apprentice and awarded a watch at the dinner-dance graduation ceremonies in January.

- Ray McAlister

(Chicago Avenue) -

Our opening items aren't too cheerful. It was a sad day when former Superintendent of Construction and Maintenance SYLVESTER DANECKE passed away on Feb. 22. Syl had been on disability retirement since December 1968. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family. Our sympathy is also extended to the family of Pensioner HARRY BUERGER, former lineman, who passed away March 7 after a long illness. Harry had been on pension since February 1967. His many friends

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will miss him...JACK FRAZIER recently conducted a seminar on industrial safety and first aid. The two-day session was attended by 20 men who saw movies and listened to Jack...JOHN SHEA and his son, JOHN, went with the Amvets to Springfield for a bowling event. All I could get out of John was that he enjoyed the scenery. When I mentioned scores, John just scowled...CHARLIE SALVATORE is in the hospital again. I'm sure that cards would be appreciated. Let's hope by the time this is published, Charlie will be back home.

- Ben Nielsen

FOREST GLEN -

First of all I want to thank the Forest Glen Credit Union on behalf of all the members who attended the last party. It was a lovely affair, and everyone enjoyed themselves. We're all looking forward to next year...I understand Operator UTLEY's lovely Mrs. is quite a coach operator. She drives a school bus and is loved by all her passengers...Very proud new grandparents are Operator and Mrs. GRZELAK. Their son and daughter-in-law, JACK and KATHY, presented them with twins on Feb. 21. JACKLYN MARY weighed in at 5 pounds 12 ounces and was 20 inches long, and LAURA COLLEEN checked in at 6 pounds and was 19 1/2 inches long...Another proud grandfather is Operator TONY DeMAYO whose grandson was born on Feb. 27. I understand he was passing out cigars that day. Oh well, leave it to Tony...Happy belated birthday to Operator MILLER. He claims 38 years. His lovely daughter, NICOLETTE, saved her allowance for the past year and treated the old boy to a night out...Received a card from Operator HAAK. He is enjoying the sunshine in Florida. Some people just love to rub it in. Glad you're enjoying the weather...HAROLD CHILDERS said farewell to all his co-workers when he retired Feb. 1 and turned in Badge 3002 after carrying that number for more than 37 years. He is shown in one picture as a conductor out of

healthy years of retired life...Operator J. R. MILLER just turned in 37 years of happy married life with his wife, LUCILLE. Of course he's saying his wife got the best of the deal. Yes, Miller, it must be love for Lucille to put up with you for so long...We extend our deepest sympathy to Operator ODELL ZEIGLER whose mother passed away on Feb. 9...By the way, Operator MURRAY is correct in everything he says about his new bride...Operator TONY DeMAYO is planning on a return trip to Mexico this summer. Looks like he and the Mrs. found a place they love. What's down there, Tony?...BILL LEMKE is looking forward to visiting Wisconsin again this summer...LESTER DANDERS, I suppose, will take a trip to Europe...Operator HAGERTY thinks he may use his free time working in our credit union...Operator F. ENGELTHALER will be leaving us at the end of the month. He has plans to relax and check us operators out to see how we are doing. Good luck, Frank...I've heard lots of things in my life, but when an operator wakes his wife up in the middle of the night by putting ice down her back just to talk about income tax, that's taking a tax problem quite seriously. The operator is none other than GLEN McCANN. Please, Glen, take up the subject a little earlier--your wife needs her rest.

- W. A. Henry

GENERAL OFFICE (Personnel) -

Congratulations are in order for BILL WIEHER and his wife, who presented him with a baby boy, WILLIAM...LYNN HARRER, her parents and sister took an 11-day Caribbean cruise to the Bahamas. This will be her last "singles" cruise, and she enjoyed herself immensely. Lynn's mother, VIRGINIA, is also a CTA'er in Personnel Development...The welcome mat was extended to MARIA HESS, HATTIE CHEATHAM and NANCY KUROWSKI in the Placement Department...LOIS BOOMER, typist, employee suggestions, has an addition to her family. Don't get too excited, it's her new pup, Samson...KATHY FABRY, Personnel Development, and her husband, RICH, of Skokie Shop, bought a Honda 750 motorcycle. Their new set of wheels is a good way to save on gasoline this summer. Kathy and PAT REED, Specifications, were hostesses recently at Beverly Station, the fourth quarter winner of the ISC surface award. Kathy and REBECCA WILSON of Accounting were hostesses at Jefferson Park Station, the fourth quarter winner of the ISC rapid transit award. The men really enjoyed the coffee-and...JOE and HELEN O'SULLIVAN flew to Phoenix, Arizona, and then drove into Mesa to check out their new retirement home. They'll be moving out there pretty soon and extend an invitation to all their CTA friends to come visit whenever they're passing through...AR-

THUR HUBACZ, Commander of the Combined Veterans Association of Illinois, present at Governor Walker's signing proclamation designating the week of March 2 through 9 Veteran Organizational Week.

(Insurance & Pensions) -

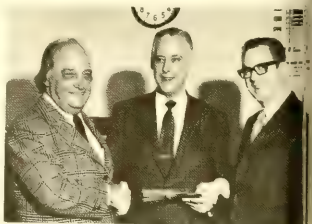
We wish lots of luck to MARGARET MACHINSKI, typist I, who left CTA to join the navy and see the world...The welcome mat is extended to HOLLY ROSCHMAN, typist.

(Office Services) -

Best wishes were extended to SIDNEY JACOBSON who took his retirement March 1. Welcome to EDWARD O'SHAUGHNESSY, former bus operator from Beverly, who took his place...LARRY SHIELDS and his wife spent six wonderful weeks in sunny Florida. We send envy both of you.

(Communications & Marketing) -

We welcome BILL ROBINSON, clerk, to the department. Bill transferred from 77th Street Station, replacing FRANK DISCH who retired Feb. 1. Good luck on your new position, Bill...A familiar voice in the Travel Information Section hung up the phone for the last time on Jan. 1. LARRY PROVOST officially closed out his 31-year transit career when he accepted



his retirement portfolio and a handshake from Communications and Marketing Manager THOMAS BUCK (left) and Public Information Supervisor JOHN BURGESS.

(Treasury) -

Central Counting welcomes RON NORTCUTT as our new custodial engineer. R replaced ERIC SMITH who is now on a prentice electrician at Skokie Shop. R has been with CTA for three years...T boss, FELIX PALILUNAS, can hardly wait for the golfing season to begin. He is eager to defend his championship at Central Counting. He earned the title last season with a sweep of the South Shops Division 241 golf tournaments...BERNDETTE WEATHERS struck another big against bachelorhood when she and GRANT MOSELEY, Central Counting money handler, announced they will succumb to the urge to merge on Aug. 10. Congratulations and the best of luck, Mose...Let's hope the Baggers improve on their record in the 77th Street operators' bowling league. M



Limits, and in the other displaying some of the huge tomatoes he grew in his garden last summer. His wife, DOROTHY, insists Harold has a green thumb. All the fellows at Forest Glen wish them many happy and

NEW PENSIONERS

Pailunas was really worried when the Baggers dropped three last week...JOHN POPE took his annual Florida vacation during March, spending two weeks in sunny Miami and coming back with a tan to prove it.

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neumaner

LOOP -

Everyone on the Kennedy line was saddened to hear that Superintendent JOHN ZUPKO had been transferred to a new position in the Maintenance Department. As much as he will be missed, we are happy to see him move on to bigger and better things...Agent DAVE GRAFMAN left on March 16 for a ten-day visit with his son and family. They just moved into a new home in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Dave had his bags full of gifts and goodies for his three beloved grandchildren. Needless to say the kiddies were anxiously awaiting grandpa's arrival...Belated birthday greetings to DOROTHY PARKER, March 14, and our favorite leprechaun, MINNIE DIKEMAN, who shares the same natal day as St. Patrick, March 17, begorrah...Pensioner ADAM WAAS sends greetings to all his CTA friends. Adam is working part-time now and enjoying all the comforts of home in his leisure time... Agent MONICA LAMKE enjoyed three restful weeks of relaxation at home on her February vacation...Transit News Reporter GRACE MOUNTS and her hubby spent two active, fun-filled weeks in Florida. They visited with her sister and her son and their families... Happy retirement to Agents DOROTHY FORD, J. VANEK and ED SEGERSON, Happy days to all of you... Your co-reporter, MILDRED DOYLE, is still on the sick list as of this writing. She sends thanks to all for the many cards and calls received and says keep in touch. Mildred is recovering slowly but surely with the help of therapy treatment...I'm sure you have all noticed a shortage of news in our column. With one reporter off sick and the other working midnights, the news has been hard to come by. Please lend a helping hand and send in any news items you may have. Contact MARY WIXTED on 2520 between 10:30 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday. If you work different hours have a friend on midnights relay your news. Thank you...In closing, congratulations and our very best wishes to all the new agent foremen...Keep smiling!

- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wixted

LIMITS -

Greetings...The next time you see Operator GLASS, shake his hand. He's the proud father of a 6½ pound baby boy named ELROY. How about that! Keep up the good work, fella...Condolences go out to Operator J. CLAY in the death of his mother-in-law...Well, now that basketball season is

over it's time to play softball. Let's do better this year, fellows...The next time you see R. BROWN, pat him on the back. It seems he did a good thing for a change--he made a movie for the Manor South Deering girl scout troop which was very good...Well, that's about it for now. Remember, if you have any news, let me know!

- Charles Turner

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT -

We just got the news--YOLENE CLAUDE, utility clerk in Purchasing, who has been on maternity leave, is the proud mother of a lovely little bundle of joy, MARIE RENE, born Feb. 21 weighing 8 pounds 9 ounces. Lucky you to have another baby girl!... FRANK TAMBURINNO, order clerk in Stores, is still in the clouds. As of this printing he has 178 days to go. We are all going to help TONI DIGIOVANNI count the days for Frank. Toni has left for Las Vegas. Hope you don't lose too much. FRANK MAGUIRE, specifications engineer, and his wife, ANN, spent four days there. They took in many of the shows--a great specialty of Mr. Maguire. He enjoyed the "Lido" Follies, along with Abbe Lane, Jack Carter and Robert Goulet. In the meantime his wife met Liberace, got his autograph, and took in the winnings from the slot machines. Frank says he is not lending any money to anyone!...MARVIN CASTLE, stock clerk I in Storeroom 42, can't believe that this scribe doesn't know who he is. He has been with CTA for 31 years and said everyone knows him. Marvin is flattered and proud of receiving a letter from Mayfair college telling him his son, GEORGE, made the dean's list. George is also the sports editor of the school paper. We'll try to save a spot for George in the sports section...CASANDRA DENNIS, the daughter of CHARLES DENNIS, stock clerk I in Storeroom 30, will be 18 years old on April 19...DON POWELL, stock clerk I in Storeroom 32, blew out the candles on his birthday cake March 19. On March 26, he and his lovely wife celebrated eight years of wedded bliss...Welcome aboard to LOU KASPER, our new stock clerk I in Storeroom 42...Senior Clerk JOE MICHAUD will celebrate his second anniversary at Storeroom 42. Hope you have many more happy years at Skokie Shop...GEORGE LINDEN has climbed the ladder of success at Skokie Shop. He is now divisional storekeeper. NICK LACORCIA is following in his footsteps--he's now assistant storekeeper...SAM CANNELLA, fork lift operator, and his wife became proud grandparents of a bouncing baby boy...MICHAEL JOHN, who weighed in at 7 pounds 5½ ounces. Congratulations!...RON TABOR, specifications engineer, went on a tour of the Pabst brewery in Milwaukee but didn't bring anything back. How's the beer, Ron?..The third session of the CTA Management Institute was attended by JACK GUBBINS, Stores-South Division,

ATRICK J. CANNON, Laborer, Storerooms-South, Emp. 1-23-43
CHARLES M. CHRISTENSEN, Operator, North Park, Emp. 1-9-36
JOSEPH B. CURRAN, Operator, Beverly, Emp. 4-30-42
ETER J. DOWALL, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 11-9-36
JOSEPH P. FINNAN, Operator, Beverly, Emp. 6-25-37
NTON HADAC, Operator, Lawndale, Emp. 7-17-41
JOHN L. HEFFERNAN, Operator, Beverly, Emp. 1-6-48
TANLEY R. HYERCZYK, Operator, Archer, Emp. 9-25-42
JOHN IOVINO, Trackman II, Frack & Structures, Emp. 7-7-42
GEORGE J. JAROS, Operator, 59th Street, Emp. 3-30-42
PERCY F. JOSEPH, Supervisor, District B, Emp. 3-26-45
MARION E. KARIOLOCH, Janitor, Kedzie, Emp. 11-29-40
CHARLES E. KEELER, Traffic Clerk, Schedules, Emp. 8-13-36
JOHN A. KNERR, Superintendent, 77th Street, Emp. 4-27-37
ERWIN D. KRUMREY, Foreman, South Shops, Emp. 11-30-45
CARL H. LINDQUIST, Act'g Gen'l Foreman, Skokie Shop, Emp. 3-10-37
ROCCO MALFESE, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 11-25-42
PETER M. MOROWSKI, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 6-3-47
RAYMOND C. NEWMAN, Bus Repairer, North Avenue, Emp. 2-8-39
SARA J. O'ROURKE, Clerk, Accounting, Emp. 3-19-42
JOHN PAAKONEN, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 10-13-36
GARNER T. PLEASANT, Repairman, 61st Street, Emp. 11-5-52
EDWARD R. REICHARD, Attorney, Law, Emp. 9-3-29
LOUIS SANTINELLI, Conductor, West Section, Emp. 8-12-41
HERBERT R. SCHMIDT, Clerk, Forest Glen, Emp. 2-19-44
JOSEPH STANTON, Assistant Foreman, Buildings & Grounds, Emp. 12-3-41
JOSEPH VANEK, Agent, West Section, Emp. 11-30-36
ELMER C. WILLENBROCK, Operator, North Park, Emp. 8-26-42

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

DANIEL BALANDIS, Foreman, Buildings & Grounds, Emp. 7-29-48
MICHAEL J. KORZEN, Div. Storekeeper, Stores-North, Emp. 12-1-42

Service anniversaries in April

**45
years**



C. F. McDermott,
West Section



R. J. Simon,
North Park

**40
years**



J. Milos, Building Maintenance

A. R. Ecker,
North Avenue

35 years

C. E. Cameron, Accounting
R. G. Ellerbeck, South Shops
C. W. Guzik, West Section
T. E. Pietrus, South Shops

30 years

R. C. Baird, Building & Grounds
C. Johnson, 77th Street
G. J. Mendyk, Limits
C. Petrella, Datacenter
M. M. Stipati, West Section
M. Sullivan, Limits

25 years

D. J. Carroll, Track & Structures
C. Gillespie, Building & Grounds
M. Murphy, Skokie Shop
K. O'Flaherty, West Section
E. A. Sapinski, South Shops
J. W. Stewart, Surface Instruction-South
B. Tetyk, South Shops

and ROD DAUGHERTY of Specifications. Everyone agreed the time was well spent. It gave them a chance to get acquainted with the vast CTA operations. STU MAGINNIS of Personnel Development and his staff are to be congratulated for their efforts in directing the course...Let's hear more from the bench, gang!

- Priscilla Kamradt

MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

The news may be a little short this month as my co-reporter, KATY MORIARTY, was training for a new job, and I was vacationing in Florida for three weeks taking in all the sights and enjoying the sun. I also visited with my son and his family for six days as I hadn't seen them for two years. My driving was limited due to the gas shortage south of Tampa and along the West Coast...LINDA TAPINS and her husband celebrated 22 years of wedded bliss on March 16. Congratulations and we hope you have many more...BETTY RUSSO had a day of leisure on March 13 when she celebrated 27 years with CTA. DOROTHY FORD celebrated 20 years of service on the same day. FRED FRIEB celebrated 28 years on March 11...Congratulations to the Jefferson Park trainmen on winning the Interstation Safety Contest Award for the second time in a row. Transportation Manager DAVID M. FLYNN presented the plaque to Station Superintendent MIKE

VELTRI while Superintendents JOHN ZUPKO, R. J. SUTA, R. A. ROESING and KENNY BROWN looked on with pride. Each trainman received a key to the treasure chest, with the grand prize going to G. KOLMAN. It was a night on the town for two, to see the stage play at the Drury Lane Theatre with dinner at the Martinique. M. COLON won the coffee pot; J. MORALES won the instamatic camera, and O. MILLER won the electric fondue. Keep up the good work, fellows, and let's keep the treasure chest at Jefferson Park...D. CASILINO was on vacation during the week of March 10...With Katy moving on to better things, I'll be in the market for a new co-reporter. Anyone interested please call me at 2513.

- Grace Mounts & Katy Moriarty

NORTH AVENUE -

The good old lunch team of H&M should be out again trying to find new ways not to win friends or influence waitresses...Wonder if Clerk BOB STACH's daughter, JUDY, could tell us why someone would try to "break in" to their new home...Operator HERB OFFERGELT and his wife, MARIE, would have enjoyed their Florida vacation much more if they had Florida plates on their car. It would have made it a lot easier getting gas. Clerk ART COOPER and his better half (and his golf clubs) made the same trip, only by plane.

Wonder how she liked her first plane ride...Senior Station Instructor JIM BROGA and his wife, EVELYN, headed down to New Orleans, then to Phoenix, Arizona where their autyomobubble broke down. The balance of the trip to Los Angeles we made via the big white dog. They did pick up the car again, and made stops at Disneyland and Knott's Berry Farm. A ver nice vacation in spite of the problems...Retired operator T. KAY writes from California that he's enjoying his pension. That's probably because he's riding t cable cars...Now that Box Puller T. MURPHY is out of the hospital, he's decided to take his pension and leave all the hard work to his buddy, CHARLEY BARGLIA...We'd like to offer belated congratulations to retired rapid transit superintendent WILLARD MURBACH and his ne bride...Switchboard Operator LOU DRAH is back at work after an extended illness. Clerk BOB ARENDT still seems to prefer the company of all those pretty shop nurses. Let's get well and get back...Operator D. M. VILLANUEVA was recently appointed supervisor. That's great, Pancho, but why up in District D?...A belated happy birthday to retired trainman AKSE WINDFELD who celebrated his 85th birthday March 13...Instructor JOE DAUGIR serves a good cup of coffee at Mt. Prospect smorgasbord...Our wishes for a speedy recovery to Operator R. MARTINEZ who recently underwent open-heart surgery. All of us here at North Avenue extend our

st sincere sympathy to District C Superintendent PAT KEHOE in the loss of his wife, and to instructors JOHN CRAIG and PANIK in the loss of their uncle and her, respectively.

erators ED BRODERICK and ED R. COESS, and Repairman STANLEY KLINK big up the working garments and took fir well-earned retirement. Operator Coess' retirement left much speculation of the part of the Grand avenue operators to the welfare of Operator LUCAS. Don't fret, Luke, you may be fortunate enough to get Operator FRITZ MOELLER as a leader...At the time of this writing we find Box Puller LEONARD CZAJA enjoying a vacation...Congratulations to Supervisor L. J. FLETCHER on his new appointment...North Avenue Station's most eligible bachelor, Supervisor DANIEL GILES, has committed himself to being engaged. (es says he has withheld the lucky young fly's name for security reasons. Watch future columns for a revelation of the name...Belated happy returns of the day to Operator DORSEY MUMBOWER who celebrated his 55th birthday on March 13, and to all the many men of North Avenue Station who were born during that month...Speedy recovery is wished for basketball fan coach, Operator WADE SIMMONS. Rumors had a slight mishap during the game with the Forest Glen team...We wish safe trip to Operator ARVEL MILLS and his son as they travel to Corpus Christi, Texas, due to the illness of Mills' mother. Operator JOE KRZAK and his wife, ELEANOR, have returned from their vacation. They visited Pensioner JOHNNY PHUH in Youngstown, Arizona, and Pensioner EARL PETERSON in Sun City, Arizona. Earl is former superintendent of Eddie and Limits Stations...Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Pensioner RAYMOND A. KUSTOHS in his recent passing...Our visitors during the month included Pensioner VITO LOCONE, now residing in McHenry, Illinois, and Pensioner JOHN MCINTOSH of Chicago...The deep, melodious baritone voice in St. Angela's choir belongs to our talent discoverer of the month, Operator JEROME BERRY DUBIN...We wish you all a very happy Easter even if you do have to wear a GA uniform in the Easter parade. We can't all be off that day...See you all purty soon.

- Walter Blix & Aaron Pruitt

NORTH PARK -

The North Park Credit Union annual business meeting was held Friday, Jan. 11, at Lancer Park Fieldhouse. Dividends were declared and refreshments served. The following won door prizes: Ms. JOAN FEINBERG, Mrs. DOROTHY STEINBERG, Mrs. ISABEL GOETTERT, Mrs. SUE PETERS, Mrs. ANN WISNIEWSKI, Mrs. MARY STEINBEISS, Mrs. MARGE TINE-ELLA and Mrs. SAUER, Pensioners TIM

RIORDAN, MIKE KRAUSE, MARTIN DEVANEY and JULIUS MERSCH, Operators MEL HORNING, HOMER REED, FRANCIS GALLAGHER, SAM BAKER, CHARLES McCALPIN, ED BURTON, BOB KESSLER, BILL SMALL, PETER WILLEMSSEN, HENRY SCHRAMM and CHARLES SAUER, Chief Clerk RAY SIMON, Janitor BRUNO MENCARINI, Pensioner JOE KARASEK and Instructor WALTER STEINBEISS...Our congratulations go to Pensioner JOHN MILLER and his wife, MILDRED, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary March 21 with a party hosted by their sons, RON and LARRY, who are a.m. clerks for the CTA...Pensioner GARRETT FOY, who is living in Jasonville, Indiana, has started his spring garden. With winter hunting activities behind him, he is going to be kept busy harvesting his vegetable output...Pensioner WILLARD GILL and his wife, LILL, have purchased a mobile home and are now living with the rest of the CTA colony in Forsyth, Missouri. Will's address is P.O. Box 83, Forsyth, Missouri 65653...Pensioner PATRICK HEIRTY has left Chicago for warm climates. Pat's new address is 8444 Austin, Pinellas Park, Florida 33565...Operator LEN BAEUCHLER spent two weeks in Belen, New Mexico, visiting his daughter and son-in-law, LYNN and ROBERT WILLARD. Len's next stop was for two weeks at Phoenix, Arizona, where he stayed with his brother, EDWARD, and his wife, ELEANOR. They enjoyed several rounds of golf and a few visits to the races...Supervisor GENE ADAMS received a commendation from Mrs. Bannon of the Evanston Review newspaper. Gene was directing traffic around the intersection at Oak and Church streets and Mrs. Bannon was very impressed by Gene's action...MARCIA O'BRIEN, the 16-year old daughter of Operator EDDIE O'BRIEN, was graduated from St. Mary's High school. As yet she is undecided on her college choice...Operator JIM DOLAN and his wife, RITA, became grandparents for the first time recently. They are proud as peacocks of the new arrival...The bi-annual mass and communion breakfast of the St. Joseph Branch of the Little Flower Society was held Sunday, April 7, in St. Patrick's church at Adams and Desplaines. North Park was again well represented...Our sympathy and condolences are extended to the family of Pensioner HAROLD KING, and to Operator JOSEPH ESPOSITO in the loss of his sister, MARY PORTO...Superintendent ALEX JOHNSON and his wife, HELEN, hosted a party for Helen's mother, Mrs. EMMA REDKER, on her 75th birthday. The celebration, attended by members of the family, was held at Lancer's restaurant...RALPH McDONALD, who was on sick leave, is now working at the Mart as receptionist in the Executive Offices...The following have been off sick and our prayers are with them for a fast recovery: FRANCIS GALLAGHER, ROBERT CIESLA, WILLIAM PERO Jr., J. JIMINEZ and Box Puller DAVID YAO...

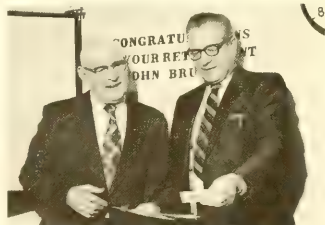
Operator ELMER WILLENBROCK began pensioned life on April 1. His many early-rising friends at Clark Street bid him adieu with lots of gifts.

Repair department Chit-Chat: The repair department welcomes TONY KASMAN, assistant day foreman, who replaced new Pensioner ANDY KARIOOLICH...North Park personnel retiring were Repairman FRANK SCHENDL, 32 years; Servicemen TOM LENIHAN, 33 years, and GEORGE WITT, 31 years. A party was held at the garage and gifts were given to the new pensioners...At this writing Repairman DAN PRISBLE is hospitalized at Bethesda hospital. The prayers of the men are with Dan for a speedy recovery...Repairman PAUL SCHREVES and JULIUS CONLEY are still home recovering from surgery and hope to be back soon...Assistant Foreman JOE COUGHLIN and his wife, DOROTHY, vacationed at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, staying at the Ocean Manor motel where they enjoyed the sand and sun...Clerk EARNIE LOTITO and his wife, ELSIE, and their son and daughter-in-law, ALLEN and BONNIE, vacationed in Las Vegas. They stayed at the Frontier hotel where they enjoyed the singing of Wayne Newton...Repairman BUCKY BAKER was installed as sergeant at arms of Wauconda American Legion Post 911...Congratulations to the North Park garage force on their winning of a quarterly award...Assistant Foreman TONY KASMAN had his home and garage carpeted. Now his new Chrysler feels at home...The welcome mat is extended to North Park's new garage members who came on the recent system pick.

- Melvin Horning

NORTH SECTION -

Retired Supervisor CHARLIE SOUTHARD is in the hospital having undergone surgery. We wish you a speedy recovery, Charlie, and once out of the hospital we hope you enjoy your retirement more fully...The North Side employees held a farewell party for Superintendent of North



Side Agents JOHN BRUCKER, who retired Feb. 1 after 31 years of service. Doing the honors at the Howard Street office was Assistant Superintendent of Operating Stations CARL GIBES (right). Our best

wishes for a long and happy retirement, Mr. Brucker. We will all miss you!...Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of North Side Clerk ORLANDO MENNICUCCI in the recent death of his mother...Welcome back to North Side Secretary MARY GALLON and Clerks LOUIE LOEBAKKA and GEORGE HENKE. All were recently on the sick list...Once again the employees are beginning to pick vacation time. It reminds us of a night at the tables in Vegas. Let's hope the fuel situation will be better by vacation time so that trips can be made and vacation dreams can come true...BRIAN W. ROONEY, the son of Superintendent BILL ROONEY, Kimball Station, received his master's degree in psychology from Illinois State university at Normal. It just goes to show that there are some brains in the Rooney family. . . A question to all North Side employees--Do you look for this column? If so, and you have any news, send it in so it will appear in Transit News. You can leave it with the clerks at the Kimball office.



- Tina Henke

PLANT MAINTENANCE -

Apologies first--I mentioned in a previous issue that STACEY KUDELKA was the new-born son of Mr. and Mrs. S. KUDELKA, tinner foreman. Sorry--Stacey is a GIRL, the first in the family. Three lasses with a wet noodle!..A little late but a BIG welcome to J. J. MARCY, construction inspector. He's the good guy with the white helmet...A fond adieu to J. J. MARSZALEK who left West Shops for the Mart. We miss you a lot, Joe...PAUL ANDERSON retired Feb. 28 after 48 years with CTA. He was always there to help anyone with whatever question they might have. It was a pleasure knowing you, Paul. A long and happy retirement is wished for you and MARIE. . .STEPHEN EDWARD RIGNEY was born Feb. 18 weighing 7 pounds 7 ounces. The proud parents are CONNIE and Machinist JAMES RIGNEY...I hope when W. C. HALLFORD, supervisor of escalator maintenance, returns from his fishing trip in Texas, that he brings back a few for you-know-who...I have a big request to make to all at the West Shops: PLEASE, how about bringing in some news. Drop it off in the office. Thanks.

- Jeanne Scott

RAIL VEHICLE TERMINALS -

Congratulations to LARRY MONAGHAN on his recent promotion from instructor to

general foreman of Springfield Shop. . . Good luck to DOM NICOSIA on the purchase of a new Ford Maverick. I guess he's trying to spend some of his sweepstakes winnings...Congratulations to Instructor HAROLD YOUNG who became a grandfather for the second time...Foremen MATT COYLE and HENRY DICKERSON, 98th Street Terminal, surprised their men with coffee and rolls for winning the safety award...Everyone wishes a speedy recovery to Repairman MARC PAYNE, Wilson Terminal, who is off sick...Lots of luck to R. REUTELL, combination clerk at Wilson, on his new bid for electrician helper... Good luck to Repairman EARL JOHNSON, Desplaines Terminal, on the purchase of a new Ford Maverick. Now all Earl needs is a wife. . . The office personnel welcome PHIL ALCONTORS to Desplaines Terminal. Phil was just promoted to combination clerk...Sorry to hear about L. KASPER's transfer. Lots of luck to him on his new job at Skokie Shop...CHUCK MEYERS, yard inspector at Forest Park Terminal, is home recuperating after his operation. Everyone wishes him a speedy recovery... Clerk ED STAMBORSKI did a wonderful job in replacing C. VANDERVEST who was off sick...C. WILLIAMS, 98th Street Terminal, and his pretty wife, LOIS (who did some modeling), are very happy with the purchase of their new home in Blue Island. HAROLD BIGGS was saving his money for a new car, but decided that he wanted to be Williams' neighbor. He also bought a home in Blue Island...Lots of luck to our youngest car servicemen, J. M. O'CONNELL and T. E. HURLEY, on their repairman training...Enjoying his vacation while working around the house was J. NICKEL...It's system pick time again and we are all sorry to lose J. ARMSTRONG and R. LONDON to 61st Street Terminal. But good luck in your new locations.

- Frank Pickett

SKOKIE SHOP -

Spring training for the Skokie Shop softball team began April 1. Player Representative WALLY ONYSIO is predicting a good season. According to Wally, last season was the team's first year in league competition. Team Captain WITOLD SKORUPSKI says a lot will depend upon the attempted comeback of one-time star first baseman DICK WILSON, also known as Tricky Dick. Anyone interested in playing ball should contact Skorupski...We would like to wish good luck to BILL EBERHART who is learning how to play the harmonica. Thanks to his instructor, DAN O'BRIAN, Bill can now play "Home on the Range." Dan says that with a little luck, Bill will be able to play "Far, Far Away" in no time. (The farther away the better!)...The welcome mat is out to MIKE O'SHAUGHNESSY and S. L. THOMPSON, Paint Shop, LARRY VANDERHORST Jr., Electrical Department, and Laborers JOHN ZOHN

and STANLEY CALDWELL...Our deepest sympathy is extended to RON PIANTKOVSKI and his family in the loss of his mother, HELEN...Sorry to have to report the early retirement of BOB BINNIE, Electrical Department, who will be moving to Redington Shores, Florida. Bob says his new home will be completed May 1. He has been with the CTA more than 39 years and has been union steward of the Control Department for the past seven years. Good luck from all of us, Bob...We wish BILL LITTLE, Paint Shop, a speedy recovery. Hurry back, Bill. . .BILL (Big Dadd) MEANY, laborer, will be in charge of the steak dinner at St. Timothy's church on May 17. Have fun, Bill...PATRICK METTLER, the son of Upholsterer KEN METTLER, celebrated his fifth birthday March 15. Happy birthday, Pat...We would like to wish MARY JANE ARSENAU the best of luck. Mary Jane was very happy when she announced that she will become mother for the first time in mid-summer. The proud father-to-be is WILLIAM ARSENAU of North Park Garage. I would like to thank Mary Jane for her fine assistance in helping your scribe with Transit News.

- Pat Harnett

SCHEDULES -

JOE SABOL received a letter from Pensioner PAT LENIHAN and his wife, MOLIE, saying they will pay us a visit from sunny California...Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM STANLEY celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary on Valentine's day. Congratulations to the happy couple. . . At the writing, Typist DOROTHY ETSCHIED is home recuperating from surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery...Pensioner JOE DEGRAZIA paid us a visit and looks very good. He says he is kept quite busy around the house. . . The department received card from Pensioner W. P. DEVEREAUX who is visiting in Chattanooga. From the it'll be Orlando, Florida...Happy East and a happy springtime to all!

- Kathryn Batina

SOUTH SHOPS -

I am sorry to have to start off this column on a sad note. We extend our deepest sympathy to LENNY WIENCEK in the sudden death of his mother, SOPHIE...We come back to TOM ALFRED who spent week in Mexico. He did a great deal of sightseeing, sunning and of course spent some time with some senioritas...TE PIETRUS spent his vacation with his wife WICKY, and grandchildren in Colorado. He explored the slopes, and I am happy report that it was a very safe holiday for everyone...MARTHA JUGIN, unit recorder, celebrated 21 years with the company on March 12...JOHN LIPKA, Technical Services, and his wife, LOUVAIN, a

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

BERT BURNETT, 88, 77th Street,
Ep. 1-12-10, Died 3-3-74
CEPH CRAIG, 92, North Avenue,
Ep. 9-10-10, Died 2-6-74
VESTER S. DANECKE, 65, Electrical,
Ep. 8-13-29, Died 2-22-74
WILLIAM P. EGAR, 74, Electrical,
Ep. 7-22-18, Died 2-11-74
JES F. FLYNN, 85, 77th Street,
Ep. 4-28-20, Died 2-14-74
EN J. FLYNN, 82, District A,
Ep. 2-25-19, Died 2-17-74
DUDE C. GILLESPIE, 84, District A,
Ep. 5-7-18, Died 3-5-74
ENARD J. GRAHAM, 91, Lake Street,
Ep. 4-16-10, Died 2-18-74
STURUN HANSEN, 68, Stores,
Ep. 12-8-26, Died 2-18-74
WILLIAM D. HART, 65, Utility,
Ep. 3-2-43, Died 2-16-74
WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, 74, Security,
Ep. 1-12-26, Died 2-19-74
BERT O. JOHNSON, 75, North Park,
Ep. 12-28-42, Died 2-6-74

HJALMAR G. JOHNSON, 77, Kimball,
Emp. 8-19-18, Died 2-12-74
GEORGE A. KLOPKE, 90, 69th Street,
Emp. 9-7-06, Died 1-30-74
ALLEN E. KRIMBLEBINE, 74, Comptroller,
Emp. 1-15-25, Died 2-7-74
RAYMOND A. KUSTOHS, 64, North Ave.,
Emp. 3-6-34, Died 2-27-74
THOMAS E. MALONEY, 78, 77th Street,
Emp. 3-29-17, Died 2-26-74
THOMAS S. MCGOVERN, 65, Law,
Emp. 8-31-37, Died 2-14-74
JAMES McREYNOLDS, 79, 69th Street,
Emp. 6-6-18, Died 2-12-74
JOSEPH T. MILLER, 79, West Section,
Emp. 9-6-16, Died 3-1-74
WILLIAM R. MOONEY, 62, North Section,
Emp. 1-27-49, Died 2-8-74
JAMES C. PEDERSEN, 72, West Section,
Emp. 1-9-22, Died 2-13-74
EDWARD J. PEVITTS, 75, West Section,
Emp. 8-23-44, Died 2-13-74

PETER F. PEITSCH, 69, 69th Street,
Emp. 11-6-33, Died 2-28-74
JOHN J. RIORDAN, 84, South Section,
Emp. 9-10-20, Died 2-25-74
CHARLES W. ROSS, 82, Devon,
Emp. 5-14-24, Died 2-9-74
HENRY RUSSO, 80, Way & Structures,
Emp. 4-5-22, Died 2-1-74
EDWARD J. SHEFCIK, 77, 77th Street,
Emp. 3-6-28, Died 2-6-74
GEORGE W. SPEERS, 80, Logan Square,
Emp. 5-29-23, Died 1-31-74
GREGORY H. STEPHENSON, 67, Engr.,
Emp. 10-26-33, Died 2-6-74
ANTE SUSNYARA, 78, Track,
Ep. 4-19-21, Died 2-10-74
JOHN SZAFIARSKI, 85, Way & Structures,
Emp. 10-22-23, Died 2-3-74
DAVID E. WESTERLUND, 83, Lawndale,
Emp. 5-26-20, Died 12-2-73
ERVIN A. ZIELKE, 60, Keeler,
Emp. 6-26-44, Died 2-17-74
JOHN ZIEMBA, 74, North Avenue,
Emp. 2-13-26, Died 2-2-74

try to say that the set of bone china
bored while Louvaine was in England
a September has arrived safe and sound.
Await their invitation to a formal din-
ner party. . . We would like to welcome
RALPH KEANE, Area 334, temporarily
assigned to Technical Services, back after
a leave eight weeks off. Ralph was recov-
ering from a broken ankle after a hole in
the sidewalk got the best of him. Ralph
would like to announce the engagement of
his daughter, NANCY, to GARY MITTEL-
MEYER. An October 1975 wedding is being
planned. . . We also would like to welcome
the Dynamic Duo, JERRY KILLMAN and
DON TARNOWSKI, Technical Services,
back from their 5½ month stay in Pontiac,
Michigan. They were top-notch inspectors
of the new 7400 series buses coming to us
from GMC. Don is back to all his tricks
and is still ready, willing and (maybe) able.
Jerry, on the other hand, was hooked. On
Feb. 8 Jerry wed the former SHEILA
KIDDER of Drayton Plains. At the time of
the catch, Sheila was working as a secre-
tary for GMC in Pontiac. Congratulations
to both of you. . . JIM FORRESTAL, Area
8, is being accused of carrying fishhooks
in his pocket. Jim should also be proud
because his son, FRANCIS, was a winner of
a Ray Brennan Memorial Scholarship
(established in honor of the Sun-Times re-
porter). Francis is a journalism student
at once worked for the CTA. . . In this day
and age commendations are hard to come
by but WILLIE PICKET received one from
one of the employees of the Union Oil
Company. Here is one of the many nice
things that they had to say about Willie:
"He is friendly and cooperative, and to us
it means a great deal during these hectic
times." So if you've seen Willie with an
extra big smile, now you know why. He

certainly deserves it. . . Welcome back to
our two ace hunters, LENNY WIENCEK
and WALLY FEULNER, who just returned
from a three-day hunting trip at Plata's
Pheasant Ranch in Wood Dale. As you can
see, the first morning's hunt was a pretty



good trip. The only sad note was the ac-
cident that Len's brother, RICH, had. It
seems that while trying to cross a barbed
wire fence he dropped his shotgun and it
discharged accidentally, killing his hunting
dog, Frankie. It was understandable that
Rich didn't feel like hunting for the re-
mainder of the trip. . . Congratulations to
RENA SABOL who received her driver's
license on March 8. Look out, everybody!

Out in the Shop, the Bay 6 Bombers soft-
ball team is getting ready for the coming
season. This year's draft choices will be
Budweiser and Old Style. . . Retired Machine
Shop Foreman TED WOOS has moved to
Hollywood Hills, Florida. Ted is willing to
rent his spare room to any friends who
vacation down there. . . TOM (Gypsy) VUJ-
NOVICH sure is a proud father these days.
His son, MIKE, received trophies for first
and second place and a sportsmanship

award while playing in the Midget Division
of the American Hockey League. Nice
going, Mike. . . LOUIS ALLEVA is another
proud father. His daughter, NANCY, a
senior at Bloom High school, received a
second place award in the Office Education
Association area competition at Thornton
High school. . . Sure is nice to see the smil-
ing face of BEN MALONE, who is back on
the job after being off for a few months. . .
Retired Machinist SAM GLOVER stopped in
to see the boys recently. Sam retired
last fall and is looking like he's really en-
joying himself. . . A wish for a speedy re-
covery goes out to FRED MOMMSEN,
foreman of the Print Shop. Ditto to ANNA
KANISAUSKAS, also of the Print Shop. . .
The Brake Department's three hardest
workers are off sick. Get well wishes go
out to JOE SANDERS, TOM BOWMAN and
HERBIE PUGH. . . Attention! all little league
managers and coaches. Let's start getting
those spikes and caps out of the closet.
It's just about that time. . . Best wishes go
out to RAY MINOGUE and his wife, ELEA-
NOR, on their 36th wedding anniversary
(or is that 30, Ray?) . . . MAURICE O'CON-
NOR has one less mouth to feed now that
his son, DENNIS, has joined the navy.
Dennis will be at Great Lakes for boot
camp. . . RICH STANTON tells me the cam-
era club he belongs to is trying to roundup
some new members. If interested, con-
tact Rich in the Brake Department. . . Memo
from the Electrical Department, Bay 6:
Anyone who is thinking about building a
garage should first contact our resident
architectural design engineer, FRANK
KLINE. Frank's motto--you've tried the
rest, now try the best. . . To TERRY
REILLY: your fellow workers want to
know where you got the fine looking mus-
tache, and what wax you use for it. . . Fact

or rumor? The guys over in the Body Shop tell me there are a few streakers working with them. One of them is slightly overweight...FRANK SPROVIERI's daughter, JoANNE, won a first place award for her violin solo at Hiawatha school in Berwyn...FRED SIMMONS, Area 336, could wear out his wallet opening and closing it to show this picture of granddaughter TRACY BUSBY to all 18,000 Transit News readers. He's one proud granddaddy, but he sure can't match the power of the press...HOWARD WARD was elected Worshipful Master of his Mystic Star Masonic Lodge. Congratulations, Howard. He also tells me that his co-worker, SONNY (Bear) THOMAS, can sure bake a great Harvey Wallbanger cake... This is news--CASEY NOGA, Tin Shop, has finally decided to quit tending bar and is going to get married this summer. Try and stay awake for the wedding, Casey!.. After 2½ years, BOB MARRON finished his '37 Plymouth. BILL SCHROEDLE has given up restoring his car and is now selling the parts for scrap. JERRY DEXTER tried to sell his '29 Plymouth for \$2,500, but will settle for \$375 and a huffy



bike in good running condition...HENRY KOLAR has another granddaughter, JUDITH ANN, who weighed in at 8 pounds even. In his spare time, Henry is teaching BOB LEE to pick mushrooms...Good luck to AL COX and SHERMAN CAIN on their new mortgages...MIKE and EILEEN ROCHE were the recipients of a Mayor Richard J. Daley award in recognition of an outstanding effort to keep Chicago "one of the most beautiful cities in the nation." The Chicago Park District judged their garden one of the area's best in city-wide competition last summer...HAROLD THOMAS just returned from a balloon trip to Africa...Happy birthday goes out to WILLIAM ROHE, electrical worker and my co-reporter's father, who celebrated March 10.

- Jeanne Diehl & Lawrence Bernas

SOUTH SECTION -

My column will be shorter this month because I served on jury duty for two weeks. It was really an experience and interesting...First of all, congratulations to my hubby, ROLAND, who was promoted to chief clerk on Feb. 17, and to Conductor JAMES FARLEY who was appointed clerk... As of Feb. 25, all the janitors have transferred to the Maintenance Department. Good luck to all and congratulations to ROBERT ROESING who was appointed supervisor of janitors... Roosevelt-State Station won't seem the same without Agent WILLIAM SHEEHAN who went on pension March 1. Much happiness and good health is wished you, Bill...Hello to newly-hired Conductors CURTIS JOHNSON, GARRICK WASHINGTON, CLARENCE BALL and AMBRUS CRUMBY, and transferees CLINTON HOLMES and HOWARD MEANS Jr... Happy news--off the sick list and back to work are: Motorman JAMES RIORDAN and Conductors LEE DODD, ELBERT HARRIS, ROBERT COLEMAN, GEORGE ROSS and CLARENCE HEARNS... Hawaii seems to hold a fascination for TONY JAGLA and his wife, MARIE. This is their third trip to the islands, and they seem to be really enjoying the sun and the warm sand on the beach at Waikiki...

We had several departmental changes. As of March 3, DAVID MARTIN was appointed a.m. assistant station superintendent at 95th Street; ART RABEN was transferred from the North Section to p.m. assistant station superintendent at 95th Street; Assistant Station Superintendent ED MITCHELL was assigned to the p.m. at Ashland Avenue; FRENCHIE ELLIS was assigned relief station superintendent, and Instructor ARDIS MORRIS was appointed relief station superintendent...Our sincere sympathy is extended to Conductor CHARLES



MILLER in the loss of his mother...Conductor NATHANIEL MOORE received passenger commendation for his courteous ways and good announcements...Two classifications have been established: janitor foreman and agent foreman. Congratulations to all employees who were promoted...On the sick list at this writing are: Switchman ALEX ROSADO, who was injured on duty; Switchman EDWARD M. GUIRE, Motorman WILLIAM BROWN, Conductor GEORGE MAY and Switchman BERTRAM HARTFIELD who was in an auto accident. Hurry up and get well everyone, so you can get back to work soon.

- Verna Hantley

WEST SECTION -

One of our motormen said that he has never had his name in the Transit News. So here is your name, JOE PEZZUOLI, even though you didn't do anything exciting (smile)...My co-reporter, SANTO SICILIANO, tells me he wants to make it perfectly clear that he loves everyone, and that he has a tape to prove it. It goes: "Like Everyone." It's in Italian, and he can't speak his own language yet...Switchman JIM ALLEN had his car struck from behind and was lucky to escape with minor damage. After he and the other fellows changed insurance data, etc., the man was recklessly off hitting three more cars. Watch your rear, Jimmy (and your front). Switchman BOB CANE will be off sick awhile. We wish him a speedy recovery. Conductor BOB CRAWFORD is still sick. Hurry back, Bob. Our old friend Conductor CLARENCE HEARNS, has returned to work after a short sick leave. Welcome back, Clarence. Conductor GEORGE WOODMORE was off sick one day, and young Conductor PAT NOLAN worked his run. Then he got sick. We're checking out Motorman CLARENCE KNIGHT to see if he had anything to do with it. Fair warning, fellows, when Clerk L. KOKOWINSKI isn't smiling, his leg might be aching. So don't bug him by banging at the window...Former conductor STEVE JONES got a new Chevy. He sold his 1954 Caddy... Conductor AUBREY BATES, the movie star, is either still growing or getting too big for his pants. That's what they're short, fellows...Conductor STEVE DUDASIK wants you to know that he doesn't sell eggs anymore--just doughnuts and rolls. His chickens told him to go lay an egg...Conductor EUGENE EMBRY is a real snappy dresser. He is known as "Superfly" of the conductors...A guy we must not be forgotten is Towerman FARMER at tower 18. He is doing a fine job running that place, so wave at him some time... Switchman CLARENCE GREEN is really angry with the energy crisis and all, his car hasn't run good since he got it. He will take any suggestion as to what to get fixed next...We won't

PENSIONERS MEET

THE DIVISION 308 Pensioners Club of Chicago will hold its next regular meeting at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 18, on the 13th floor at 32 W. Randolph street. All retired members of Division 308 are invited to attend these meetings which are held the third Thursday of each month at the above time and address.

The CTA Pensioners Club of St. Petersburg, Florida, will hold its next regular meeting at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, at the Odd Fellows Hall, 4140 16th street North, St. Petersburg. All CTA pensioners living in that vicinity are invited to attend these meetings which are held the first Tuesday of each month at the above time and address.

to wish Repairman CHUCK MEYERS a successful operation while in the hospital. Get well soon buddy... Switchman WILLIE GREGORY cried when Supervisor EARLIE BANZER left for his new apartment at the Rapid Transit Instruction Department. We will send you a crossword puzzle book on ghetto slangs, Charles Good luck...Motorman IKE HOUSTON has real fly with his new hairstyle. But his wife, CHRIS, wishes he would buy his hair curlers...I would like to wish Motorman JOHN McCARTY a belated happy St. Patrick's day, even though we got no corned beef and no TV viewing at your house. From the little black leprechaun: Ah, 'tis a laddy...Speaking of food, Conductor EARNIE RADCLIFF will start his diet as soon as the inflation is lifted. He can't be lifting something to his mouth. To be a person who is really fit, Bernie, you don't you check out Yard Foreman J. J. JINSKI. He is really down to a nice weight...Well, gotta run now. So if we missed this time, who cares, only you. So be careful, what you say and do, for if we find it out, we will tell the world about it. See you later.

- Santo Scelliano & Lou Payne

TRANSPORTATION -

BOB TALBOTT signed off as a radio dispatcher for the last time on Feb. 28 and he left his wife, FERROL, immediately got down to the serious business of planning



their retirement to Hot Springs, Arkansas. Making retirement official for Bob's 37 years of service was Transportation Manager DAVID M. FLYNN who presented him a gift from co-workers and friends.

- Colette Szegemach

END STREET -

Our baseball charter driver, LEO PORTER, is switching his hobby to hockey trying. He's been seen running around with hockey sticks. Maybe when he gets checked into the boards a few times he will be back to baseball...Maybe the next time operator ROBERT JONES finds a shoe, he might take along a few of his co-workers--even though a few of us might not like those red soles...Good service

does not go unnoticed. Last month I received two letters of commendation within three days. Keep up the good work, you never know when your day will come... LAFAYETTE GARMONY was appointed to serve the unexpired term of ALVIN DAVIS, who resigned as a board member of our credit union. ROBERT B. HOLMES Jr. was elected as the new secretary, and SAMUEL E. WILLIAMS will serve as a new member on the Executive Supervisory Committee as will JAMES S. TERRY Jr. Also re-elected were ERNEST A. HILL, president; CHARLES O'KANE, vice-president; EUGENE T. JONES, vice-president; TYLER M. PHILPOTT, treasurer, and ALVIN POTTS Jr., assistant treasurer. Hill and Philpott are also members of the Executive Committee. The credit union is continuously growing. Join today and participate. It's where you and members of your immediate family belong. All members' accounts are fully insured. Support your union by attending the meeting. The officers deserve our moral support and cooperation. Their task is not an easy one...Our Ace No. 1 station instructor, HERBERT WILLIAMS, wants to see his name in the news. So here it is, sir!

- John L. Frudson

69TH STREET -

Co-reporter ART BUESING became a grandpa for the second time when little MICHELLE MASLANKA was born on March 4 weighing 6 pounds 9 ounces. The proud mother is my daughter, JUDY MASLANKA...F. MITTLER met W. (Cannonball) LYNN who has been on pension for the past ten years. He lives in that beautiful ice-box and fishing country called St. Cloud, Minnesota. He loves it there, looks great, and says hello to all his many friends...B. MOBLEY paid us a visit. He has been working in the Mart for the past two years. He said J. THOMAS, formerly of 69th, is down there too, and feels fine...Drawbar HOLLAND is now a loader at 63rd and Kedzie...RADLOFF is now back driving after being off sick for quite some time... CLAUDE GILLESPIE, former superintendent of 69th Street, and his wife, VIOLET, passed away within a day of each other. To their loved ones, we at 69th extend our deepest sympathy...Pensioner FRANK J. SOMMER is now living at RFD Route 1, Princeton Road, Green Lake, Wisconsin 54941... There was a great turn-out for a great guy and boss at the Midway Lounge when GLENN PEYTON retired. I know his wife, ANN, realized how much his drivers respected him and how much we will miss him. We're sure VIC COLEMAN will do a fine job in his place, and we wish him luck. Glenn wanted me to be sure and tell everyone he will miss them and that he appreciated their respect and jobs we did for him... We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Pensioner PETER PEITSCH who

passed away... Pete worked at 69th for many years...RAY SCHEID is really enjoying his life of leisure on retirement... Congratulations to our new electrician, JOHN CALVIN. He really has shaped up the garage since he came. Hope he keeps it up--as it'll look like a new garage pretty soon... Our assistant day foreman, WILLIAM TOOMEY, is also doing a great job... On the sick list at this time are JOHN JOHNSON, C. CRACCO, A. TAYLOR and JIM CASEY. A speedy recovery is wished to all... Here's hoping all of our pensioners and their families are enjoying retirement to the fullest.

- Art Buesing & Jimmy Ahern

77TH STREET -

It is with pride and satisfaction that we pay tribute to a good man and a fine gentleman. JOHN KNERR retired April 1 as superintendent of 77th Street Station. He will be missed by the men who served under him. We know Johnny to be a man of understanding and compassion, qualities which make a man more than just a boss. Whenever we were called into his office we always felt, no matter what the outcome, that at least we were heard as operators and respected as men. After 37 years with CTA Mr. Knerr will now begin a well-deserved life of leisure. I know we would like nothing less for this fine man and his wife, DOROTHY, than continued happiness and great success in whatever endeavor they should undertake... The Wheelers Social Club will present their annual spring affair on April 20. The Wheelers are known for their "out of sight" affairs, so if you want entertainment at its best, be there... Operators JULIUS (Red) MARTIN and ARTHUR JACKSON are confined to the Veterans hospital. We would like to wish them both a speedy recovery... We would like to express our deepest sympathy to Board Member ANDREW BUTLER and his family upon the loss of his aunt, Mrs. WILLIE WALKER BRUCE, who passed away on March 5. Mrs. Bruce was also the mother-in-law of former 77th Street Operators HOWARD MINGO and MERMAN ELLIOTT... We would also like to express our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Pensioner C. F. BARTZ, formerly of 77th Street Station, who passed away... I would like to take this opportunity to introduce EDWARD BROWN as a new addition to the reporting staff at 77th Street Station. Ed will enable the reporting at 77th to cover a broader area and help to ensure representation of our station in the monthly Transit News. We still need the cooperation of our fellow operators in giving us items for this column. This reporter would especially like to thank Clerks FISHER and HALL and Instructor WHITE for their cooperation in submitting items to this column.

- Allison De Bonnett

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3 DIVISION MANAGERS NAMED

MEINARDI TO RETIRE SEPT. 1

THREE MAJOR CTA appointments--John L. Aurand as Manager of the General Administration Division, Trell W. Hill as Manager of the General Development Division, and Paul J. Kole as Manager of the General Finance Division--were announced by Milton Parsky, Chairman of the Chicago Transit Authority.

The appointments of Aurand and Kole were made in connection with the pending retirement of Peter J. Meinardi, veteran CTA executive who in a recent administrative reorganization became Manager of the General Administration and Finance Division.

Meinardi, who will retire Sept. 1, was praised by Parsky for his "long and successful career with the CA."

"He will be missed by everyone," said the CTA Chairman.

The appointments of Aurand and Kole, to be effective July 1, will involve dividing the General Administration and Finance Division into two divisions. This change represents a further refinement in the reorganization of the CTA administrative structure.

During a transition period in July and August, Meinardi will serve as a special consultant to Chairman Pikarsky.

Hill, a former transit executive of Atlanta, Ga., joined the CTA on May 13. The General Development Division which he heads as Manager includes four departments--Engineering, Capital Development, Development Planning, and Marketing.

The newly created General Administration Division, with Aurand as Manager, will (Continued Page 2)



Pictured at left is one of 28 CTA buses which evacuated upwards of 1,500 persons from the Altgeld Gardens area on the night of April 26 when that far southeast Chicago neighborhood was endangered by a chemical cloud from a leaking storage tank. In the early morning hours, the CTA bus drivers also returned the people to their homes after the area was declared to be safe again. The CTA was on the alert for much of the following day for a possible recurrence of the emergency.

Managers (Continued)

include five departments--Personnel, Medical, Labor Relations, Management Services, and Insurance, Pensions and Industrial Safety.

The newly created General Finance Division, with Kole as Manager, also will include five departments--Materials Management, Controller, Treasury, Data Center, and Management Systems.

The CTA now has four Divisions, the Managers of which report directly to the Chairman. The Division Managers hold positions comparable to that of executive vice-president in a corporate structure.

The fourth CTA Division--General Operations--is headed by George Krambles as Manager. Krambles is a veteran CTA executive.

Terrell W. Hill

Hill joined the CTA after having been associated since 1970 in various executive positions with the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority. His last position with the Atlanta Authority was Assistant to the General Manager for Intergovernmental Relations.

Previously, Hill was active in San Francisco in work closely related to the construction of the new rapid transit system by the Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART).

In San Francisco, he served as Executive Director of the Market Street Development Project, a private association organized to spark public and private developments in connection with BART subway construction.

Among other activities in the San Francisco area, Hill was Vice-President and Transportation Committee Chairman of the San Francisco Planning and Urban Renewal Association, a private planning group.

Hill also was active with the California General Assembly for obtaining additional funding for the BART system, with the planning and funding for an additional major station for that system, and with a study program for the possible future extension of the BART system to the San Francisco Airport.

He also was active in a successful environmental campaign to "Save San Francisco Bay" from further landfill. Formerly, he was associated with contracting, land development and manufacturing companies in Columbus, Ga.

Hill, who is 44, was graduated from Georgia Tech in 1952 with a B.S. degree in science. Hill and his wife, Jennifer, are now home searching here. A daughter, Paula, is attending school in Italy.

John L. Aurand

Aurand, who is 36, has been Administrative Assistant to Chairman Pikarsky and Legislative

Liaison Representative since joining the CTA October.

Aurand previously was a Regional Representative in the Chicago area for the Illinois Education Association and the National Education Association.

He formerly was a collective bargaining and arbitration consultant to the trucking industry; Superintendent of La Harpe Community School Unit No. 1, La Harpe, Hancock County; Principal of the Cr. Monee School District 201-U, Crete; and a teacher at the Thornton Junior College Evening School and at the High Schools in Oak Lawn and Oswego.

Aurand, who lives at 18254 Highland Av., Homewood, holds B.S.E. and M.A. degrees from Northern Illinois University. He and his wife, Karen, are parents of two children, John and Nancy.

Paul J. Kole

Kole, who is 40, joined the CTA in February, 1980, as controller. He recently has been Manager of the Finance Department.

Previously, Kole had been associated with the Chicago city government since 1956. Among various positions with the city, he had served as Director of Data Processing of the Mayor's Datacenter and as First Deputy Controller.

A certified public accountant, Kole obtained a B.S. degree in Commerce and a Master's degree in Business Administration from Roosevelt University.

He and his wife, Claire, are the parents of four children, Robyn, Sheri, Lori, Michael and Larry. They live at 2814 Jarvis Av.

Peter J. Meinardi

Meinardi joined the CTA as assistant controller in April, 1948, about six months after the Transit Authority began operations. He was named Controller in December, 1950, and Manager of Finance in October, 1965.

Prior to becoming associated with the CTA, Meinardi was with the accounting firm of Arthur Andersen & Co. He was graduated in 1931 from the University of Illinois with a B.S. degree in accounting. During World War II, he served as a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve, Bureau of Supply and Accounts.

For the last 10 years, Meinardi has been Treasurer of the American Transit Association, and has been elected Secretary-Treasurer of the American Public Transit Association, the successor organization to the ATA and the Institute for Rapid Transit.

Meinardi and his wife, Edith Marie, live at 3 Sprucewood Lane, Wilmette. They have three daughters, Mrs. Thomas S. (Barbara Ann) Ricker, Mrs. William (Donna Marie) Siedhoff, and Mrs. Francis (Diane Lucia) Murtha Jr.



Suggestions Pay Off

GERT ADAMCZYK, bus repairman at the Archer Garage, is presented with the top suggestion award of \$10 by P. J. Meinardi, Manager of the General Administration and Finance Division, as R. T. Warnstedt, Suggestion Coordinator, looks on.

(Twenty-two other CTA employees shared a total of \$1030 in the latest Suggestion System awards.)

Cash Awards Plus Gift Certificate

10 Joseph Kovarik, West Shops

0 Michael Granger Jr., Stores

5 Paul Wallace, Security
William Rohe, South Shops
Muzio Ficarella, Skokie Shop

2.50 Jim Forrestal, South Shops
Henry Kolar, South Shops

Complementary Cash Award

0 Mario Mariano, South Shops

Gift Certificates

0 Jaime Morales, Kedzie Garage
Harold Burda, Property Accounting
Clotilde Frankiewicz, Payroll
Ernest Johnson, South Shops
Louis Allevo, South Shops
Fred Petrozz, South Shops
Peter Gaza, Forest Park
William Caffrey, Property Accounting
Giles Liddell Jr., Limits
Vince Fiorita, West Shops
William Buetow, Claim
Donald O'Sullivan, Claim
John O'Brien, North Park
John Jearas, Limits

Kabala Appointed Marketing Manager

THE APPOINTMENT of Stephen J. Kabala as Marketing Manager of the Chicago Transit Authority was announced by Milton Pikarsky, CTA Chairman. Kabala, who has had extensive experience in marketing in the railroad and airline industries, heads a newly created CTA Department of Marketing.



Before joining the CTA, he had served as Central Regional Sales Manager in Chicago for AMTRAK (National Railroad Passenger Corporation) since the inception of AMTRAK in 1971.

For eight years previously, Kabala held marketing positions with Trans World Airlines (TWA) in San Francisco, New York City, and Chicago. Formerly, he was Regional Manager in Chicago for the Railway Express Agency.

A native Chicagoan, Kabala, who is 43, was graduated from Loyola University of Chicago in 1953 with a B.S. degree in business administration. He lives at 233 E. Erie st.

The new Department of Marketing is part of the CTA's new Division of General Development.

In this organizational revision, a previous Department of Communications and Marketing, headed by Thomas Buck, was divided into the Marketing Department and a Department of Public Affairs. Buck, as Manager, heads the new Department of Public Affairs, reporting directly to the Chairman.

Knautz Heads Association

FRAN C. KNAUTZ, Manager of Personnel of the Chicago Transit Authority, has been named national president of the National Association of Suggestion Systems (NASS).

Russell T. Warnstedt, Employee Suggestion Coordinator of the CTA, has been elected president of the Chicago Chapter of the association.

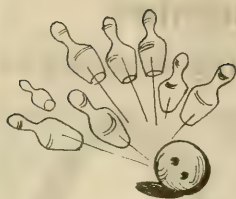
NASS is a service organization composed of members from finance, commerce, industry and government dedicated to the worth, contributions and benefits of Employee Suggestion Systems.



Knautz

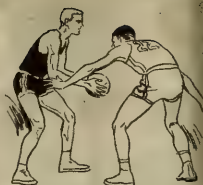


Warnstedt



CTA Sports News

MEL ALEXANDER, Sports Editor



CTA Softball Season Opens May 19

THE CTA Sports Program will open its 1974 softball season on Sunday, May 19, and it promises to be a highly exciting year.

At a meeting in the Mart on April 9, plans were formulated for the upcoming season with a maximum of 16 teams. From all indications the league seems very strong. Attending the meeting were, alphabetically: M. Alexander, Transit News; T. Andrews, General Office; H. Bankston, Archer; A. Bray, Sports Director; C. Coleman, Kedzie; K. DuCree, Archer; W. Goodes, Beverly; W. Haulcy, Limits; M. Holmes, Human Relations; F. King, Human Relations; J. Pate, Division 241; F. Porter, 69th Street; H. Reed, North



Park; R. Riley, 52nd Street; J. Robinson, Assistant Sports Director; W. Robinson, 77th Street; B. Rodgers, Kedzie; W. Simmons, North Avenue; T. Stiglic, CTA Representative, and R. Wright, Kedzie.

The games will be played each Sunday morning at 10:00 A.M. in Grant Park. The large crowds at these games come to picnic and root for their favorite team.

The 1973 champs, 69th Street Station, will have keen competition this year. Kedzie Station, which will have its choice of players since combining with Lawndale Station, will be tough to beat. Runner-up 52nd Street Station will be pushing hard to take it all this year.

77TH STREET OPERATORS BOWLING LEAGUE

(FINAL STANDINGS)

Teams	W	L
George's Arco*	68	37
Pin Busters	68	37
Archer Bandits	67	38
Clippers**	59	46
Road Runners	59	46
Poppers	58	47
Late Comers	56	49
500 Club	55	50
Baggers	51½	53½
Boozers	48	57
Manipulators	48	57
Tranquilizers	48	57
Hot Hands	47½	57½
Toppers	41	64
Spartans	39	66
Misfits	28	77

*Won first place in roll-off

**Won fourth place in roll-off

Mart Bowling Team Last Place Champs

TRYING HARD to win first place in the City of Chicago Bureau of Engineering Bowling League, the Mart team will get a trophy--as last place champs.

Getting off to a good start at the beginning of season, the team was beset with injuries and illness and couldn't get it together after that.

Team Captain Tim O'Rourke is positive that team will make a better showing next year and win all.

Members of the team, along with Tim, are B. Bosan and Len Lohn, Personnel Development; Toolis, Purchasing; Charlie Drozda, Operations Planning; Mel Alexander, Communications and Marketing, and Ed Coman, retired.

Bowling Season Ends, George's Arco Champs

The 77TH Street Operators Bowling League ended its 1973-74 season with a dramatic finish when George's Arco, the league leaders and eventual winners, lost the final game to the Pin Busters and were forced into a roll-off to determine first place.

Finishing in third place were the Archer Bandits who clipped the Clippers three games. This forced the Clippers into a roll-off with the Road Runners who lost two out of three games to give the Clippers fourth place.



At a meeting on April 19 election of officers was held at the Palisades Bowl for the 1974-75 season. Pictured here are the newly elected officers who will lead the league for the coming year. Left to right, they are: Talmadge Ireland, treasurer; Mike Kane, vice president; Calvin Pollard, president; Hank Mosely, sergeant at arms, and Wilson Washington, secretary. Installation took place at the annual banquet on May 10.



Clippers, fourth place winners. Left to right, standing: E. McCall, H. McMillan, R. Cheatum and Captain A. Joe. Kneeling are N. Duff and R. Sullivan.



George's Arco, first place winners. Left to right, standing: C. McCants, Captain J. C. White, E. Ford, L. Wardell and E. Gipson. Kneeling is M. Porter.



Pin Busters, second place winners. Left to right, standing: V. Collins, Captain L. Lee, D. Williams and R. Meeks. Kneeling are W. Washington and C. V. Johnson.



Archer Bandits, third place winners. Left to right, standing: T. Ireland, J. Motton, H. Hodge and Captain H. Kemp. Kneeling are J. Coleman and L. C. Taylor.

Name Senn Girl CTA Chairman for Day

PAMELA KLEIN, a 17 year old junior at Senn High school, was sworn in on May 6 as Chicago's Junior CTA Chairman for the day.

One of 34 city youths who served as honorary city officials during Chicago Youth Week, Miss Klein was among 18 girls selected. The swearing-in ceremony took place in the city council chambers.

Miss Klein accepted a Certificate of Merit from Mayor Richard J. Daley, and is shown displaying it to Chairman Milton Pikarsky.



Former Stable: Horses Make Comeback at Illinois Garage

ILLINOIS GARAGE, 152 W. Illinois Street, originally constructed as a stable in 1886 was briefly re-assigned in its initial capacity on May 8, the occasion of a Loop parade which included a team of horses pulling a transit vehicle.

Labeled "The Great Hatsby" by the State Street Council, the parade was a salute to late spring and summer millinery by 13 State Street stores. It featured headgear for men, women and children.

The parade included five nostalgic vehicles--a 1927 Rolls Royce touring car, an old hook-and-ladder rig, a 1938 beer truck, an Excalibur sports car and CTA's 1859 model bobtail horsecar.

The horsecar was held in readiness at Illinois Garage. Two Appaloosas from Country Boy Ranch in Prairie View were transported to the garage and hitched to the horsecar.

When constructed in 1886 by the North Chicago Street Railroad, Illinois Garage was a stable and

wreck wagon barn. The site was selected because Illinois and LaSalle was the junction for five North Side cable car lines routed to the Loop through the LaSalle Street tunnel. A cable powerhouse adjacent to the stable is occupied today by Ireland's Oyster House.

Horse-drawn wagons were housed in the garage until the early 1920's when automotive vehicles were acquired. A wreck wagon remained on assignment at the garage until the early 1950's when streetcars were being phased out.

CTA's HORSECAR is pictured at State and Wacker, assembly area for "The Great Hatsby" parade on May 8. Before parade team was hitched to horsecar (below) at Illinois Garage by Country Boy Ranch handlers Norma Rothbart and Paula Wilcox, assisted by Supervisory Chauffeur Jim Jacobs, Utility Emergency Service.



THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (General) -

March 27 a luncheon was held at the Club in honor of SARAH O'ROURKE who retired from CTA after 32 years of service. It was a lovely affair and Sarah presented with a beautiful gold pendant watch and a very generous monetary gift from past and present CTA coworkers. She and her husband, JOE, retired here at the luncheon, will be



moving to their new home in Fort Myers, Florida. The best of luck, health and happiness to both of you...HAROLD BROWN is if you enjoy golfing, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, is the place for you. Harold and a few friends enjoyed a week there this spring playing all the 18-hole golf courses they could...Congratulations to BARNEY KANE, General Accounting, and his wife who became grandparents for the fourth time on April 6 when their daughter gave birth to a baby girl, KATHLEEN. The proud parents are MARY HELEN and BOB McELIGOTT. Kathleen is a very special baby for the Kanes, she is their first granddaughter...The welcome gift is extended to SERGIO RODRIGUEZ who joined our department as an accounting specialist...Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of HELEN FRANKLIN who passed away recently. Helen retired from the revenue accounting section.

- Judy Weiss

ROLL) -

"With this ring, I thee wed" were beautiful words shared by the parents of VAL SWAN, MARTIN and VIOLET JOHNSON, on May 7, 1924. On May 4, the Johnsons celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a party in the Bowman home. It was an exciting event with many relatives visiting from Iowa and Chicago. Martin Johnson retired from CTA Security in May 1966. Here's a toast of good wishes to Martin and Violet!..VICTORIA LEPEK is a happy grandma when she had a surprise visit from her daughter and son-in-law, CAROL and JOE TOMASZEWSKI. Needless to say, one-year old TINA stole

the show...One of the most appreciated words in the dictionary has to be "vacation." Several of our payrollers can vouch for that, like MARY CARNEY who played Picasso with a brush and redecorated her apartment on vacation. MARIE COARI enjoyed her leisure time in California visiting and relaxing. Marie tells me she's anticipating the occurrence of a happy event. She plans to elaborate on this at a later date. We can hardly wait...No doubt a fascinating vacation would be a traveling one. That's what MARY JANE JOHNSON did when she visited her family and friends in California. Though her vacation was spread over much of California, including Los Angeles and the San Diego Zoo, Mary Jane found one of the main highlights of her trip to be the Hearst Castle tour in San Simeon. Its vastness and cultural beauty is difficult to capture in words. To William Randolph Hearst this mansion was never referred to as a castle, but his home. It has been preserved as a memorial by the State of California since 1958. ...A very happy birthday to these cake cutters: JEANNE BIZIK, April 28, and MARY JANE JOHNSON, April 26...See you soon.

- Clotilde Frankiewicz

(Datacenter) -

We would like to extend a warm welcome to ELBERT LANE, ROGER SHAPIRO, THOMAS HIGHLY, PAUL INDA, JOHN KEIL, TONY LEGO, BOB REYNOLDS, BOB SATHER, DAVE STUDEBAKER, JIM WONG, DEBBIE WISEMAN, CHRISTINE ZOGUS and MARLENE TROCK, who joined the Systems Section. The best of luck to all of you from all of us.

- Evelyn Liu

CTA SECURITY -

PAUL WALLACE went to Reno, Nevada, where he attended the Academy of Criminal Justice science conference at the Eldorado Casino. He visited with his mother and then gambled (not gambled) a little. He went to Oakland and was treated to lunch by the Oakland Chamber of Commerce. The next day he visited the BART Police Department and spent a day looking into their operations, and was treated to a nice lunch on the waterfront by their chief. Paul then went to Kansas City, Missouri, where he spent five days attending the Conference of the American Criminal Justice of which he is an executive board member. He performed his business duties during the day and skipped a light fandango at night. If anyone is contemplat-

ing going to Kansas City, Paul says it has excellent eateries.

- Pat Flynn

ELECTRICAL (General Office) -

JOSEPH W. PIEN TO Jr., power supervisor, and his family vacationed in Southern California recently. They visited the San Diego Zoo, Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm, the Queen Mary, Marineland and the Mission at San Juan Capistrano. While visiting in California, the Piento's oldest son, JOSEPH PAUL, received his first holy communion with his godparents, JANICE and PAUL LIPINSKI, at St. Lawrence church. Grandpa, FRANK J. PIEN TO of Skokie Shop, was not present for the happy occasion but telephoned his best wishes long distance during the day...Condolences are extended to the family of FRED DAMROW, unit supervisor of radio maintenance, who passed away March 30. He will be missed by his friends at Blue Island and the Mart...Please send some news items and let us know the latest.

- Kay McAllister

(Rapid Transit Signal Division) -

As you would expect there is a good reason why you didn't find me in last month's Transit News. I moved. I am now at 58th Street on the Main Line. During the moving process I missed my notice of the deadline date for last month's copy. Neither were you able to reach me with your news bits. Results: blank-blank. All is forgiven now. So if it's OK with you, we'll get down to work and welcome the recent additions to the Signal Department, Signal Helpers JAMES REIDY and HENRY MURRY. Congratulations, fellows, you have made a good start.

- Tommie Lowery

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(Chicago Avenue) -

I hear that MEL FELTON, one of our retirees, was in Bethany hospital for surgery. Hope all is well now Mel. Let's hear from you. . . BOB BOSCHERT was flying on one wing for awhile. The law of gravity was in full force when Bob took a fall. Bob is back at work now and all is well. Right, BEV? . . . BILL SHEAHAN's son, TOM, was accepted for the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs after going through some rigorous tests. Good luck, Tom. . . BARNEY JONES is back to work after a sojourn to the hospital for surgery. Barney looks good and is almost back to normal. . .

CHARLIE PARHAM took a long walk on March 16, to escort his daughter, LINDA, down the aisle when she was united in holy wedlock to DWIGHT WILSON at New Friendship Baptist church. Best wishes to the newlyweds. . . PETE FARBBER dropped in sporting a van dyke mostlly white in color. Looks good, Pete. . .

DINO FUGGITI and his wife attended the convocation at Northeastern university on April 9 when their daughter, DIANE, was honored for her academic achievements. Diane graduates in May as an elementary education major. . . Our sincere condolences to the family of TONY RIGLER in the passing of his father, ANTON, who was 81 years old.



- Ben Nelson

FOREST GLEN -

We're finally getting warm weather for our vacations. So, fellows, drop me a line on what you and the family will be doing. . . Operator D. M. KESKE was seen driving his coach with holes in his shoes. I guess he has been too busy to pick up a new pair. Sorry, Keske, us fellows aren't starting up a collection. . . We lost a fine clerk to the retirement rolls--none other than HERB SCHMIDT, who will be missed greatly around our depot. Following Herb were three fine operators who contributed a good many years of service to CTA--ROCKY MALFESE, JOHN PAAKONEN and MARTIN KARIOLICH. These men will all be missed. Following in their footsteps on June 1 will be FRANK ENGELTHALER and BILL LYNAM. . . The young man now assigning us our buses in the a.m. is GREG BABICZ. I guess he is getting used to finding his coat sleeves tied and pockets stuffed with paper each morning. But he is good natured about all the tricks yours truly plays on him. . . Received a card from GEORGE HAAK who was heading for Honolulu. He says the plane in Miami, Florida,

had the wrong destination sign. I suppose his next card will arrive from China. Good luck, George. . . Operator LOMBARDO recently spent several weeks visiting his son down in Florida. Looks like he and the Mrs. are planning on retiring there later. . . At this writing everything must be pretty quiet in the BERG family. No new arrivals for the past several months. I believe they are getting behind. . . Operator LYONS has been enjoying his new home. He and his family are now living in Niles. . . LESTER DANDERS has started saving for his next vacation. Where to this time, Lester? . . . GEORGE SPORLEDER was around visiting his old buddies. He's looking fine in his retirement. . . CHODO hasn't made up his mind whether or not to retire. Al, you look so young, why rush things? . . . COBURN hasn't been spotted walking hand in hand with RUTH. Keeping out of my sight, old friend? . . . KOMPANOWSKI has given up his collecting job. He's made his bundle and will take it easy now. . . BRZECZEK is looking forward to his annual fishing trip with the boys this spring. I wonder if they really catch anything. . . ED MERK is still doing a good job singing in church on Sundays. We are all invited to come and listen. . . See the boys in our credit union for any kind of help.

- W. A. Henry (Don't call me Wack)

GENERAL OFFICE (Insurance & Pensions) -

We bid farewell to MARIE CRAWLEY who left the CTA to await a blessed event. A luncheon was held for Marie at the Red Onion in Marina City. THEO SCOTT, stenographer, was promoted to Marie's job and we wish her a lot of luck in her new position.

(Medical) -

Birthday greetings are extended to HARRY SOREGHEEN, medical technician, and EARL BOYD, X-ray technician. The years are sure catching up with you gentlemen. . . DR. MOSNY and his wife were surprised by a visit from their daughter, son-in-law and grandson, STEVE, who came in from Boston to spend the Easter holidays.

(Treasury) -

The welcome mat is extended to KENNY MCCREA, token clerk, who transferred from the Claim Department.

(Administrative Services) -

A bouncing baby boy named VINCENT was born on April 11 to MARY NASTI, former dictaphone operator. We wish you a healthy and happy future.

(Personnel) -

JOE O'SULLIVAN takes this opportunity to say goodbye to all his friends at the CTA. Joe retired May 1. He and his wife, HELEN, are moving to Mesa, Arizona, at the end of May. Their house is ready and

waiting. Joe wants all his friends to come out and see them. They will be at 2026 62nd street, Mesa, Arizona. 85205. . . department welcomes PAUL KADOWED MITCHELL and LINDA MARTIN. Also welcome to DAN KANE who is temporarily assigned to the Training Section. Belated (sorry!) congratulations to MA CLINE and her husband, BILL, on the birth of their daughter, KATHLEEN MA. Kathleen was born Jan. 22 weighing 6 pounds 12 ounces. Marie was formed with the Public Safety Section. . . T BORCIC decided to become an Eskimo his vacation. He flew to Anchorage, Alaska, for one week to visit relatives. . . said the scenery was very impressive mountains, avalanches and rock slides around every corner. With no air pollution to contend with, Tony said it was warmer there than in Chicago. But glad to be back in the Windy City, smog no smog.

(Communications & Marketing) -

EILEEN (Big Murph) NEURAUTER and her husband, RUDY, a bus operator for Forest Glen Station, flew to Las Vegas a few days and then to Los Angeles to visit with Rudy's mother. Don't spend that money gambling, Murph, save it for a rainy day. . . Pensioner FRANK DIMEO dropped in for a visit after a Florida vacation. He says he bought a home in Laguna and will be moving out there during 1971. The address is 2000 East Bay Drive, Colonial Village, #109, Largo, Florida 33540. Frank invites all his friends to come visit him, but not all at one time. Gee Frank, are you taking all your time with you? You're looking good!

(Capital Development) -

Congratulations to KATHY BRADY on her engagement to KEVIN MORGAN. The wedding date is set for Sept. 21. . . Welcome are extended to GERALD HOFF, director of program development, and BEA WELSH who also joined our crew. Bea was formerly with the City of Chicago's Department of Public Works.

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neenan

KEDZIE -

I hope everyone had a happy Easter, and I hope some of you will send me some remarks to put in our column. . . Clerk JENNY BLAKE had a wonderful Easter. Her daughter and son-in-law, along with their children, drove in from New Jersey for the weekend. . . Congratulations to Opera C. KASEL and A. AMBERG who went on pension. We wish you both the best in your retirement years, and may you enjoy yourselves and do all the things you always wanted to do. . . Operator G. DIMEO and his lovely wife, DORA, had a party for their grandson, JOHN DIMEO who was two years old. John can do no wrong at grandpa's

Service anniversaries in May

45 years



J. T. DuPere,
Claims

40 years



M. G. Grady,
Beverly



J. Bejo,
Track & Structures



E. A. Bole
Employee Relations

35 years

J. J. Heffernan, Building Maint.
H. J. Paolicchi, Track & Structures
E. A. Vanella, Electrical Maint.



R. Guthrie,
District D



R. W. Peterson,
North Park



D. DeCook,
North Park



J. M. Fiorita,
Tire Insp. Center

30 years

J. B. Daly, Claims
L. W. Drinka, South Shops
J. Giblin, West Section
J. B. Murnane, 69th Street
J. T. Welton, Skokie Shop

25 years

W. A. Ashley, Insurance & Pensions
P. Venticinque, Skokie Shop

...DORICE MARY PAPPAS, the daughter of Pensioner GEORGE PAPPAS, was recently married to ROBERT A. HARTLEY. The reception was held at Majors Banquet hall. The food was delicious and the band was great. Everyone had a grand time...HELEN HAIMANN, the wife of 69th Street Clerk GEORGE HAIMANN, is now confined to Little Company of Mary hospital. We hope by the time this issue comes out she will be home...Operator P. MAISO was in the hospital and is coming along fine. Operator ERNEST CARTER, formerly of Keeler, is back to work after being off sick...Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Operator MARTIN KEHOE who passed away on March 25...To everyone having a birthday this month, happy birthday!...We wish speedy recoveries to those of you who are on the sick list. Hope to see you back on the job soon...Don't forget your credit union. Save a little each payday.

- Raymond Graham

day greetings to Agent HELEN GUTH and to Clerk JIM HARTIGAN who celebrated on March 31. All we can say is one can't tell by looking. We hope both of these nice people enjoyed their free day...We are happy to report that the young son of Agent AGNES NOONE is recovering nicely from his recent surgery...Agent DOROTHY PARKER was indisposed for a few days, but as always with Dorothy she snapped back in a hurry and is on the job good as new...It is great to see former Assignment Agent C. ROPA back in good health. We wish her the best of luck in her new job...ZITA DOUBLIN had time off due to an ear infection but she too is back on the job...Co-reporter MILDRED DOYLE is still at home recuperating at this time. We hope to see her back by the next issue of Transit News. Millie's grandson, JOHNNY DOYLE, 8, is one proud fella. He and his dad won first prize in a father and son project for Cub Scout Pack 13 in Bridgeview. The two Johns created a colorful totem pole and both shared in the carving and painting. Congratulations!...Agent MINNIE DIKEMAN is all settled in her new apartment. We hope the move will be a happy one...We received a note from former agent DOROTHY ADLER who now resides in Clearwater, Florida. Dorothy is very happy in her new job with the

telephone company. She plans to spend her vacation here in early August. We are looking forward to seeing her...Retired agent LILL CONROY is vacationing in Arizona. This young lady lets no grass grow under her feet. Let's hear from you, Lill, we would like to hear about your trip...HARRIET, the wife of DAVE GRAFMAN, is in Edgewater hospital recuperating from a mild heart attack. Our best wishes for a rapid recovery...Mother of the bride, GRACE MOUNTS, was really busy getting ready for the wedding of her daughter, EVA, on April 13. It was a lovely affair with 125 guests attending the reception...In closing we would like to express our sincere sympathy to retired agent VIRGINIA TOTCKE and her family in the death of her brother. May he rest in peace...Once more we appeal to our friends. Please send us some news, we need your help...Keep smiling!

- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wisted

LOOP -

Welcome to new agents D. GAY, M. DePASS, A. RIVERA, H. HOPKINS, M. PARUSH, S. PHILSON, J. THURMOND, G. JACKSON and C. SCOTT...Belated birth-

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT -

FRANK TAMBURRINO, order clerk in stores, has set up a countdown pull-apart type calendar on his desk for days left to go till his retirement. Well, this scribe was really serious, Frank, when she said

NEW PENSIONERS

JOINING THE ranks of the retired on May 1 were the three employees pictured here who had 40 or more years of transit service each with CTA and its predecessor transit companies.



R. J. HOLAN
40 Years



L. W. DEMAN
44 Years



J. R. TUCKER
44 Years

BARBARA ANTHON, Clerk III,
Treasury, Emp. 4-1-68
WALTER M. BANICKI, Substation Oper.,
Electrical, Emp. 8-12-43
ROBERT G. BINNIE, Electrical Worker,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 9-14-34
LESLIE W. DEMAN, Security Officer, I,
Security, Emp. 11-5-29
DOROTHY E. FORD, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 3-13-54
EDGAR E. GRAHAM, Box Puller,
Limits, Emp. 11-12-51
THOMAS V. HICKEY, Clerk,
North Avenue, Emp. 7-1-42
JOHN R. HOFFMAN, Information Clerk,
Communications & Mktg., Emp. 12-17-40
RUDOLPH J. HOLAN, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 1-3-34

STEVEN J. IPPOLITO, Security Officer, I,
Security, Emp. 7-15-63
WILLIAM KROPP, Material Coordinator,
South Shops, Emp. 2-25-42
MARTIN H. LUDOLPH, Janitor,
North Park, Emp. 5-31-46
THOMAS E. MACE, Radio Dispatcher,
Transportation, Emp. 8-17-37
JOSEPH R. O'SULLIVAN, Training Asst.,
Personnel Development, Emp. 4-24-41
PETER C. PETRULIS, Machine Operator,
South Shops, Emp. 10-17-45
STEPHEN S. POLNIASZEK, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 3-20-43
HAROLD F. PROSSER, Conductor,
West Section, Emp. 8-5-43

WILLIAM J. STRATTON, Ticket Agent,
South Section, Emp. 10-12-44
ARSHAG J. TSCHLEBIAN, District Supt.,
District D, Emp. 4-10-43
JAMES R. TUCKER, Chief Clerk,
Transportation, Emp. 6-17-29

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

HARRY W. JABLONSKI, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 12-30-54
THOMAS E. REED, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 10-11-56
JAMES RIVERS, Operator,
52nd Street, Emp. 4-25-45
CARL H. RYDELL, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 5-6-53

your countdown will go down in print--138 days to go...TONY DIGIOVANNI didn't seem to have too much to say about his vacation in Las Vegas. Like FRANK MAGUIRE of specifications, he took in the shows. At least Frank's wife, ANN, took in some winnings. I guess you men don't have much luck. Liberate and the "Lidos" were the highlight, Tony said...BOB MCCARTHY, purchasing, and his wife were fortunate enough to travel to England and Russia the first week in March. GEORGE CLARK and his wife were also in the group, and a good time was had by all. Upon his return Bob had many stories and experiences to tell about Russia. The high point of the trip was in Moscow where Mr. Clark set off the buzzers as he passed through customs in the airport...We have some newcomers to this department: ALEX FRITZLER gets a big hello at Storeroom 61 as a service attendant; the welcome mat at Storeroom 42 is for JAMES WHITLEY, stock clerk II, in Skokie, and in purchasing, a big hello goes out to DONALD HEPNAR, the new buyer... In the meantime, some new changes have taken place. BARNEY GAGNON says he was moved because the next move is out the door. We have a new department established called Contracts, which includes LEE DESUTTER, JOAN THOMAS, MARGARET KELLS and TINA RODRIGUEZ. The seating arrangement is changed somewhat, so look around when you go through. Superintendent ED TOBIN, stores, said he is pleased with the scenery since this scribe, instead of JOHN GILL, order

clerk in stores, is located outside his office. Sorry to desert you, John...A few retirees in the past month are enjoying sleeping late. MIKE KORZEN retired from Storeroom 42, and PAT CANNON from Storeroom 48. Congratulations to both of you...Our deepest sympathy goes to JOHN SHERIDAN, stock clerk III, Storeroom 7, in the recent death of his mother. A hearty hello goes to JAMES QUALLIS, who recently joined us. And a big welcome is sent to RALPH PODGORSKI, stock clerk I, who transferred back to South Shops from Skokie. I guess Skokie didn't agree with him. BILL DOERING, stock clerk I, Storeroom 42, is being transferred to Building Maintenance in West Shops. Good luck to you.

- Priscilla Kamradt

MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

First of all we would like to congratulate all who were promoted to new positions...EVELYN BETTS' brother is in the hospital with a kidney ailment. Hope he is well soon...Our sincere condolences are extended to R. KLACZYNSKI in the death of his mother. May she rest in peace...BILL PFEIFFER vacationed in Florida for two weeks. When he returned he worked for a week and then had a day off to celebrate his 28th anniversary with CTA. How lucky can a guy be...Speaking of anniversaries, we have quite a few for May: J. GIBLIN, J. GEORGE, M. APITZ, M. DOYLE, M. STANCZYK, G. MOUNTS,



Harper college as a registered nurse, and is now with Northwest Community hospital in Arlington Heights. Myrtle has a right to be doubly proud...Had a nice telephone visit with retired North Side agent MARIE TOWNSEND. She attended Mr. BRUCKER's retirement party last month and says she had a wonderful time. She lost her

lighter earlier this year, and we extend sincere sympathy to her... EVA (KIMDT), the daughter of your reporter, GRACE MOUNTS, was married to HENRY MAUER on April 13 at St. John's Lutheran church. A reception followed with guests joining in the celebration. Grace's two sisters from Michigan visited her for the Easter holiday... Hope everyone got what they wanted on the new book. Your scribe is still at Irving Park and has a new co-reporter, ZITA DOUBLEDAY. She'll be at Damen in the P.M. and Morgan Square #2 in the A.M. Be sure to send us some news!

- Grace Mounts

LITS -

Celebrations. Your on-the-case reporter here, letting you know spring is sprung permanently, I hope, if only for our great softball team. They're out to get it all this year, so let's get behind them. Let's get out and root for them every Sunday. Hey, speaking of spring, one little sweet bug of joy is VANESSA BROWN, the 20-month old daughter of Operator DONALD BROWN... Well, it's vacation time soon, so if you are going anywhere this year let me know. Even better, when you get there drop me a line and I'll tell you the whole system about it.



- Charles Turner

NORTH AVENUE -

A great big HELLO to everyone!.. This month we have a few days to remember such as Mother's day, Polish Constitution day, Norwegian Independence day, and of course Memorial day... Vacation time rolled around again for Clerk ART COOPER and his Mrs. They headed down to Nashville, Tennessee, to visit Opryland. His time the trip was limited to ground transportation even though Mrs. Cooper, after her first plane ride, thinks it's the greatest thing since the invention of the wheel... Another vacationer was Clerk AL (Alkhorn) ROHDE. He didn't let us in on any of his plans so we'll have to wait till he gets back... Yours truly and Mrs. BLIX will be down in the Jacksonville, Illinois, area visiting some of her kinfolk around the end of May. That always makes for an enjoyable vacation... We have two fellows who have decided to take a permanent vacation. Clerk TOM HICKEY retired May 1, and ART ECKER will go on pension June 1. All of us here in the office will certainly miss these two grumpy old comedians. We have nothing but the utmost sympathy for their wives who will

have to put up with them all day, every day. Good luck, fellows, be sure and keep in touch with us... In addition to celebrating his birthday, Instructor ED JURCZAK and his family are telling everyone about the five little pups their pet poodle, Lacey, presented them with. How come no cigars, Ed?... JEAN LACRIOLA, the wife of Instructor MIKE LACRIOLA, and their grandson, MICHAEL ENGSTROM, will both be celebrating their birthdays this month. Operators RAY ZIELINSKI, FRANK KOLCZ, and their better halves will be celebrating wedding anniversaries. Congratulations and best wishes to all of you... TOM and BEA HICKEY will probably be spending a lot of time around Minneapolis with their brand new granddaughter, KIMBERLY MADER. Kim and her two-year old brother, BRIAN, should be able to keep grandma and grandpa hopping... We're hoping Clerk HELMUTH STANKEVICIUS has a real good news item for us next November... By this time we hope Instructor CHARLEY WEYER, Clerk BOB ARENDT and Janitor JOHN MARACEK are all out of the hospital and well on the road to recovery... Our most sincere sympathy to the families of Supervisor WILLIAM YOUNG-LOVE and retired District D supervisor ART MAZZA, who passed away recently. Both of these men were well liked by all of us who knew them. Condolences are also extended to Relief District Superintendent JOHN MILLETTE in the loss of his brother... We understand retired janitor CHARLEY ANDERSON is down in St. Louis, Missouri, recovering from open heart surgery. There are getting to be more and more of us in that club, aren't there?... Our first high school graduate of '74 is DOREEN LACRIOLA. She'll don the traditional cap and gown on May 29, her Mom's birthday, when she leaves Resurrection High school... See you all party soon.

Now that the gloom of winter is gone, income taxes have been filed and spring is definitely in the air, we look forward to many activities shaping up among the operators. Your reporters will strive to have any and all the news of such goings on right here for you in print... The path to retirement on April 1 was not a crowded one. Operator PETER J. DOWDALL was the only operator from North Avenue inking his name on the retirement list... Operator S. NIPON is minus his famous handlebar mustache. He said it was by the missus' request (or order). Kissing must have been a difficult task, I guess... Operator HORACE BROWNING was bragging about the fish he caught during the Easter weekend. A picture or two may be a bit more convincing, Horace... While we are on the subject of Easter, you can really see the latest styles and fashions for the men if you just take a peek at Operator JOHN M. WEATHERSPOON. Take note, fellows, some have it and some don't... Our sincere sympathy is extended to the

family of Operator MARTIN KEHOE in his recent passing, and to Operator ARVELL MILLS in the loss of his mother in Corpus Christi, Texas... Our visitors during the month were Pensioners FLOYD CREAL and EDDIE DOWLING... Pensioner LARRY CASEY is visiting and enjoying the sunshine of Arizona. Perhaps this will be a permanent address. Who knows?... See you next time in print.

- Walter Elie & Aaron Pruitt

NORTH PARK -

Pensioner RAY DONESKI and his son-in-law, BERNARD WOLLWINE, are the operators of the Tucker Hollow boat dock and marina on Lake Bull Shoals in Arkansas. The mailing address is Route 4, Harrison, Arkansas 72601, or phone (501) 436-5564... Operator SAM POSNER and his wife, ETHEL, enjoyed an eight-day Caribbean



cruise aboard the T.S.S. Fairwind, which took them to San Juan, St. Thomas, Santo Domingo and the Haiti Islands. They especially enjoyed the food and hospitality. Pictured on board the ship, Sam and Ethel are shown at right beside Captain Ferruccio Rocconi. At left are GEORGE and TINA HENKE. George is a North Section clerk and Tina a North Section Agent and Transit News scribe... Clerk EARL McLAUGHLIN left North Park and is now working in the Charter Department. We at North Park wish Earl good luck in his new position... Evanston Bus Operator GENE SCHIAZZA is an active American Legion member donating his freetime at the Downey hospital for veterans. Any reading material such as books, magazines, etc., would make life a bit more bearable for the vets. Contact Gene at 724-6766... Painters DICK KRUEGER and CHARLES GLAVIANO have given North Park that clean and new look with a wonderful paint job. A hearty thanks to these gentlemen for their artistic efforts... MARY TULLY, the daughter of Clerk PHIL TULLY, is a member of the Golden Knights marching group which held a recital at North Park college on March 31. Phil flew Irish Air Lines to Dublin, Ireland, where his aunt, Mrs. MAGGIE BRADY, and uncle, THOMAS SMITH reside. Phil spent three weeks at various places in Ireland, visiting other relatives and seeing the sights... Operator GEORGE WARD and his wife, CAROLINE, became great-grandparents for the first

time when their granddaughter, Mrs. TEESA GAINES, gave birth to a daughter named TRONDA, born March 8 at the University of Illinois hospital weighing 7 pounds 11 ounces. . . Pensioner MARTIN BAKKA and his wife, CAROLYN, became grandparents of their tenth grandchild when their daughter, Mrs. LORENE MARLETTE, gave birth to JENNIFER on Feb. 25 at Resurrection hospital weighing 6 pounds 5 ounces. . . Our sympathy and condolences are extended to Operator FRANK KOZIOL in the loss of his mother-in-law, Mrs. KATHERINE RAKOCZY, the family of Pensioner WALTER OSE and to Pensioner HAROLD COOK in the loss of his beloved wife, MARGARET. . . Operator CHARLES CHRISTENSEN began retired life on April 1 after 38 years of service at Division, Devon and North Park Depots. Charles, who is an avid follower of the bible, will be using his leisure time to spread the Lord's word among the unfortunate and handicapped. . . Operator CLARENCE (Butch) VAN MIDDLESWORTH and Miss GRACE KABERLINE became engaged on April 1 and are planning a fall wedding. . . PAMELA GOMILLA, the daughter of Operator JOHN GOMILLA, is the great-great-great-granddaughter of Mrs. CARRIE LEE HILL of Vaiden, Mississippi, who was born in slavery and is still living there at the age of 101. . . Box Puller JOHN COSGROVE and his wife, HELEN, spent five days visiting in Washington, D.C., and surrounding areas. The Cosgroves were most impressed with visits to the Smithsonian Institute, Arlington National cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Repair Department Chit-Chat: Repairman TOM LENIHAN retired on April 1. A party was held at the garage for Tom, who received a savings bond and the well wishes of his fellow employees. . . Repairman PAUL SCHREVES enjoyed his spring vacation and entertained his neighbors with an Easter organ recital at his home. . . The repair department has stationed Repairman ROBERT VAN DER MEIR at the Howard-Hermitage Terminal for two hours in the morning to service buses that have minor defects and everyone is advised to take advantage of this opportunity. . . Repairman JULIUS CONLEY returned to work after four months of inactivity. His many friends are happy to see him back. . . Congratulations are extended to MIKE HIGGINS who was promoted to repairman at North Park. . . Repairman MARTY DAWSON and his wife, DOLORES, became parents of a daughter named SIONA born March 29 at Ravenswood hospital weighing 7 pounds 9 ounces. . . The Little Flower Communion Breakfast service was held on Sunday, April 7, at St. Patrick's church. North Park was well represented with Pensioner PAT SULLIVAN and Clerk WARREN SCHOLL of Division 241 winning beautiful door prizes. . . The North Park credit union is ready to take care of your

needs for vacation loans or saving deposits. JOHN, DALE and JERRY are eager to assist everyone. Hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- Melvin Horning

NORTH SECTION -

Our well wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to Conductor GEORGE STEIGLEMAN and Motorman CARL GESBECK who have been on the sick list for quite some time. . . Foot Collector J. BLUM has gone to the Mart for training in the Schedules Department. We wish him good luck. . . Ravenswood Conductor ARTHUR JOOST and his wife spent their vacation in Las Vegas. While there they took in the Jim Nabors show. Art says he won a little. . . Kimball Avenue Superintendent BILL ROONEY and his wife, MARY, spent their vacation at St. Petersburg and Tampa, Florida. One of the highlights of their trip was a visit to Busch Gardens. . . Howard Street Secretary MARY GALLON spent her vacation in Peoria and wishes it was longer. Don't we all? . . . Ticket Agent MNNA KING left on Easter Sunday for a vacation to St. Petersburg to visit her parents. She said that all she wanted to do was soak up the good warm sun and relax. . . Your reporter and her husband, North Side Clerk GEORGE, spent one week cruising the Caribbean aboard the T.S.S. Fairwind. They visited San Juan, St. Thomas, Santo Domingo and Haiti. While aboard ship we were invited to ship's Captain Ferruccio Rocconi's private cocktail party, held in his private quarters. Eight passengers of the 850 aboard the ship were honored with this special invitation. Captain Rocconi also broke a long-standing precedent and permitted my reporter to be photographed with him on the bridge. One of the highlights of the trip was a visit to a rum distillery, where we could have all the free samples we could drink. George enjoyed this. It was a beautiful trip with clear

weather and 86-degree temperatures. Also aboard the ship was CTA Skokie Bus Operator SAM POSNER and his wife, ETHEL, who by coincidence were seated in the dining room at the same table with my scribe and husband. . . Agent NORA KLEMCHUK spent one week in Ireland and wishes she could have worked out some means of stretching it to three. It was beautiful and she hated to leave. . . North Side Station Superintendent MIKE LAVELLE had a week's vacation which ended up being the "honey-do" type. . . Our sincere sympathy to Assignment Agent JEWEL HUNT in the recent death of her

uncle. Also our condolences to North Side Clerk LOUIE LOEBAKKA and his wife in the death of their premature baby boy. . . Our well wishes to retired North Side clerk LAWSON DELVIN, who was hit by a auto over a year ago. He has been in and out of the hospital several times and is home now still wearing a cast on one leg. His wife has also been in the hospital. We want them to know that we hope things will soon begin to get better and that our thoughts are with them. . . On April 13 Instructor DENNIS CLOSS was elected school board member of District 116 in Round Lake, Illinois. Congratulations, Dennis. . . ARDIS MORRIS III, the son of ARDIS MORRIS II, newly appointed relief superintendent of North & West Sections was married on March 30 to Miss BETTY HUSSEY. North Side Student Agent GARY WOLFE was best man. Congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy married life.

- Tony Neale

PLANT MAINTENANCE -

April 1 was the day Carpenter Foreman DAN BALANDIS and Assistant Labor Foreman JOE STANTON retired. All our best wishes for a long and healthy retirement to Dan and Joe. . . A happy (?) birthday to C. J. MAJEROWICZ, plumber foreman. . . What is the mystery of the "hornet"? . . Happy to see DANNY ALBERTS back to work. Stay with it, Dan! . . The welcome mat is out to the new plumbers: JAMES A. DePRATT, RAYMOND CRACCIO and MILLARD (Ernie) MABRY. Happy to have you aboard. . . MATT KUZNAR, ironworker helper, was elevated to Grand Marshall in the Knights of Columbus. This is a great honor. Congratulations, Matt! . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to J. W. LeMOND, and his family in the loss of their mother. . . Wedding bells will ring on June 1 for VINCENT FIORITO. Congratulations, Vince. . . Mr. and Mrs. J. KRASOWSKI, steamfitter, are the proud and happy parents of a 7 pound 11 ounce son.

- Jennie Scott



RAIL VEHICLE TERMINALS -

Congratulations to Shop Foreman MATT COYLE, 98th Street, on his completion of management training school. . . Superintendents J. BOLECH and A. J. PORCARO extend the welcome mat to the five new instructors of the Rail Vehicle Terminals. . . Congratulations to Chief Clerk RAY BRZECZEK on the fine job he is doing. . . A gala retirement party was held at 61st Street for Repairman GARNER T. PLEASANT who took his pension on April 1 after 22 years of service. Among those present were Senior Foreman ROBERT FLOWERS, Shop Foreman J. J. MOLLOY and Pensioners JOE DERAND and M. BUCHANAN. . . Everyone wishes a speedy re-

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

WILLIAM H. ANDERS, 80, Devon,
Emp. 10-15-24, Died 3-21-74
JOHN S. ANDERSON, 74, North Section,
Emp. 1-27-43, Died 3-18-74
CARENCE BARTZ, 58, 77th Street,
Emp. 9-10-46, Died 3-9-74
GREGORY J. BOJAN, 74, North Section,
Emp. 10-3-23, Died 3-24-74
TINY BOLGAT, 59, Track & Structures,
Emp. 6-9-36, Died 2-7-74
HARRY F. BUERGER, 72, Electrical,
Emp. 12-10-36, Died 3-6-74
EDWIN J. BUHLACH, 79, North Section,
Emp. 3-9-20, Died 3-12-74
JOHN BURKE, 74, 69th Street,
Emp. 11-1-33, Died 3-28-74
JAMES M. BURR, 85, Security,
Emp. 7-13-49, Died 3-10-74
CHRIST CAPRA, 83, Track,
Emp. 7-17-36, Died 3-16-74
RANK L. CASTRE, 71, Electrical,
Emp. 7-10-25, Died 3-17-74
THOMAS F. CRINNION, 85, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 11-23-27, Died 3-22-74
RED DAMROW, 59, Electrical Maint.,
Emp. 12-13-39, Died 3-30-74
ANTONIO D'ANGELO, 82, Wilson Shop,
Emp. 7-17-25, Died 3-28-74
PATRICK DOCKERY, 96, Limits,
Emp. 2-21-14, Died 3-4-74
EDONARD DONOFRO, 65, Electrical,
Emp. 2-19-41, Died 3-12-74
PATRICK DUFFY, 73, Skokie Shop,
Emp. 8-16-29, Died 3-9-74
ELLSWORTH H. EHRHART, 64, Keeler,
Emp. 5-3-45, Died 3-25-74

CARL M. ELMER, 85, Devon,
Emp. 5-28-18, Died 3-11-74
HELEN I. FRANSON, 71, Accounting,
Emp. 11-8-43, Died 3-12-74
DAVID W. GORDON, 95, West Section,
Emp. 3-25-14, Died 3-13-74
JOHN F. HEFFERNAN, 81, South Section,
Emp. 11-2-42, Died 3-25-74
JAMES HENRY, 79, 77th Street,
Emp. 1-7-20, Died 3-1-74
LOUIS H. HERMANN, 82, South Shops,
Emp. 5-25-34, Died 3-20-74
JOHN P. HRUSKA, 61, Skokie Shop,
Emp. 10-17-50, Died 3-3-74
JOHN J. JAUMAN, 93, Division,
Emp. 2-16-15, Died 3-20-74
JOSEPH T. KAREL, 73, Lawndale,
Emp. 10-22-23, Died 3-23-74
MARTIN KEHOE, 63, Kedzie,
Emp. 10-3-42, Died 3-25-74
HUGO KOEPEKE, 60, Limits,
Emp. 7-8-48, Died 4-7-74
JOHN KUBINSKI, 88, Lawndale,
Emp. 3-31-10, Died 3-9-74
JOHN F. LYNCH, 63, 69th Street,
Emp. 2-6-43, Died 3-9-74
JOHN MAHONEY, 80, Kedzie,
Emp. 8-30-23, Died 3-3-74
WILLIAM J. MARTIN, 65, 69th Street,
Emp. 2-17-43, Died 3-18-74
JOSEPH C. MATLEY, 81, Districts B, C, D,
Emp. 5-22-12, Died 3-9-74
WILLIAM F. McEVOY, 74, 77th Street,
Emp. 9-6-23, Died 3-30-74
JOHN E. McGRATH, 70, Security,
Emp. 11-7-27, Died 3-16-74

ALBERT MEISTER, 65, North Park,
Emp. 6-1-45, Died 3-1-74
FRED MELAU, 68, West Section,
Emp. 6-24-29, Died 3-28-74
EDWARD E. MOELLER, 72, North Avenue,
Emp. 9-19-28, Died 3-29-74
NONIE C. MURRAY, 78, West Section,
Emp. 1-10-41, Died 3-31-74
JOHN J. O'MALLEY, 83, Kedzie,
Emp. 11-7-22, Died 3-10-74
WALTER A. OSE, 70, North Park,
Emp. 1-28-27, Died 3-11-74
JOHN POCIUS, 85, 69th Street,
Emp. 12-14-28, Died 3-1-74
GEORGE RADEMACHER, 80, Devon,
Emp. 4-19-17, Died 2-18-74
ADOLPH RAPP, 82, Devon,
Emp. 11-30-25, Died 3-27-74
CHARLES ROMANO, 78, West Section,
Emp. 5-18-23, Died 3-23-74
MICHAEL RUDDY, 68, South Section,
Emp. 7-8-43, Died 3-25-74
STANLEY SKIBA, 55, Forest Glen,
Emp. 12-23-42, Died 3-2-74
VINCENT VADEISA, 38, Forest Park,
Emp. 9-26-60, Died 4-6-74
GERALDINE VINZENS, 71, West Section,
Emp. 12-2-40, Died 3-19-74
ERNEST WALKER, 45, Kedzie,
Emp. 2-5-70, Died 3-20-74
JOHN WILSON, 83, 69th Street,
Emp. 1-18-23, Died 3-31-74
JOHN C. WITT, 85, Kedzie,
Emp. 9-12-13, Died 3-22-74
WILLIAM YOUNGLOVE, 64, District C,
Emp. 10-12-36, Died 3-29-74

covery to S. NETTLES, 61st Street, who is
Englewood hospital, and N. BRINSON
who is off sick...J. BUFORD, 61st Street,
seems to be smiling again after his recent
illness...V. LINDSEY and Y. PATE, 61st
Street, are happy to be "home" again
since the new pick...MELVIN MCINTOSH,
68th Street's number one motor blower,
is a new helper this pick--TED GUTT...
J. WILBORN, 98th Street, stated that
from 1:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. was just a little too
early for him since Arma's Lounge doesn't
close until 2:00 a.m...Anyone who wishes
to join the 1974 South Side Transit softball
team can sign up now at 98th Street terminal,
or call the coach, GEORGE NICHOLSON,
on extension 457...A surprise party was
held at Ella's Lounge to welcome the
new men, T. DUNCAN, I. PATTERSON, L.
FOBB and J. FURCROW into the club.
Among the old timers present were C.
NELSON, president; D. WILBORN, sergeant
at arms; G. NICHOLSON, C. WILLIAMS
and F. PICKETT...The 37th annual
meeting of the South Side "L" Federal
Credit Union was held on March 17 at
Robert's motel. A moment of silent prayer
was held for the late ROBERT BURNS,
followed by the opening of the meeting pre-
sided over by CHARLES SPEARS, presi-
dent. Assisting Spears were Treasurer

FRED GRONEMEYER and DAVID SHEP-
PARD. It ended with a wonderful turkey
dinner and lots of refreshments...Assistant
Foreman HENRY DICKERSON wel-
comes Repairmen A. CURTIS, W. JOHN-
SON, S. STIMAGE, F. HOLTON, J.
ALLEYNE and C. NEVELS to 98th Street.

- Frank Pickett

SCHEDULES -

Director of Schedules BILL WORCESTER
and his wife vacationed in Naples, Flori-
da. Bill came back with a beautiful tan
and well rested...JOE LYNCH and his wife
and daughter, KELLY, drove to Memphis,
Tennessee, for their vacation. Joe also
came back with a marvelous tan...BOB LA-
VOIE, ED JURIC, JOE LYNCH and TIM
O'ROURKE from the Claim Department
drove to Georgia to play some golf. They
are all ready now to play in the Master's
golf tournament. Watch for them! A good
time was had by all...We welcome ED
COYLE to the department as traffic check-
er. Ed came to us from the multithread
section of Reproduction Services...WILLIE
SCOTT vacationed at home and rested up...
We are happy to hear that Pensioner JOHN
BENNIS is now doing well after his heart

attack and the death of his wife, MAME...
Our sympathy is extended to JOE KAREL
in the death of his father.

- Kathryn Batina

SKOKIE SHOP -

Congratulations to JIM REIDY of the motor
line who transferred to the Signal Depart-
ment. From all of us here at Skokie--the
best of luck, Jim...The very best to JOE
BUTERA who transferred to the South
Shops. Joe will be missed by all in the
armature room...RAYMOND HART, con-
trol department, learned how to catch
smelt the hard way. After three long
hours of fishing Red landed only three
smelt, while only a few yards away PAT
LANGOSCH caught 300. Next year he is
going to try something new. Instead of
using minnows for bait he is going to try a
pinky. Good luck, pal...FRANK KLINEC,
axle section, and his wife just came back
from a vacation in the Canary Islands.
Some people really know how to live...
MATT SPATZKE returned to work after
being off six months due to an injury.
Welcome back, Matt...BILL HEBERT,
motor line, bought a new rototiller. Bill
plans to plant a big garden on his property

in Wisconsin. Good luck, Bill... JOHN SARA, control department, bought a "new" 1972 Vega... A hearty welcome to our Electrical Apprentices ED LUBOMSKI, RICH RETUELL, J. ARNOUX, RONALD NORTH-CUTT, VAN JONES and LEON WELLNER... BILL (Big Daddy) MEANY says the floors will be shining when Big Bertha comes to Skokie soon. By the way, Big Bertha is the new scrubbing machine, so stay out of Big Daddy's way. Nothing can stop them!... The Skokie baseball team had its first spring practice April 10, playing for two hours after work. Second baseman TONY (Stone Fingers) COLUCCI had a hard time fielding ground balls. However, Manager MIKE FABIAN feels Tony will be in shape by opening day... Happy birthday to KENNETH JAMES METTLER, 6, the son of Upholsterer KEN METTLER.

- Pat Harnett

SOUTH SECTION -

Springtime means the birth of many things, and we've had several births of our own on the South Section... Congratulations to Conductor LYN FLOWERS and his wife on the birth of a baby boy, MALCOLM EMANUEL, March 28. The happy Flowers family now has two boys and one girl... Conductor JOHN PELT was grinning from ear to ear when he passed out cigars and told us about the birth of his baby boy, JERMAINE ARDRAINE, on March 24... Clerk JOHN BARRY announced that he and his wife became grandparents for the 15th time when his daughter, PEGGY, had her first little girl, AIMEE MARCINIAK... Springtime also means love in bloom. Clerk ERVIN HARMON and Agent DOROTHY KELLEY decided to tie the knot and were married on March 18. It couldn't have happened to two nicer people. Best wishes for a happy married life... A big welcome back to Conductor EMANUEL FITZPATRICK who just returned from military service... Qualifying as supervisors were Switchman JOHN HINTON, Motormen THOMAS OVERTON, FREEMAN PICKETT, JERRY JOHNSON and BRAXTON ATKINSON. Our heartiest congratulations to all... Hello to newly-hired Conductor GEORGE ELLISON Jr... On St. Patrick's day the South Side "L" credit union held their annual meeting and party at Robert's motel. It was a real nice affair with a big crowd. Congratulations to all the regular officers and the newly-appointed officers and committeemen, including Clerks JAMES CAREY and ELIJAH SMITH. It was old home week for me. I saw so many of my old pals from my alma mater, 61st Street. Guests were LEONARD BEATTY, president of Division 308, South Section Board Member WILFRED SPEARS and their charming wives. Pensioners present were retired assignment agent LULU HAMANN and retired towerman PATRICK HICKEY. The turkey with dressing, hot corn bread and ham were

just delicious. No one dieted that day. Your credit union is working for you so be sure and drop in and put a little money aside for those rainy days... Congratulations to Station Superintendent STANLEY CHRIST who's daughter was married on March 16. A reception was held at the Millionaire's club in Lombard... Agent CORRINE DALMAS and her husband, GEORGE, who works out of 77th Street Station, celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary on April 21... Hooray! Back from the sick list are Switchman BERTRAM HARTFIELD and Motormen MANSUR KABIR and WILLIAM BROWN... We were shocked to hear that retired assignment agent GERALDINE VINZENS, who lived in California, passed away recently. She was brought to Chicago for burial... Oodles of good luck is wished our recently appointed agent supervisors from the South Section: MAXINE JEFFERSON, AMY GRANT, ANNA SCOTT and JANIS BURGE. Also to our newly appointed South Section janitor foremen: PETER EVANS, JAMES ROBERTS, WILLIAM CHRISHON and SILAS RANSOME... Our sincere condolences are extended to Assistant Superintendent of South District WILLIAM NASH in the loss of his father, and to Supervisor MYRON WOODS in the loss of his mother.

My better half, Chief Clerk ROLAND, and I were invited to the Metropolitan "L" Federal Credit Union meeting and dinner at Nielsen's Village restaurant on March 23. Besides eating all that good smorgasbord, we each won a \$5 door prize. Now I call that mighty lucky. Motorman JOSEPH GRIFFIN's wife, who sat at the same table, also won a door prize and the table prize, and West Section Agent DELORES BERO won a door prize. Thanks to president, South Section Motorman HOUSTON WASHINGTON, and West Section Chief Clerk JOHN CAROLAN for the wonderful job they did on this affair... I received a heartwarming letter from Mrs. JOHN HEFFERNAN from Milbank, South Dakota, telling us that her husband, retired clerk JOHN HEFFERNAN, passed away at the end of March. He was a real gentleman and we shall always remember him... Motorman RICHARD MCCALLISTER received a passenger commendation for his quick action when he had a defective train and kept the delay to a minimum... Heard that Conductor MICHAEL RUDDY passed away recently. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his family... Received a nice letter and my yearly calendar from retired conductor JOHN DANEK who is really enjoying his pension. He's been traveling around seeing the sights in Hawaii, California, Las Vegas and Lake Tahoe. Now that's what I call enjoying your leisure life... Assistant North District Superintendent VERNON BURGESS and his Mrs. are climbing up in the rolls of grandparents. They now have eight grandchildren. Their daughter, KATHY, recently gave birth to a

little girl named BRANDI-LYN... The BO ROESINGS, supervisor of janitors, enjoy a spring vacation in Florida to see Bob's mom in Clearwater, and then a week on Caribbean cruise. They said it was great fun. What a way to go!... On the sick list is this writing is Work Train Conductor ELLSWORTH WIGGINGTON. Hope you'll return to work in good health real soon.

- Vera Hartley

SOUTH SHOPS -

Welcome back to Foreman FRED MOMMSEN, Print Shop, and ANNA KANISAU KAS, wrapper in the Print Shop, who were both off sick since February due to operations... Pensioner LAMBERT (Shorty) BRONS, who retired from the Printing Department in 1969, has asked us to print his new address: 9712 West Shore Drive Oak Lawn, Illinois 60442... Welcome back to WILLIE PICKETT who was on vacation for a week... After receiving her driver's license, RENA SABOL bought herself 1974 Toyota. Congratulations and safe driving, Rena... We all wish JOHN CACCIATO a speedy recovery. John is in the hospital undergoing cataract surgery. Hurry back and leave those nurses alone... FRED BARTOLAI, material handler at North Park, and MIKE GRANGER, material handler at 77th, are both off sick. Hurry back, guys... Congratulations to Captain H. HOLLENDONER, Area 312, J. FELTZ, D. ROHE, Area 318 and J. LASKEY, Area 312, on breaking the sophomore jinx in bowling. After only two years together, they went from 11th to third place in the South Side Milkman's League at Ford City. Good going guys... RICHARD HANNIGAN, Paint Shop, was surprised to find that his Cadillac had hooked bumpers with his Volkswagen and towed it for a few blocks. Even more shocked was the driver of the Cadillac, who thought the bug was just another tailgater, until he saw there was nobody driving it... Another good guy down the tube: GEORGE HAYES took that fatal step and was married on April 27. All kidding aside, we all wish George the best of luck and especially his bride... The office is being painted this month. I would like to say the painters are doing a real nice job. LOUIS of the Paint Department has done a fine mural in Mr. REPPINGER's office and also in the lunch room. They all should be commended on their fine work... Best wishes and a happy retirement are extended to AL SUMA who left on March 1 after 45 years of service. His smiling face and cooperative attitude will be sorely missed by all those in Technical Services. We all hope you enjoy your retirement and come to see us when you have the chance. Good luck.

SHOP NEWS: Get well wishes go out to GEORGE GEIS, JOE KAPINSKI and TOM BOWMAN... Utilities Foreman IRWIN KRUMREY retired after 26 years of ser-

ce with the CTA. The fellows in the illity Area gave Irwin a party at Sharko's last restaurant, and gave him a Gold Rolls ncy with a flask of his favorite beverage side. Good luck and health to you, Irwin. Pensioner ANGELO FALBO dropped us a rd recently while he was vacationing in as Vegas. Angelo says hello to all his rmer co-workers and friends...Happy iversary wishes go out to Mr. and Mrs. OBERT HACKBARTH and Mr. and Mrs. AYMOND SPATZEK. Both couples were arried on May 6 at the same time 34 ars ago...LOUIS ALLEVA's daughter, ANCY, was accepted by the National oner Society at Bloom High School. Nice ing, Nancy...Sure is nice to have LYLE LACK back at work after being off for the last 15 months recuperating from a broken lp...HENRY KOLAR, chairman of the picic committee, says that streakers will be 'elcome at our annual picnic on June 22 roviding they buy a ticket...Congratulations to NICK SIMONETTI on the birth of his first granddaughter last month...A big 'elcome goes out to all the fellows that ave joined our ranks at South Shops: ERNANDO GUARDERAS, LOUIS BUBAN, OE BUTERA, ERIC SMITH, DON FREE-AIEN and WILBERT BLAKELY. Nice to ave you all aboard...SAM KASPER visied his dad, JOE KASPER of the Brake epartment, last week before flying to Germany. Sam is stationed there during is hitch in the army...JAKE WEBER is oing to mark all the wheels and tires in r'aille from now on, thanks to the fine ork of "leave it to" BEAVER...The al- eged burglar who stole TOM BURIAN's ools was actually doing Tom a favor. The uy figured Tom wasn't using them any- ave so why leave them around...Welder JOE PERRY is now cruisin' around in a brand new Thunderbird...Our prayers go ut to HOWIE BURRIS' mother who is ravelly ill in Henderson, Kentucky...BOB NORD has just purchased a new Ford tampoer. Bob says he's going to keep it on locks until he goes on pension in two and ne-half years. If you need gas for that tampoer, Bob, see FRED and CHARLIE in the Clutch Department. They've got plenty of it...In closing--anyone who has a son or daughter graduating this spring or summer, PLEASE submit their grad pictures for our special issue in June.

- Joanne Diehl & Lawrence Bernas

WEST SECTION -

Happy days, spring has finally arrived and it has been a long time coming. Now all our thoughts are for those sweet vacation days...What a wonderful time we all had at the Lake Street Credit Union annual meeting. We congratulate Treasurer JOHN MCCARTHY for the wonderful food that was served. The turnout was fabulous and everyone had a marvelous time. A few of our pensioners who showed up looked great: JIM LUDWIG, BARNEY ROLAND,

TOM MCGOURTY, JOHN NOHELT, JIM and BEA KAIN and STEVE DALTON, one of our past presidents. We also had visitors from Ireland, JERRY BOYLAND's brother and sister-in-law. What a delightful pair they were. Now I know where Jerry got all that blarney from. WILLIAM PAYNE and his lovely wife, ARTIE, finally came to one of our meetings. I didn't care about Bill, but it was a pleasure to meet his wife. We found out that they celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on April 13. We all wish Bill and Artie many more years of marital bliss. LOU PAYNE's girlfriend, PAM, came and she looked so sweet and tiny when she walked in, but I noticed her when she walked out, and she either ate too much or she had a doggy bag under her coat. She is going to kill me for this...Bad news--STEVE DUDASIK fell off a ladder and broke his arm. Hurry up and get well, Steve, we miss you...ZIG KOPCZYNSKI was in the hospital for an operation and we all wish him well...PETER MARONCELLI is also in the hospital. We hope he has a speedy recovery...It was really a shock when we heard that VINCE VADEISA had passed away. Vince had been off for awhile with a broken arm. We all extend our deepest condolences to his wife and family...We also extend our deepest sympathy to TOM DUNLEAVY in the death of his father who resided in Ireland...Say, here's some good news. Retired switchman TOM GRIFFIN and his wife, OLIVIA, now residing in Green Lake, Wisconsin, were given a surprise 50th wedding anniversary party by their children and grandchildren. It was a huge success. Our congratulations to Tom and Olivia on their beautiful marriage, and may they have many more healthy and loving years together...We hope JIM HOOD gets his car that was stolen back. He really liked it. He said if he doesn't get it back he is going to buy a hog, and I don't mean the farm kind that gives us pork chops...JUDY CIMMERER, one of our favorite people, has such an artistic talent and can make the most beautiful wall decoration. They most certainly should be on display. Sorry to say that her husband, JOHN CIMMERER, doesn't have any. My wife just told me that I have less than John. She sure knows how to hurt a guy...One of our beautiful people, DOROTHY FORD, is going on an early pension to be with her husband, LEO. She has always been such a kind lady and nice to everyone. We will really miss her. So good luck, Dorothy, and may all your days be happy...So long everyone, see you soon.

- Santo Scelliano & Lou Payne

69TH STREET -

CORNELL GRANT Jr., the son of Operator CORNELL GRANT, was graduated from Harper High school and plans to enter Northwestern university. He will major in commercial law. I hope he does

as well as his dad does when he goes fishing...Two brand new shoes are going unclaimed in our lost-and-found. Anyone with two left feet should be interested...Who is the smart guy who is trying to unload a dark blue uniform overcoat?...It is official that FRAIL got married on his split and worked the next day--his day off--so he could afford to take his bride away to Hawaii...G. JAROS, one of the nicest and quietest operators, took his pension. He is seriously considering taking an extended trip to the Orient...HORACE BROOKS said that he stood outside of his supervisor's shack to keep warm when they moved it all around while repairing the street...Former Archer Operator FRED KAHLFELDT, who now works in the traffic section at the Mart, is going on pension and will then go to Coons Lake, Indiana...M. LEVEE, former operator from 69th Street and the old Cottage Grove barn, retired June 1. He was also in the traffic section at the Mart. He will go to Bass Lake, Indiana...PAUL JOHNSON lost his young son recently when he was struck by an automobile. Pensioner JOHN BURKE passed away, as did former operator and janitor RUDOLPH FUNNYE. To their families and loved ones we at 69th extend our deepest sympathy. Condolences are also extended to the families of Pensioner J. J. LYNCH, Operator OZIE DAVIS whose father, ED DAVIS, passed away at the age of 77 leaving 20 grandchildren, and Pensioner WILLIAM MARTIN...J. E. LEWIS was really surprised when the clerk demanded that he return his trip sheet and transfers. It was his anniversary date...We all hope that our new superintendent, VIC COLEMAN, likes it here as well as the men like having him here...To all you fellas on the sick list, hurry and get well. We miss you and need you...I would certainly like to hear from everyone as to what you're going to do on your vacation. It would be nice to hear from our pensioners too!

The Repair Department hopes everyone had a nice Easter holiday...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. CLAUDE FIZER on the birth of their son who arrived on April 10. The best from all of us!...JERRY JONES made a trip south on his vacation. He had a nice time. BOB BOSCO also had a nice time...On the sick list are JOHN JOHNSON, MIKE BAY and JIMMY CHAMBERS, who was in the hospital. We wish them all a speedy recovery...We all welcome the newcomers to 69th: R. SUTTON, C. HOLLENDONER, M. HRAA and I. REVNA. We hope they will stay with us for a long time...We had a note from MARTY GRIFFIN. We wish a speedy recovery to DENNY GRIFFIN who had been quite ill. Also heard from Pensioners PADDY FITZGERALD, JOHN KILMARTIN, JIM MCNULTY and LUKE MORLEY. They are all enjoying the life of leisure.

- Art Bussing & Jimmy Aborn

CTA WIN SAFETY AWARDS

The Chicago Transit Authority has been recognized for 1973 safety records with 13 awards by the Greater Chicago Safety Council. Seven of the safety awards to the CTA were in the commercial vehicle category and six in the industrial safety category. The awards were presented by the Safety Council in recognition of reductions in accident frequency rates at CTA operating locations and departments in 1973 as compared with 1972.

Accepting the awards for the CTA at a dinner meeting May 20 in the Pick-Congress Hotel was George Krambles, Manager of the General Operations Division.

Safety Contest Standings 1st quarter of 1974

Interstation Safety Contest

Surface System

1st Beverly	5th 77th Street	8th North Park
2nd 52nd Street	6th Kedzie	9th Forest Glen
3rd 69th Street	7th North Avenue	10th Limits
4th Archer		

Rapid Transit System

1st Congress	4th Douglas	7th 61st Street
2nd Jefferson Park	5th Dan Ryan	8th Howard
3rd Kimball	6th Forest Park	9th Ashland

Employee Safety Contest

Surface Garage Competition

1st Beverly	5th Limits	8th North Avenue
2nd Forest Glen	6th North Park	9th Kedzie
3rd 52nd Street	7th 69th Street	10th 77th Street
4th Archer		

Rapid Transit Maintenance Terminal Competition

1st Dan Ryan	3rd 61st, Racine	5th Congress,
2nd Wilson,	4th Forest Park	54th, Foster
Howard, Linden		6th Kimball

Shops Competition

1st Skokie Shop	2nd South Shops
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CTA's First Lady Driver

Blaa is Appointed Manager of Transportation

Flynn Retires Sept. 1



Blaa



Flynn

THE APPOINTMENT of James R. Blaa as manager of transportation of the Chicago Transit Authority was announced June 7 by Milton Pikarsky, CTA Chairman.

In this key operating position, Blaa succeeds David M. Flynn who will retire Sept. 1 after 39 years service with Chicago's transit system.

Until his retirement, Flynn will serve as an administrative adviser to George Krambles, manager of the CTA's General Operations Division.

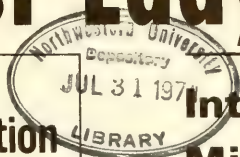
Blaa, who is 49, has been CTA superintendent of rapid transit operations for the last nine years.

He began working in transit in 1942 as an office boy for the former Chicago Surface Lines, one of the predecessor private companies to the CTA.

Blaa, who attended Oberlin college and studied electrical engineering at the Illinois Institute of Technology, has served in various positions with the CTA, including instruction and technical analyst and station superintendent.

He also holds a distinction of being a third generation member of his family to be engaged in transit in Chicago. His grandfather, Charles Blaa, was a rapid transit conductor, and his father, Joseph Blaa, is a retired CTA employee who served as a motorman, supervisor and dispatcher.

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Introducing— Miss Mary Wallace

THE CTA's first woman bus driver was hired June 17.

She is Miss Mary E. Wallace, 22, a native Chicagoan who lives in the south side Englewood community.

"I have wanted to be a bus driver since high school because I like driving and people," said an affable Miss Wallace.

Miss Wallace commented about her new job upon being introduced at the CTA's headquarters in the Merchandise Mart by Milton Pikarsky, Chairman of the Chicago Transit Authority. Taking part in the introduction also was James Pate, Secretary-Treasurer of Division 241 of the Amalgamated Transit Union.

Pikarsky said Miss Wallace was hired under the CTA's affirmative action program of extending equal employment opportunities to women and minorities.

Ten other women have applications pending for bus driver jobs, Pikarsky said, and another woman has inquired about becoming a conductor on the rapid transit system.

Miss Wallace, who left a business office position to join the CTA, began the bus driver training program June 20.

This stringent training program, extending over at least 15 days, will include both classroom instruction and practice driving under close supervision of an instructor.

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MISS WALLACE was introduced as CTA's first woman bus driver by Milton Pikarsky (right), CTA Chairman and James Pate, Secretary-Treasurer of Division 241 of the Amalgamated Transit Union.



265 Miles on Supertransfer See Page 2

Supertransfer Lasts for 265 Miles

By Howard S. Marks

I TRAVELED 265 miles Sunday for the bargain price of 70 cents using the Chicago Transit Authority's new supertransfer. The only trouble I had was staying awake.

During my 23 hours and 72 minutes on the CTA system, I traveled thruout Chicago and 13 suburbs on 28 different bus lines and six Rapid Transit lines.

The goal was to travel every mile of the sprawling system, but I managed to cover only 8.5 per cent of bus line miles and all of the Rapid Transit Lines that operate on Sunday except the Englewood branch of the North-South line. This was almost the same number of miles as the distance between Chicago and Detroit.

My impressions were overwhelmingly favorable. Certain outlying bus routes resembled mobile parties with passengers and drivers laughing and enjoying trivia with each other.

The happiest buses seemed to be the South Chicago Express, the

CHICAGO TODAY reporter Howard S. Marks decided to determine how much of the Chicago Transit Authority's 2,065-mile system he could cover in the 24-hour period when the 70 cent, unlimited ride supertransfer is good, from 3 a.m. Sunday to 3 a.m. Monday. Here is his story.

(Reprinted, Courtesy CHICAGO TODAY)

South Pulaski Road line, the Skokie line, and the Harrison Street line.

On the South Chicago Express, steelworkers en route to the Sunday morning shift at Republic Steel Company, 11600 S. Burley Av., chatted with other workers going to their Hegewisch homes near Wolf Lake.

After criss-crossing the city, I came to believe that Southwest Siders are the friendliest Chicagoans.

I was even invited to the home of my Pakistani bus driver.

"You should try some of our food," he said proudly. He also directed me to a hearty breakfast at the Purple Steer Restaurant, 10600 S. Ewing Av. He was not the only considerate bus driver.

South Michigan Avenue line driver Charles Fair slammed on his brakes at 105th Street and Michigan Avenue after spotting a blind youth on the other side of the street. Fair left his bus and escorted the young man to the bus.

On the South Pulaski Road line, the driver discussed the merits of retirement with several of his passengers. It was like a roving Kup's Show.

Most of the passengers I met also were friendly — but only on the buses that wind their way thru the outer city and the suburbs. On the Rapid Transit Lines and inner city bus lines, everyone seemed uptight.

One young woman otherwise friendly, confided: "I had to buy this briefcase so I could have something to put on the seat next to me to keep the drunks away

while I'm riding the elevated downtown."

The mixture of passengers on the CTA bus lines cut thru every strata of society.

While on the Harrison Street line, I met a physician who had just flown in from Newark, N.J., en route to the Ramada Inn, 506 W. Harrison St. He almost forgot a suitcase. I handed it to him before he jumped off the bus.

His gratitude equalled that of a passenger on the Skokie bus who the driver failed to wake when we arrived at the terminal. I woke him and he yawningly thanked me — at 4:50 a.m.

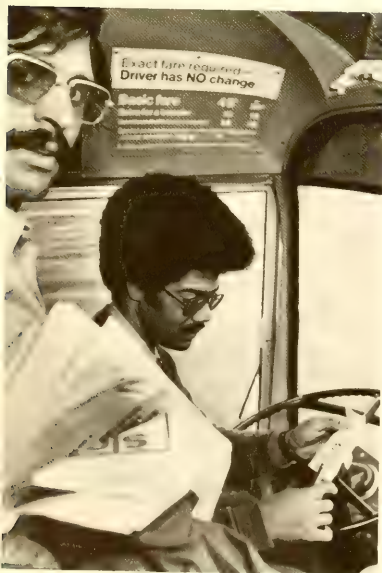
While on the Skokie bus, I met a woman who had lived in Mexico and Spain and was studying about Guru Maharaj Ji, 16-year-old spiritual leader who recently married his 24-year-old secretary. She was going to her 6 a.m. job in the Coffee Shop in McCormick Inn.

"I think I'll have to take a cab from the Chicago Avenue subway station because I can run up the stairs quickly and grab a cab. You never see a policeman," she said.

During my 24-hour tour of the CTA system, I saw only one uniformed policeman. He was at the 95th Street Dan Ryan Rapid Transit terminal. But I didn't see any crime, either.

On the O'Hare express bus, I met an oil company employee going to Houston. Nicholas Symkowicz, 3342 N. Southport Av., said he always takes the bus.

Aspiring singer-comedienne Donna Tufts bought a supertransfer aboard the Westchester bus en route to a rehearsal at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant, 400 N. Wells



Grand Avenue bus driver William H. West punches another hole in Howard S. Marks' Supertransfer.

CHICAGO TODAY Photo by Frank Hanes

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BRYN MAWR station on the North elevated route was reopened June 12 and became the first of nine rapid transit stations to be modernized under CTA's \$140 million federal-state financed capital improvement program. As bands played, CTA Chairman Milton Pikarsky and guest speakers opened a giant gift wrapping covering the station entrance to become the first of 500 free riders to pass the turnstiles. Pictured, from left, are Ald. Marilou Hedlund (48th), Ms. June Travlos, executive director of the Edgewater Chamber of Commerce, and Chairman Pikarsky. Features of the modern station include an escalator at the location for the first time, fluorescent lighting throughout, a terra cotta tile floor, stainless steel hardware and new signing. Total cost of the project was \$307,692.



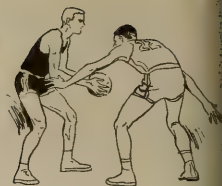
EXPANDED SERVICE on the 'L' elephant bus route was kicked off at a Lincoln Park Zoo ceremony on June 15 which included a contest judging the designs of three buses for the route. The buses were specially designed and painted by youngsters from the Model Cities/CCUO Youth Development Program. The winning design was that of four 1974 graduates of Lane Technical High school representing the Near North Side Urban Progress Center. Pictured at left putting the final touches to their award-winning bus are, from left, Rosetta Russell, Ellery Triche, Arthur Johnson and James Jones. Other entrants in the contest included the two buses being painted below by students and graduates from Hyde Park and Morgan Park High schools. The 74L 'L' elephant service now operates daily from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. from the Fullerton 'L' station over an extended route through Lincoln Park via Fullerton, Cannon drive, LaSalle drive and Stockton drive.





CTA Sports News

MEL ALEXANDER, Sports Editor



Sports Banquet a Gala Affair

THE CTA recreational sports program held a gala awards dinner on June 7 at the Ramada Inn banquet room, 504 W. Harrison street.

In the top photo, Terrell Hill, manager of the General Development Division, presents the first place trophy for the basketball championship to Archer Station Superintendent William Moser and Coach Hubert Bankston.

In the bottom photo, Donald Yabush, News Bureau director, presents the first place trophy for the 1973 softball champs to Leon Harris of 69th Street Station.

Committee members who worked hard and diligently to present this wonderful affair are: J. Robinson, F. Porter, H. Bankston, W. Haulcy, K. DuCree, J. Alston, P. Thomas and G. Ambrose.



CTA Softball League Off to a Good Start

THE CTA softball league opened its season Sunday, May 26, with 69th Street Station, the 19th champions, advancing towards their second league championship with a win over Rapid Transit.

With 12 teams participating, the league appeared very strong this year. With 69th Street having a 1 and 0 win record, three other teams, 77th Street Station, Kedzie Station and North Park Station, are tied with them for first place. With Kedzie gaining additional personnel after the closing of Lawndale Station, they seem to hold an edge. The outcome of the upcoming games may provide a hint as to which team will emerge as 1974 champs.

The pictures on the opposite page depict some of the action you will see when you come out to the games. They are played each Sunday morning beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Grant Park. Everyone is invited to attend and root for their favorite team. Admission is always free. So bring the family and picnic baskets and enjoy all the fun at the old ball games.

The standings below are as of June 16, as the June 23 game was rained out.

CTA SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Teams	W	L	Pct
77th Street	3	0	1.0
69th Street	3	0	1.0
Kedzie	3	0	1.0
North Park	3	0	1.0
Archer	2	1	.67
Limits	1	2	.33
Rapid Transit	1	2	.33
General Office	1	2	.33
North Avenue	1	2	.33
52nd Street	0	3	.00
Beverly	0	3	.00
Forest Glen	0	3	.00

CTA TRANSIT NEWS



Mart Golf Tournament Has Surprise Entrant

THE ANNUAL General Office golf outing at the Villa Mivvia Country club had a surprise entrant this year.

After 20 years of all-male participation, a feminine touch was introduced when Christine Zogus of Datacenter entered the tournament.

Being the gentlemen that they are, the group gave her a warm welcome although she didn't fare too well in the course.

The winner this year was John O'Connor, superintendent of passenger controls. John, who had a 31 handicap, shot a 96 and was presented with a wrist-watch for his fine effort.

Entrants in the tournament were, alphabetically: T. Boldt, E. Bole, J. Bonner, T. Boyle, H. Brown, J. Cannon, J. Chura, B. Connolly, R. Corbel, V. Donohue, C. Gibes, N. Graver, G. Haenisch, J. Hart, L. Hess, B. Holtane, M. Imbra, G. Jendrach, R. Jestice, V. Johnson, C. Kalogeras, A. Lathouwers, D. Mecher, K. Mikota, G. Millonas, J. O'Connor, T. Olenick, F. Palilunas, J. Pankonen, W. Prosen, C. Rusakiewicz Sr., C. Rusakiewicz Jr., B. Sather, D. Shogan, M. Smith, T. Stiglic, P. Swanson, T. Szewc, R. Swindell, B. Tausch, A. Tonner, J. Toolis, T. Wodarski, T. Wolgemuth, F. Wsol and C. Zogus.





CTA Names 16 Women as Supervisors

THE CTA has done it again.

After naming its first woman bus driver, the Chicago Transit Authority announced the appointment of 22 new ticket agent supervisors.

Sixteen of the new supervisors are women, six are men.

The 16 became the first women in the CTA's history to hold the rank of supervisor.

The 22 new supervisors work with the CTA's 700 rapid transit station ticket agents.

The new ticket agent supervisors (by area) are: south side residents Jacqueline Holmes, Katy Moriarty, Maxine Jefferson, Rosemary Roberson, Amy Grant, Dorothy Harris, Lucretia Russell, Janice Burge, Anna Scott, Betty Lewis, Mary Marble, Madison Palmer, Gerald Dubanski, and Sidney Turner.

North side residents are: Karen Domino, Mary Raftery, Sue Matthews, and Thomas Shera.

Suburban residents are: Charlene Evans of Harvey, John Woods of Maywood, and Aida Duany and John Baxter, both of Evanston.

John P. Hallahan, area superintendent, near north, said the new supervisors were selected from the ranks of the CTA's ticket agents on the basis of their performance records and their ability to handle the many duties of station ticket agents.

Hallahan credited CTA Chairman Milton Pikarsky with helping create the program for bringing women

CTA GOT a new look recently when it named 22 former ticket agents to the position of agent supervisors, marking the first time that CTA has women in a supervisory capacity. Donning their new forest green blazers, one of two blazers which will distinguish them from other CTA employees, from left to right are Rosemary Roberson, Katy Moriarty, Sidney Turner, Thomas Shera, Karen Domino, Amy Grant, Jacqueline Holmes, John Baxter, Lucretia Russell, Anna Scott, Mary Raftery, Betty Lewis, Gerald Dubanski, Dorothy Harris, Sue Matthews, Janice Burge, Aida Duany and Maxine Jefferson. In the back row from left to right are John Woods and Charlene Evans.

to the supervisory level for the first time in the CTA's history.

The new agent supervisors each purchased two uniform blazers, one forest green, the other royal blue, which they elected to wear on alternate weeks while on duty at the CTA's 143 rapid transit stations they will service.

"Each agent supervisor has been trained to handle the problems a ticket agent meets during a tour of duty," Hallahan said.

"Also, they will fill in for sick agents, direct the setting up of CTA ticket booths for expected crowded conditions at CTA rapid transit stations near sporting events and other programs which attract large crowds of public transportation users.

"The supervisors also will assist police summoned to rapid transit stations where trouble occurs," he said.

First Woman Bus Driver (Continued)

With the instructor at her side, Miss Wallace first will be behind the wheel of a bus on a practice track and then on a bus in regular CTA service.

Early in July, Miss Wallace is expected to be on her own as a full-fledged bus driver in what has been strictly a man's world in Chicago's public transportation history.

And, as a newcomer under union rules, she will be subject to last choice in her "pick" for assignment of route and hours of work.

Miss Wallace, who is divorced, has a four-year-old son, Thomas. They live with her mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ford.

Miss Wallace is a graduate of Olive-Harvey City College where she earned an associate degree in business administration. She also has studied at Governors State university in Park Forest. She was graduated from Gage Park High school.

She sings tenor with the Joyce Tate Gospel Angels, a group of seven singers of the First New Bethany Missionary Baptist church, at 6237 S. Ashland av.

For recreation, she swims, roller skates, and bowls. She is a member of the Jack and Jill Mixed League, with a bowling average of 141. In 1971, she served as a lifeguard for the Chicago Park District at the Abbott Park pool, 49 E. 95th st.

She obtained her student driver's permit eight years ago as a sophomore through the student drivers education program at Gage Park High school.

In her years of driving an automobile, Miss Wallace explained that she had gotten only one traffic ticket, but the charge was dismissed in court.

"I was driving through a controlled intersection when the traffic signal changed from green to yellow," she explained, "and a policeman ticketed me for entering an intersection on a yellow light."

"When I went to court, the judge dismissed the charge after I had explained that the light had changed after I had entered the intersection," she said.

To qualify as the CTA's first woman bus driver, Miss Wallace had to meet the same rigid standards required for men.

The applicant must be 21 years or older, have a valid driver's license and driving experience, pass a physical examination, and meet CTA personnel standards based on such factors as motivation and ability to get along with people.

New Transportation Manager (Continued)

His son, James Jr., a senior at the University of Utah, worked the last several summers as a student conductor at the CTA, but has not yet decided whether he will continue the family tradition on a permanent basis.

Blaa and his wife, Ann, live at 584 Selbourne rd., Riverside. They also have a daughter, Mary Beth, a freshman at Ohio State university.

Flynn began with the former CSL in 1935 as a student engineer and traffic clerk in the Schedule Department. He served in a number of supervisory positions, and in 1961 was appointed superintendent of transportation, a position for which the title was changed to manager in the recent CTA administrative reorganization.

He and his wife, Helen, live at 5743 N. Richmond st. He holds a B.S. degree in civil engineering from Illinois Institute of Technology.

Rides CTA 265 Miles for 70 cents (Continued)

"I don't mind taking the 'L' at all," she said. Although 99 per cent of the buses and trains were air-conditioned there are still problems with the CTA system.

Teen-agers generally ignored the "No Smoking" rule. On the 95th Street bus, I could hardly see the back of the bus because of the smoke.

On the Central Avenue bus, even two bus drivers at their way to work puffed away.

It appears the Congress Rapid Transit line has been forgotten by the CTA. There were no benches at any of the Chicago stations of the line which runs in the median of the Eisenhower Expressway.

Signs giving Logan Square as the final destination for the trains on the platform haven't been changed

although the line was extended to Jefferson Park four years ago.

Because the CTA chooses to run two-car trains on Sunday night, passengers had to stand up on the southbound Lake-Dan Ryan train that left downtown at 9:20 p.m.

As the clock marched forward, crumpled transfer in hand, I rode the Milwaukee Avenue bus at 2 a.m. Monday back downtown. I instantly woke up as my driver "hot rodded" it down the street at 50 m.p.h.

Downtown, I boarded a northbound Broadway bus and alighted at Armitage Avenue and Clark Street at 2:47 a.m.

"You've had quite a day," the driver said.

I nodded in agreement.

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (General) -

RITA RACINE had a very special Mother's day this year. It was the day her son, WAYNE, received his first holy communion. Mass was held at Sacred Heart church at 8 a.m. and a lovely party for about 40 friends and relatives was held that afternoon...Congratulations to JACK CANNON, the son of JOHN E. CANNON, who was graduated from St. Thomas college in St. Paul, Minn., on May 18 with a B.A. degree in history. Jack is working in the Stores Department this summer as a temporary laborer while trying to decide whether to go to graduate school or hunt for a permanent position...It's nice to see HARRIET KRYZAN back at her desk after an extended illness. The welcome mat is out for AGNES KUDULIS who was newly-hired in Revenue Accounting as a comp-tometer operator, and to VIRGINIA RZEZNIK who transferred from the Purchasing Department to Payables as an invoice clerk II. We're glad to have both of you with us.

- Judy Weiser

(Datacenter) -

We would like to extend a warm welcome into the Systems Section to CAROL AGUIRRE, MARGE HELGESON, RICH LINK, IKE PUTRUS, MILDRED TAYLOR and KAREN THOMPSON. DEAN MEYER will be in Systems for a while as a co-op trainee. For the summer, we have three students who will be assisting us: BOB ANDERSON, MARY JOHNSON and JOHN TROLLER. Good luck to all of you.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to MARION SUTHERLAND in the loss of her sister, Mrs. LILLIAN HOWE...DAN and VERNETTA FRUSOLONE celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on May 21. Their handsome son and three lovely daughters helped them to celebrate the happy occasion. Vernetta is a former CTA'er. We add our good wishes...A quick recovery is wished CLARA SCHOENBAUM who is recovering from surgery at Palos Community hospital. Clara is the mother of PAT SCHOENBAUM in Key-punch.

- Evelyn Lou

(Payroll) -

As the school season comes to an end and many families feel the excitement of a graduation, I would like to share my happiness with you in congratulating my brother, GUIDO MRZENIA, upon his graduation from Kelly High school. Another proud member of the family is our father,

ROBERT ADLER, a foreman at Jefferson Park...Any time is fun time when it means vacation. AL LATHOUWERS, payroll accountant, had a great time just relaxing and getting a lot of his favorite sport in--golf, that is. Al participated in the annual CTA General Office Golf Tournament and didn't do too badly. He won a set of carving knives. Must have been a sharp game, Al!...A very happy birthday to MARY (Picasso) CARNEY, who celebrated her day on June 9...As of this article, I will no longer be writing for the Payroll Department. It has been my pleasure to be your scribe but my new location will be Data-center. Good reading to all!

- Clotilde Frankiewicz

BEVERLY -

Operator GUS WRIGHT is our new union steward. We know he will do his best for the men...Operator and No. 1 Box Puller "Swede" WENNERSTROM became a grandfather for the second time on April 17. Granddaughter KRISTA weighed in at 10 pounds 1 ounce...We express our sincere sympathy to the following: Operator EARL CAMPBELL in the loss of his son, PAUL; Operator LEON DEVORE whose mother died; Mrs. ANN TOCCI in the loss of her sister; the families of TOM McDONALD who passed away and Pensioner CLAUDE GILLESPIE and his wife, VIOLET, who went to their eternal reward...We have some new pensioners--Operator JOE CURRAN of Western Avenue, and my old buddies from Kedzie Avenue, Operators TOM COULTER and BOB LAVIN. Boy, there are only a few of us left...Pensioner NICK DOP paid a visit to the depot recently and looks like a teenager with his long hair and cap on...Safety hint of the month: The new law, "Right turn on red", may be fine for motorists, but just another hazard for bus drivers. When you come to an intersection and the light is green as you stop to pick up passengers, be on the lookout when you start up. The only thing in the heads of some motorists is to get ahead of the bus no matter how or what chances they have to take...We won the safety award for the 13th time, so let's not spoil our record. We like the coffee, doughnuts and the pretty girls. Superintendent HERBERT BRAUN thanks the men, and urges us to keep up the good work and be careful...Chief Clerk M. G. GRADY completed 40 years of service on May 21...Operator BOB TARPLEY is in Hines hospital, and JOHNNIE MARTIN is in the Veterans hospital at Taylor and Damen. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

BRENDA, the daughter of Co-reporter AMOS FOSTER, was graduated from C.V.S. as an honor student--No. 23 out of a class of 635. She enjoyed her senior prom in the company of ELVIN LAWRENCE. . . I would like to report that the testimonial dinner honoring LU-CIOUS BANKS was a great success. He was recently retired on a disability pension following a long illness brought on by a severe stroke. I don't have to tell any one about Banks, for he was well known throughout CTA and the Amvets. He and your co-reporter were hired at the same time and have been the best of friends for years...JOE JOHNSON bumped me off my favorite run on Pullman, so I had to go back to South Michigan. But maybe the change will be for the better...Although I am just an operator, here is some advice for the young fellows who are just beginning. Don't be so schedule-conscious that you pass up intended passengers, for they are our only source of revenue. And you are only making it bad for whoever is following you...Well, it's vacation time again, and I will be leaving July 1 for Atlanta again. Since I am getting close to retirement age, I will be looking for a home there. See you soon.

- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster



ELECTRICAL (Chicago Avenue) -

LUKE and PATHOWE recently cruised the Caribbean for a week in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary. Their cruise was a gift from their children. I guess the seas weren't too smooth because Luke had his own remedy for mal de debarquement. I guess Pat is the sailor in the Howe family...ANDREW SZATKOWSKI, the son of PETER SZATKOWSKI, made his parents proud when he became a member of the Junior National Honor Society. Congratulations, Andy...BILL SHEAHAN is on vacation, and it is rumored he went to Colorado where his daughter lives...JOE STULEY should be up in Canada fishing at the time...School is out and our summer illumination cleaning crew has shown up. We greet PETE GRAF, DON LUKAS, JIM BOOTH...BILL KURTIN has been laid up with an injury for quite some time. What say, Bill?...One of our drivers, JOE MATULA, retired on June 1, and by the time you read this he will be in Arizona.

Service anniversaries in June

45 years

J. D. Jeffrey,
Engineering



30 years

O. L. Bullitt, Beverly
J. Byrd, 52nd Street
M. G. Ferrari, Marketing
L. J. Harder, North Avenue
J. T. Hart, Stores
W. A. Hebert, Skokie Shop
P. P. Klisiewicz, West Section
L. Markowitz, Kedzie
G. T. Martin, Beverly
J. F. Ruddle, North Ave. Garage

35 years

A. M. Esones, Archer Garage
G. Fleischman, Utility
A. B. Grabski, North Section
M. E. Johnson, Skokie Shop
P. J. Kenny, South Shops
C. P. Peskor, South Shops

25 years

T. P. Lyons, Technical Services
M. M. Morrison, District A
E. J. Poduch, Building Maint.
W. Ruscik, Kedzie

As many friends were saddened to hear that CHARLIE SALVATORE passed away on May 31 after an extended stay in the hospital. Charlie was my partner for many years, and more important, my friend. He will be remembered for his concern for their people. If someone was sick, Charlie made a phone call or sent a card. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family. 73

- Ben Nielsen

General Office) -

MARIE HAVLIK, general clerk, and her sister, BERNICE, of Rockville, Md., vacationed in Florida. They visited Busch Gardens, the Kennedy Space Center, Cypress Gardens and the wonderful Disney World...At this writing BILL REHDER, general clerk at Blue Island, is confined to Woodlawn hospital. Best wishes for a quick return to good health, Bill, from all of us...Remember carousels like Noble or Elston? TONY ARDUINI of Distribution Maintenance at Blue Island sure does; he jumped from one to another as streetcars were being phased out 25 years ago. As car repairmen, Tony (right) and JOHN LOFTUS are shown changing the last streetcar motor at Elston in Jan. 1951. John retired as a bus repairman at North Park in 1970...ALEXANDER COYLE, the son of W. J. COYLE, "B" electrician at Blue Island, was the recipient of a special leadership award presented by the Chicago



Better Business Bureau at the Junior Achievement future unlimited banquet. Alexander is a junior at Hubbard High school and is in his final year of J.A. The award will provide a "travelship" to the National Junior Achievement conference held at Indiana university each year.

- Kay McAlister

(Rapid Transit Signal Division) -

Regretfully we report the death of Mrs. PAULINE DYMEK, the grandmother of Signalman DONALD GRUDECKI. To this bereaved family, you have our prayers and sympathy...A number of our signalmen can breathe easier now. They were officially made journeymen at a recent union meeting of Local No. 9 of IBEW. They are: DAVE BATTERSON, R. G. SCHAEFFER, LOU GONZALEZ, D. W. TOPOLINSKI, DAVE BARR, DANNY HAMMOND, EARL BELL, JOHN WOLFE, LEON WILSON, ROBERT ALBRECHT, THEODORE WASHINGTON and R. G. BEDOE. Another smaller group of signalmen received their helpers cards during the same meeting. They are: WAYNE ALBRECHT, DONALD GRUDECKI, H. YOUNG, HENRY MURRY and JAMES REIDY. Congratulations, men...Well here it is, fellows, the first fishing story of the season. A group of our fishing experts just returned from their annual spring fishing trip to Leech Lake, Walker, Minn. The group included FRANK HALPER Jr., CLYDE YOUNT, CHARLIE SEMON, RICHARD VIETH and DENIST DOBBYIN, CRIS O'BRIEN, West Shops, JOHN DUSEK, Electrical Maintenance, EDDIE DURELL and JOE STUDLEY. Frank's dad, FRANK HALPER Sr., also went. They stayed at the beautiful Forestview resort where comfort and convenience

is out of this world...RICHARD GAVRYS recently went on nights at the Congress Shop (with all the extra pay that goes along with it). Already he has a new 1974 Buick LeSabre to his credit. OK, men, when you want to get rid of that old clunker you're driving, I'll tell you how...The sides of the department are beginning to stick out as we expand because of the installation and maintenance of in-cab signal equipment on the Douglas branch and the North-South line. Signal maintainers like ROBERT BROWN on days at the Congress Shop and FRANK HALPER at 61st Street Shop are catching the overflow of work involving the on-train equipment...JOHN GAY is off work sick. Get well soon, John, we miss you...STEVEN ZELLNER just finished two weeks of vacation cleaning and straightening up around the house. This time he swept the dirt out instead of under the rug. Also got in some "almost fishing" down at the Kankakee river. Almost fishing is when you take all your gear and go down to the water and just stare at it or throw stones into it.

- Tommie Lowery

GENERAL OFFICE (Medical) -

We wish a speedy recovery to our Irish nurse, MARY LEDWITH, who underwent surgery recently and hope to see her back soon...Dr. MOSNY and his wife spent their vacation in Boston visiting with their daughter, son-in-law and grandson, STEVE. They also took a trip to Florida, but the weather wasn't with them—it rained practically every day. HARRY SOREGHEN, medical technician, and his wife spent five delightful weeks doing plenty of housework, as the weather was also against them.



(Personnel) -

This pretty little lass is KATHLEEN MARIE CLINE, the six-month-old daughter of BILL and MARIE CLINE, whose birth we mentioned in the May issue of Transit News. Kathleen is the granddaughter of IRVIN WIECZOREK, West Side ticket agent...ARTHUR HUBACZ, Public Safety, and his wife, BERNICE, became grandparents for the sixth time on May 4 when their son and daughter-in-law, ARTY and KAREN, had their first child, a baby boy named ARTHUR WILLIAM weighing 6 pounds 13 ounces...A warm welcome is extended to DAN KANE, graduate trainee, temporarily assigned to Personnel Development...STU MAGINNIS visited San Francisco over the Memorial day holiday and had a nice visit with his son who lives there. Stu also took a good look at the BART operations while there...LEN LOHN and his wife, JULIA, celebrated their 34th



PATRICIA ADELIZZI
F. J. Adelizzi
Real Estate



CHRISTINE ALLEVA
L. Alleva
South Shops



NANCY ALLEVA
L. Alleva
South Shops



JANET ANDERSEN
L. Andersen
South Shops



JOHN ANDERSEN
L. Andersen
South Shops



MARY SUE ANDERSEN
L. Andersen
South Shops



TOM ANDERSEN
L. Andersen
South Shops



BILLY BROWN
B. Brown
South Shops



KIMBERLY BROWNE
C. Browne
Administrative Services



SHALOT K. BUTLER
D. E. Butler
Limits



SHIRLEY CATTONI
T. Cattoni
South Shops



KEVIN P. CLIFFORD
P. Clifford
Grant & Property Accounting



TRINETTE COMAN
N. Coman
South Section



ALLEN W. CONNO
A. Conno
Beverly



MICHAEL DONOHUE
V. Donohue
Street Traffic



IRENE M. DURRANT
R. Hammerschmidt Sr.
69th Street



CHARLENE EDWARDS
C. Edwards
Archer



MICHAEL J. FABIAN
M. J. Fabian
Skokie Shop



STEPHEN FISHER
W. W. Fisher
77th Street



CORNELL GRANT JR.
C. Grant Sr.
69th Street



JOHNNY GRADY
A. Grady
South Shop



MICHAEL IRWIN
J. Irwin
South Shops



GLEND A. JOHNSON
J. Johnson
R. T. Districts



LAURETTE JONES
E. T. Jones
Archer



PATRICIA D. JONES
J. Jones
North Park



CHRISTINE KMAN
T. Kman Jr.
South Shops



LINDA M. KOCAR
M. Kocar
North Avenue



EDNA LABOY
D. Laboy
North Avenue



LEE ANN LORAN
M. Loran
North Avenue



NANCY LORAN
M. Loran
North Avenue



MARK LUEBECK
H. Luebeck
Capital Development



JAMES MARBLE III
J. Marble Jr.
Archer



DAVID T. MARTIN JR.
D. Martin Sr.
Dan Ryan



BILLY MCCARTHY
B. McCarthy
77th Street



KAREN MCCARTHY
B. McCarthy
77th Street



DENNIS O'CONNOR
M. O'Connor
South Shops



ANGELA OLANESE
J. J. Olanese
Archer Garage



MICHELLE O'NEILL
J. O'Neill
North Section



DAVID O'ROURKE
T. O'Rourke
Law & Claims



KATHY ALICE PAGE
E. Page
South Shops



PEGGY PARRILLO
W. Parrillo
Budgeting



REBECCA PAUS
R. Paus
South Shops



DUANE SPEARS
C. Spears



JOHN SPRINGER
E. Springer



DEBBIE SWANSON
R. Swanson



KAROL ANN SZYMKEWICZ
V. Szymkewicz



MARK TEPPER
M. A. Tepper



THOMAS THEIS
J. Theis



TERRY THOMPSON
E. Thompson



GAIL BEUTLER
R. Beutler
Placement



JOSEPH BEY
H. Bey
Kedzie



MARY JO BIESZKI
E. Bieszki
West Section



DOUGLAS S. BLAIR
R. J. Blair
South Shops



AURORA BOCKZO
S. Boczek
Electrical



MARGIE BOYLE
T. D. Boyle
Personnel Development



CHARLES BROADNAX
J. L. Broadnax
South Shops



DAWN VAN COX
M. Cox
77th Street



SHARON DAVIS
O. Davis
69th Street



VILLETTA T. DAVIS
S. Davis
North Avenue



WILBERT DAVIS
J. N. Davis
North Avenue



CERES DeBONNETT
A. DeBonnett
77th Street



RUDOLPH DILLON
R. Dillon
North R.T. District



CAROL DONOHUE
V. Donohue
Street Traffic



DONNA HEINLEIN
R. D. Heinlein
Public Affairs



DAVID W. HORMEL
R. N. Hormel
Electrical



SHELDIA HORN
A. J. Horn
South Shops



VENETTER HORN
A. J. Horn
South Shops



SYLVESTER HOUSE
J. R. House
Skokie Shop



MARTIN HOWE
L. Howe
Electrical



JAMES IRWIN
J. Irwin
South Shops

CTA Salutes June Graduates



JIMMY LABOY
D. Laboy
North Avenue



DOREEN LACIOLA
M. Laciola
North Avenue



JOE LAZZARA
J. Lazzara
Accounting



NOAH LEWIS
N. Lewis
South Shops



CHERYL D. MITCHELL
E. Mitchell
Transportation



DESIREE MITCHELL
D. Mitchell
Archer



VANESSA P. MOORE
C. Robertson
77th Street



MARY LOU MORIARTY
D. J. Moriarty
Signal Department



GUIDO MRZENA
R. Adler
Jefferson Park



ROBIN MUIRHEID
B. Muirheid
Storeroom 60



ANNE MURTAUGH
T. Murtaugh
South Shops



LYNN M. ROWBOTTOM
H. Rowbottom
Street Traffic



DENISE SHAUGHNESSY
W. Shaughnessy
South Shops



MARY FRANCES SHEAHAN
W. F. Sheahan
Electrical



THOMAS SHEAHAN
W. F. Sheahan
Electrical



BERNADETTE SIEBERT
J. Siebert
Storeroom 51



SHAWN SIMMONS
F. Simmons
South Shops



RICHARD J. SIUE
H. R. Siue
South Shops



MICHAEL VUJNOVICH
T. Vujnovich



DEBRA ANN WASHINGTON
L. Washington



CHRISTOPHER WEATHERS
G. Weathers



JANET R. WILLIAMS
A. Williams



RUSSELL E. WILLIAMS
A. Williams



VICKI O. WILLIAMS
R. Williams



FLOYD WOODS
I. Woods Sr.

wedding anniversary on June 9. On June 7 they left to visit Arizona to rest and celebrate. Anyone visiting Tampa, Fla., can stop at the famous "Hot Doggera," known to all as Mel's Hot Ranch, next to Busch Gardens. It is owned by Len's son.

(Treasury) -

ROD HEFFERNAN was elected president of the Father's Club of Notre Dame High school for girls, and would like to contact or get in touch with employees who have daughters attending Notre Dame High school. Congratulations Rod.

(Marketing) -

JOHN BURGESSON, who returned to work after a spell in the hospital, wishes to thank his friends and co-workers for their many cards and telephone calls. He looks good as new.

(Public Affairs) -

MEL ALEXANDER welcomed a new grandson, TABARI, born on May 24 weighing 7 pounds 7 ounces.

- Regina Daren & Eileen Newauter

FOREST GLEN -

Clerk JACK MOREAU is getting quite a bit younger these days. At first glance we thought the young man was in the wrong depot. But now we know only his hairdresser can tell. It's alright, Jack, yours truly still knows who you are, and that your wife's lady friend did the job...I received an invitation from former CTAER GREG ROM to attend the ordination class of 1975 at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein. "Poopsie" NELSON just celebrated his three A's--wedding anniversary, company anniversary and birthday. I'll say one thing, the lovely Mrs. Nelson is doing a fine job on the old boy... Operator AL PLODZIN showed up for his run the other day only to find out that it was his anniversary. That only proves that Al will go to any length to report for work. . . BILL LYNAM, FRANK ENGEL-THALER, J. LASKEY and FRANK PARTIPILO all hit the retirement trail on June 1. These men will be greatly missed around the depot. The very best to all of you. . . Operator DRAKE ATKINS and his lovely wife, SANDRA, had an addition to their family when little DRAKE II was born on May 13 at Edgewater hospital weighing 6 pounds 4 ounces. Atkins said the next one will be a girl. Already he's planning ahead...Leaving our station for a well-deserved rest was Box Puller JOHN VALK who retired on June 1...Celebrating a 25th wedding anniversary is a good way to start off a new year. So belatedly we congratulate Collector STANLEY (Peppy) BROWN and his wife, MARY, who observed their silver anniversary on Jan. 3. Brown must get dressed in the dark to make that long trek in from Carpentersville. He was observed one morning wear-

ing one green and one yellow sock. Well, at least he had another pair at home just like them.

- W. A. Henry

KEDZIE -

I wish everyone going on vacation a safe and happy trip. Let me hear about your travels so I can put it in our column. . . Congratulations to Operator H. BEY and his wife, NAOMI, on the graduation of their son, JOSEPH, from Boyland Haver Mather academy in Camden, S.C...Foreman J. M. FLORITA, Archer Tire Center, is a very proud grandfather. His son, ROBERT, and his wife, GAY, are the parents of a baby boy named JOSEPH MICHAEL born on April 17 at Hinsdale hospital weighing 6 pounds 13 ounces. This makes eight grandchildren for CONNIE and JOE...When BILL LARSEN was on vacation for a week, he and his wife, JO, had a grand time when their grandchildren came from Washington, D.C., to visit them...Operator GUY DI MEO was on vacation and said it was all work as he painted the inside of his home and built a recreation room. His lovely wife, DORA, went to Holland, Mich., for tulip time and said it was just beautiful... Our deepest sympathy is extended to Retired Superintendent MYLES HARRINGTON and his family in the death of his sister, MARY ELLEN DONEY. Also our sincere condolences to the family of Operator H. STUBBS in the death of his two children, and to the family of C. WATTS who was laid to rest on April 20...Don't forget your credit union, save a little each payday... Our softball team is really moving, and if you get a chance, get out and support them.

- Raymond Graham

LIMITS -

Greetings fellows. Well it looks like it is going to be a beautiful summer but a little wet. Speaking of wet, I overheard Operator MIMS boasting about all the coho he caught one weekend. He said he had a whole freezer full. So if you want a few you better get there before Operator WADLINGTON goes back again. I heard the last time he visited Mims he ate 25 at one sitting...The next time you see Operator W. O. McDANIEL shake his hand as he was appointed secretary and assistant treasurer of Limits Credit Union. During an exclusive interview I asked him what advice he had for the fellows and he said save your money in the credit union. Sounds pretty good to me...Welcome back to Operator R. BURRELL from his recent illness, and also Sanitary Engineer TUREK from his stay in the hospital. Get well wishes go out to Operator GLASBY who is recuperating at home from a back injury... Our softball team isn't doing too good, so let's all get out on Sunday morning at Grant Park and root for them. Maybe they

will get in the winning groove...I'll be looking for your vacation news. So get in to me or give it to the clerk and I will see that it gets in our column.

- Charles Turner

LOOP -

Agent DOROTHY FORD certainly left in blaze of glory when she retired on May. She was on the Bob Kennedy morning show where she received a good citizen award. Dorothy's pleasant personality should be an inspiration for all of us. Many years of retirement are wished Dorothy and LEO FORD...CHARLIE CARDEN, recently retired agent, has moved to Tennessee where he intends to do a lot of fishing and resting...Retired Agent LO MENKEN and his wife really keep on the move. They have been to Europe ar Hawaii and are now planning a trip to Mexico...JOHN EVERDING, the grandson of Agent MINNIE DIKEMAN, was among the honored winners on the Harwood Heights hockey and grid teams. John made the highest score in the lightweight division. John and the other team winners were presented trophies at their third annual banquet at the Regency Inn, 5319 W. Diverse avenue. John was graduated from Union Ridge Grammar school on June 7. Not to be outdone by his big brother, TOMMY EVERDING, pitcher for the Orioles of the Harwood Heights Little League, won his first game. KATHY EVERDING, their big sister, was graduated from Ridgewood High school, and had straight A's for three years. She plans to enter Triton college majoring in architectural drawing. Good luck, Kathy. . . Douglas Traimman WALTER (Smiley) GAUGER had leg surgery at Christ Community hospital. We hope he is up and about again cheering everyone with his hearty laugh. Also in Christ Community the same time as Walter were JOHN FILIPEK, WALTER RAJEWSKI and Pensioner LEONARD GALLE. We all hope these fellows are well on the road to complete good health...Retired Agent VIRGINIA TOTCKE spent a few days in the hospital, but we hear she has bounced back as good as new...We are happy to hear that MILLIE BLAGOVICH's son is rapidly recovering from recent surgery on his shoulder...Agent JIM GEORGE suffered a heart attack on April 23. We hope he is making rapid progress back to good health. . . On June 1 BETTY RUSSO left our city to soak up some sun in Florida. We hope she enjoys her well-deserved holiday. See you in three weeks. . . JULIE MATTRAN started a one-week vacation and it was not all fun and games as she had to prepare to move into her new





P. HEIDENREICH
40 Years



A. R. ECKER
40 Years



J. STELZNER
45 Years



J. A. LASKEY
40 Years



W. H. LYNAM
40 Years

NEW PENSIONERS

JOINING THE ranks of the retired on June 1 were the five employees pictured here who had 40 or more years of transit service each with CTA and its predecessor transit companies.

THOMAS J. COULTER, Operator, Beverly, Emp. 8-27-41
ARTHUR R. ECKER, Clerk, North Avenue, Emp. 4-20-34
RANK A. ENGELTHALER, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 10-29-41
ALBERT L. EVERS, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 8-14-41
JOHN FLAHERTY, Conductor, North Section, Emp. 11-6-43
EDWARD P. HEIDENREICH, Collector, North Avenue, Emp. 3-12-34
DOUGLAS S. HORNE, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 11-5-53
EARL LANOFF, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 11-11-46
EARL H. LARSON, Operator, Archer, Emp. 10-7-42
JESSE A. LASKEY, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 2-24-34

ROBERT P. LAVIN, Operator, Beverly, Emp. 5-13-41
MYRON E. LEVEE, Traffic Clerk, Operations Planning, Emp. 12-19-42
HAROLD P. LOOMIS, Repairman, Howard Maint. Terminal, Emp. 11-17-41
WILLIAM H. LYNAM, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 3-19-34
JOSEPH T. MATULA, Serv. Truck Chauff., Utility, Emp. 5-12-42
PAUL J. MILKEVITCH, Painter Foreman, Plant Maintenance, Emp. 8-22-42
FRANK M. PARTIPILO, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 8-12-43
PETE H. PETERSON, Serv. Truck Chauff., Utility, Emp. 1-22-41
CLARENCE PIPOWSKI, Upholsterer A, South Shops, Emp. 8-28-42
JOHN E. RUSNAK, Chief Operator, Plant Maintenance, Emp. 4-13-43

PHILIP SCHLOGL, Bus & Truck Mech., South Shops, Emp. 11-21-41
EDWARD F. SEGERSON, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 8-27-42
WILLIAM C. SHIPLEY, Bus Repairer, Beverly, Emp. 10-2-53
JOSEPH STELZNER, Bus Repairer, 52nd Street, Emp. 3-26-29
LOUIS M. URBON, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 9-6-55
JOHN H. VALK, Box Puller, Forest Glen, Emp. 8-25-37

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

FRED BARNES, Operator, Kedzie, Emp. 8-16-62
MILDRED M. DOYLE, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 5-9-59

partment in Forest Park. Oh well, it's only one week out of three, cheer up...Superintendent JOHN FLYNN really looks great after his Florida vacation. He thinks it ended too soon, but his office crew was happy to see him back...Congratulations to JOHN ANDERSON for doing a fine job as extra assignment agent...A little bird told me that the GERRY DUBANSKIS are "anticipating" this month. Gerry is one of our new agent supervisors and doing a fine job...MARY RAFTERY, agent supervisor, and a friend took off for a week in the Ozarks. We're sure that was a lot of fun. He did it again! Little nine-year old JOHN DOYLE took the first place trophy in the Cub Scout Pack 13 Pinewood Derby in Bridgeview, Ill. This was a father and son project, so dad helped a little. John is the grandson of Agent MILLIE and Clerk DAN DOYLE, and his dad is a senior journeyman mechanic at South Shops...In closing we offer our sincere sympathy to the families and friends of our departed. To the MORIARTY sisters, KATIE, KAREN and CHRIS, in the loss of their father, Retired Janitor AUSTIN YOUNG who passed away on May 30, and to the family of Pensioner MARGARET NOLAN BARTLETT

who passed away in New York while visiting her daughter. Maggie made a great many friends in her years with CTA, and she will be greatly missed. May they all rest in heavenly peace.

- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wiest

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT -

A big welcome goes out to YOLENE CLAUDE, utility clerk, Stores, who has returned from her maternity leave. It's nice to see you back...A hearty hello goes out to CELESTINE OFFSET, a new employee who has joined our Stores Section. We hope you like it here. MARY LABUS is here from the Insurance Department to give a new look to the Stores Department. Unfortunately ANN MARIE MARKIEWICZ got missed when the welcome mat went out. So after two months, welcome aboard Ann Marie. Materials Management is happy to have you aboard to help DAGMAR McNAMARA...A few vacations have taken much of the month of May here. LEE DeSUTTER loved Florida and brought some sunshine back with her...JIM TOOLIS, buyer, Purchasing Depart-

ment, is happy to report that his son is on the Dean's list at the University of Illinois. His son was also touring Europe. He studied at Versailles and has just returned. Jim said his son will join the labor force at the CTA. He was an architectural student and has received his B.A. degree...JOHN GILL, order clerk, Stores, has been gone awhile to Ireland. Well, it's been awhile, like I said, and we haven't heard hide nor hair from John or the IRA. Hope he is doing fine...MARY RACZON, Purchasing, is off on a trip to Germany, Austria and Poland, but she just can't seem to get away from the CTA. It seems she found a town over there with the name of Tasch. How do you like that, DICK TESCH? Just don't let it go to your head. . . DAGMAR McNAMARA returned from a trip to Mexico for two weeks. . . ROD DAUGHERTY, engineer, Specifications, had an extended vacation. He said he doesn't get any more vacations, because when he does it always rains. Not too thrilling is it?...JOANNE BOETTIN had an experience of a lifetime. She let her brother pilot a plane taking her out West and almost crashed in Grand Island, Neb. She said she was very glad when she saw

the emergency trucks coming out after them. Her harrowing trip took them to Nevada and San Francisco where the sun was shining and the weather was great... CHESTER SKORA took a trip last month, and the snow couldn't have impressed him as he isn't saying much. Their plane got caught in a blizzard in the mountains. They also spent a week in Reno... BOB PIEPER, Stores, went up to Cadillac, Mich., on a fishing trip with his son-in-law and caught some big fish. Apparently they just weren't big enough as he got a ticket for fishing. The minimum is 21 inches... Aloha, from Hawaii says ED THORNE, file clerk, Stores. Ed just returned with a beautiful tan and good stories to tell. If any of you watch Passage to Adventure on TV Ed will be on the program sometime in September... A big farewell goes out to VIRGINIA REZEZNIK, invoice clerk, Stores, who is going to the Accounting Department... This is the month for graduations. ROBIN MUIRHEID, the daughter of BEN MUIRHEID, Storeroom 60, was graduated from Bremen High school on June 7. She recently won a national French contest at Thornton Junior college. She will be going to Elmhurst college where she has an ISCC State Scholarship to further her education... CASSANDRA JEAN BENNETT, the daughter of CHARLES BENNETT, stock clerk I, Storeroom 30, was graduated from South Shore High school on June 7, and plans to attend Illinois Wesleyan University School of Nursing in Bloomington, Ill... BERNADETTE SIEBERT, the daughter of JOHN SIEBERT, Storeroom 51, was graduated from Lourdes High School on May 19. John and his wife are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter, ANITA MARIE, to JAMES WALSH on May 25 in St. Rita's church. The couple honeymooned in the Virgin Islands... JOHN GUBBINS, assistant divisional storekeeper, is sporting a 1974 Gran Torino. Jack requested that the springs on the passenger side be reinforced so that his passenger, BERNIE FITZPATRICK, could continue to ride with him to work. Good for you, Jack... SUSAN LAFLEUR, the daughter of RICHARD LAFLEUR, stores expeditor, had her tonsils removed on April 19 and recovered just in time to make her first holy communion on May 4 at St. Barnabas church... CHARLES BENNETT wishes to extend birthday greetings to his daughter, SHIRLEY, June

28... Word was received from DAVID STETCHER, a pensioner from Storeroom 42, who is now residing in Northern California. He mentioned that if anyone from CTA happens to be vacationing in that area they are welcome to stop in to visit. He resides in a large mobile home park about 50 miles south of San Francisco. His address is 1201 Sycamore Terrace, Rancho La Mesa Park, Sunnyvale, Cal. He said that he would like to hear from any CTA vacationers out that way... Finally, this scribe is glad to say it sure is nice to be healthy again and back to report for you,

- Priscilla Kamradt

MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) - JOHN CAROLAN has a new grandson named SEAN TIMOTHY... JIMMY GEORGE suffered a heart attack on April 23 but is now recuperating at home... WILLA HAYWOOD is now in training to become a station clerk. We all hope you make it, Willa, as you've got what it takes for that job... A belated happy birthday to Agent NOONE... Agent ROCHELLE REESE will exchange marital vows on July 13 with NORMAN ALLEN CHAPPELLE Jr., who works for the North Western railroad. It sure looks like the new RTA is getting down to business in a hurry. The wedding will take place at the Trinity Episcopal church, and the happy couple are planning to take a belated honeymoon in January... We welcome VERA CARUTHERS as a West Side agent. Now she can keep an eye on THEODORE if he stays on as an agent... MARY RITTER started her two-week vacation and will visit Arizona... WILLIAM PFEIFFER wanted to get a few things done around the house on his one-week June vacation... Agent FRED FREIB and his lovely wife, BETTY, became grandparents for the third time when their son and daughter-in-law became the proud parents of a baby girl, CHRISTINE, on April 19 at Lutheran General hospital weighing 7 pounds 10 ounces. Fred also celebrated his birthday on May 8... MILDRED DOYLE, JOSEPHINE GIBLIN, MARY STANCZYCK, JIMMY GEORGE, MYRTLE APITZ and GRACE MOUNTS all celebrated their service anniversaries in May. Grace wasn't too happy as she and her husband had to attend the funeral of her uncle on that day... We would like to welcome all the returning students. We sure will need them with all the vacations coming up.

- Jeta Doubles & Grace Mounts

NORTH AVENUE -

A great big HELLO to everybody! Just back from a Kentucky vacation, so I will have to write this real fast... Have you heard of sending your wife to Poland for a 25th wedding anniversary gift, and then going into the hospital for an operation while she's gone? That's just what Col-

lector BRISKEY did on May 26... On sick list at this time is Clerk B. ARENDT... The wife of Clerk ART COCKER decided to go back to Columbus Hospital. Wonder if they have some good looking doctors in that place... Retired Clerk ART OLSON isn't feeling up to either. If any of you folks would like to address down in Louisiana, we will be glad to give it to you... Former Keeler Station Superintendent BOB CHRISTIAN is on sick list down in Sun City, Ariz. Arcl Superintendent BILL MOSER and his wife ESTHER, ADELINE BUETOW and BOB L. JUNE QUETSCHKE recently visited here and a few other retirees. Among them were EARL PETERSON, RAY (the great white father) RIEGHARD, RAY DAGE, AIS, JIM HARRISON and HENRY WILLIAMS. This must have been a real reunion, but Esther how can this possibly seem like your first honeymoon?... Instructor J. DAUGHERD was recently released from Evanswood hospital... We wish to extend our most heartfelt sympathy to the following in the recent loss of their loved ones. T. family of Retired Operator AL (Lime HEATH; District D Supervisor PAUL L. CASIO in the loss of his mother, and Operator TERRY REGAN in the loss of his wife... On July 4 those two firecrackers from our custodial department, BILL O'IVER and JOHN MARACEK, will be celebrating their birthdays. Also in July 1, instructor MIKE LACRIOLA will be celebrating his company anniversary on the 3rd, his birthday on the 10th, and his daughter DOREEN's birthday on the 24th. We don't dare forget BOB STACH's birthday on the 14th, and Kedzie Superintendent WARD CHAMBERLAIN had better not forget the 30th. Incidentally, Ward, the magic number this year is 31, just in case you might have forgotten.

The bachelor's eligibility list was minuscule when Operator GEORGE BOWEN exchanged vows with LORA REDMOND on May 15... Operator RAYMOND J. HORC SZKO spent his three-week vacation fishing at Del Rey Beach. Wonder if they were biting?... Repairman JOHN RUDDLE and his wife, ELAINE, celebrated their wedding anniversary on May 10, and Elaine celebrated her birthday on May 5. The daughter, MARIANNE, was graduated from Good Counsel High school on May 28... Operator JULIUS TEDESCHI and his wife ANN, celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary and Julius celebrated his 62nd birthday on May 5... Instructor ED JUF CZAK celebrated his 61st birthday on May 2... We erroneously omitted the retirement of Repairman RAY NEWLAN in April. Sorry about that, Ray... Foreman ALE PALA recently returned from his well-earned vacation... NINA ANN BROWN, the daughter of Operator CARL BROWN, was graduated from Our Lady of Sorrows and rewarded with a trip to Six Flags... Operator of the rackets is up to it again. Operator BEN FLENAUGH faces HORAC

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JICE for the championship in the open tennis tournament finals in Columbus Park...Our visitors during the month were Pensioner HENRY BROADWELL of Glendale, Ariz., Pensioner VINCENT OBORSKI who is moving to Chandler, Ariz., and Pensioner THOMAS MACE, ex-dispatcher, who is moving to Canoga Park, Calif...We also received a card from Pensioner PETER DOWDALL who is visiting in Deming, N.M...We extend our deepest sympathy to Operator JOE KRYZAK in the death of his son-in-law, WILLIE GROCHUNSKI, and to Operator HARRY BORIS in the death of his brother, JOHN BORIS, of Pittsburgh...Our talent discovery of the month is Operator MATTHEW BROWNLEE who can be found on his off days peeping through the lens of his camera trying to find optical infinity. Brownlee specializes in family portraits.

- Walter Bliz & Aaron Pruitt

NORTH PARK -

Pensioner JOE GOLDBERG writes that his new address is now Delta Towers hotel, 1732 Canal street, New Orleans, La. 70112. Joe and his wife love New Orleans and would be happy to see or hear from their many friends...PATRICIA JONES, the daughter of Operator JOE JONES, was graduated from Jones Commercial High school on June 7. Patricia's future plans are to attend Southern Illinois university where she will major in business administration...Operator CHARLES KEMP and his wife, HELEN, became grandparents for the first time when their son, GARY (a CTA repairman at the Kimball 'L' Terminal), and his wife, DEBBIE, became parents of a son named CHRISTOFER MICHAEL, born May 21 at Elgin Memorial hospital weighing 8 pounds 6 ounces...ETHEL POSNER, the wife of Operator SAM POSNER, suffered a broken arm in a recent automobile accident...JOE GUZZARDO, the son of Operator IRVING SHER, was injured in the tornado that struck Xenia, O., on April 2. Joe is a student at Antioch college in Willow Springs, O., and was working in Xenia on a schoolwork training program...Operators HAROLD SEDIN and ROBERT CIESLA are both on sick leave at the present time and while they will not be back driving buses, they hope to be back working soon...Pensioner HAROLD JULITZ and his wife, ANN, have a new address: P.O. Box 72, Cable, Wis. Avid fishermen, they have sold their Chicago property and now will be looking for their Chicago friends to visit them in Cable...Operator LES ISAACSON, who has a rating of T4 or sergeant in the U.S. Army reserve, has returned from a 15-day military leave of absence at Fort Sheridan, Ill...Operator LESTER BATES is a certified member of the Auburn Park Young Ministers Alliance of Chicago and vicinity and is eligible to deliver sermons at any church in the United States. On Sunday, May 26, Les delivered a stirring ser-

vice in Cairo, Ill...Congratulations to the coaches and the basketball team on their fine efforts and good sportsmanship in the finals where they came in second...President WALTER ULLEMAN and Treasurer JOHN O'BRIAN of the credit union extend an invitation to all employees to start a savings account with a small amount deducted from their paychecks, so drop in and see the friendly men in your credit union and sign up for payroll deductions...Our sympathy and condolences to Pensioner TED DIEDER in the loss of his brother, GEORGE, and to the families of Pensioner CHARLES DUNNE and Box Puler JOHN COSGROVE.

- Melvin Forning

NORTH SECTION -

All North Side employees were shocked and sorrowed by the accidental death of Yard Foreman LEO BULLARD, who fell from the elevated structure. Our sincere condolences and sympathy to the members of his family. Our sympathy also to Superintendent ED MITCHELL in the recent death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. GIBSON...Get well wishes go to Conductor GEORGE STEIGLEMAN who has been off work for several months...Welcome back to Conductor JOHN RUSIN who was also sick...Motormen JEROME TIGNER and "Big Mac" McNEIL were in a car accident on their way home from work. Mac said the woman who hit them wasn't satisfied to hit them once, she did it twice. It happened right outside the Kimball Office...Retired Motorman ED VON SPRECKEN, who is now enjoying the sunshine in Hayward, Cal., sent us this picture of Retired Conductor FLOYD D. SMITH and his wife, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary recently by renewing their vows. They're also living in Hayward now...Kimball Superintendent BILL ROONEY is back to work after having undergone surgery at Northwest Community hospital. We are glad to see him back. Just take it easy Bill...Motorman JAMES QUON recently made the news in the Albany Park newspaper when the train he was operating caught fire. The fellows at Kimball were kidding him about calling the line room, and wanted to know if he spoke English or Chinese...Thanks to the generosity of ANGEL RAMIREZ, the men at Kimball now pass their extra time and lunch periods playing ping-pong on the table he brought. Some of the men would make good envoys to Red China...Agent MINNA KING recently returned from a vacation in Florida visiting her parents. She came back with a beautiful tan...Janitor PEDRO

REMUS just returned to work after a four-week vacation and said he worked harder at home than he expected, cleaning and painting with his wife being the big boss. He says that next time he is going to go back to San Juan where he might be able to lay around...Our sympathy to Motorman LAROUEN ELLIS and his family in the death of his stepfather, HARRY PRESTON, who passed away May 18 at the Oak Forest convalescent home...Retired Agent MARIE TOWNSEND sends greetings to all her former co-workers and friends, and says she is having a ball enjoying her retirement and that every time she turns around it seems she has a new grandchild...During the last week of April and the first of May, Assistant Superintendent BILL LIMANOWSKI and his wife, JEAN, traveled to Florida to visit a former wartime buddy. While in St. Petersburg they looked up a few former CTA employees, who in turn invited them to a pensioners meeting.



Pictured with four retired North Section men are, from left, Bill, Motorman EZRA TREECE, Clerk OTTO KOPCHEN, Motorman NICK ARNS, and Motorman JOHN C. WILLI. Mrs. Limanowski won a can of coffee at a raffle and while at the meeting they learned of a few members who were sick and could not attend. Namely, WILLIAM NEUSON, former North Section clerk, and BEN LABUY, former yard foreman at Kimball. All the pensioners showed a great deal of interest in the new developments at CTA and asked about many of their friends they left behind. They send their best regards to all who remember them. Also, last year Otto took a new bride, GLADYS. We all hope the best for them. While in Florida they visited Disney World and took time to observe how well the young girls operated the monorail. They also saw the points of interest while driving home through the South...Our heartfelt sympathy to Trainman B. WEST who lost his wife and daughter in the Greyhound bus crash which occurred in the South in the early part of May...On May 31 HAL LOOMIS retired from the Howard shop. He has during his years at Howard Street on countless occasions taken the time to help switchmen, yard foremen and supervisors learn trouble shooting procedures and short cuts. He hopes to take time now for his favorite pastime--fishing. Coffee and cake were served at Howard in his honor...A happy, long and fulfilling retirement to Ticket Agent PEARL



RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

LUIGI ARCERI, 85, Way & Structures, Emp. 2-11-18, Died 4-24-74
 ROBERT ARENDT, 53, North Park, Emp. 4-1-54, Died 6-8-74
 JAMES ASHFORD, 32, North Section, Emp. 2-19-65, Died 5-12-74
 ANTHONY J. BARSKEITIS, 81, 69th Street, Emp. 12-16-42, Died 4-12-74
 JOHN A. BRANSON, 88, 69th Street, Emp. 11-6-18, Died 4-13-74
 EMIL G. BUELOW, 69, South Shops, Emp. 2-13-46, Died 4-24-74
 LEO BULLARD, 30, South Section, Emp. 5-6-66, Died 5-24-74
 RICHARD BURKE, 78, Skokie Shop, Emp. 12-23-22, Died 4-22-74
 JAMES CARROLL, 82, Forest Glen, Emp. 10-14-19, Died 4-11-74
 GEORGE CASH, 86, South Shops, Emp. 5-9-17, Died 3-30-74
 HAROLD C. CHANEY, 81, North Section, Emp. 1-29-19, Died 4-20-74
 LENORA COLE, 54, 52nd Street, Emp. 5-5-47, Died 4-29-74
 WILLIAM COLLINS, 81, Kedzie, Emp. 12-29-20, Died 5-4-74
 BOZE COOPER, 83, Way & Structures, Emp. 7-8-27, Died 4-10-74
 JAMES COSGROVE, 56, Limits, Emp. 12-23-42, Died 5-14-74
 HARRY W. COUTRE, 77, Constr. & Maint., Emp. 4-17-41, Died 4-10-74
 JOSEPH P. GAYNOR, 79, General Office, Emp. 4-23-23, Died 4-30-74
 PETER GAYNOR, 78, North Avenue, Emp. 9-25-40, Died 4-1-74
 CLARENCE GLOVER, 62, North Park, Emp. 4-30-42, Died 5-30-74
 DOMENICK GUDDME, 81, Way & Struct., Emp. 7-21-20, Died 4-6-74

HERBERT J. KENNEDY, 74, 77th Street, Emp. 2-20-24, Died 4-14-74
 FRED F. KERHART, 68, Lawndale, Emp. 10-27-33, Died 4-14-74
 EDWIN KOLACEK, 72, Office Services, Emp. 7-7-28, Died 3-27-74
 JAMES KOVANDA, 65, West Section, Emp. 5-12-43, Died 4-21-74
 CHESTER KRAPIDLOWSKI, 61, Archer, Emp. 9-8-41, Died 4-21-74
 WILLIAM H. KRUPPA, 74, North Park, Emp. 2-22-26, Died 4-9-74
 JOHN E. LONERGAN, 72, Limits, Emp. 2-29-24, Died 4-12-74
 ALEX B. MADURA, 94, Noble, Emp. 6-7-18, Died 5-5-74
 LEO F. MASLOWSKI, 76, 77th Street, Emp. 2-13-28, Died 4-3-74
 ARTHUR L. MAZZA, 63, District D, Emp. 10-30-33, Died 4-9-74
 NELLIE V. McCANN, 92, West Section, Emp. 9-24-18, Died 4-21-74
 THOMAS MCCREA, 71, Archer, Emp. 10-12-22, Died 4-4-74
 THOMAS J. MCGUIRE, 74, 77th Street, Emp. 2-25-44, Died 4-16-74
 PATRICK J. McNALLY, 76, North Avenue, Emp. 7-21-20, Died 5-6-74
 GUSTAVE J. NEUHAUS, 81, North Park, Emp. 3-10-09, Died 4-12-74
 PATRICK O'CONNOR, 86, 77th Street, Emp. 8-13-18, Died 3-9-74
 JOHN O'MALLEY, 75, Howard Street, Emp. 1-11-23, Died 4-5-74
 BRUNO PACHLA, 57, Archer, Emp. 9-27-45, Died 4-20-74
 JESSE W. PARKS, 78, West Section, Emp. 9-10-45, Died 5-3-74

JOHN S. PELTON, 81, Cottage Grove, Emp. 7-27-22, Died 4-4-74
 RENE J. PICHE, 75, Logan Square, Emp. 7-12-48, Died 4-28-74
 JULIA PRINDERVILLE, 75, Gen'l Office, Emp. 6-24-18, Died 4-19-74
 JOHN J. RAFTER, 68, North Section, Emp. 9-10-46, Died 4-4-74
 THOMAS J. REGAN, 53, Archer, Emp. 7-1-54, Died 4-30-74
 HAROLD J. RILEY, 72, 52nd Street, Emp. 2-5-37, Died 4-21-74
 JOSEPH ROCHOWIAK, 62, North Avenue, Emp. 8-25-37, Died 4-24-74
 STANLEY P. ROLEWITZ, 85, Devon, Emp. 6-27-22, Died 4-18-74
 SAMUEL RUSSO, 86, Way & Structures, Emp. 6-1906, Died 4-24-74
 JOHN J. SANDERS, 87, 77th Street, Emp. 11-30-06, Died 4-29-74
 MANUEL SAULS, 41, 52nd Street, Emp. 5-11-59, Died 5-23-74
 MARTIN SHANNON, 71, 61st Street, Emp. 3-13-26, Died 4-23-74
 WILLIAM SYKES, 43, 69th Street, Emp. 4-25-57, Died 4-19-74
 JOHN TEPPER, 60, Archer, Emp. 10-31-45, Died 5-15-74
 JOHN J. TULLY, 67, Track, Emp. 6-18-36, Died 4-15-74
 ARTHUR J. ULLESTAD, 80, Limits, Emp. 2-19-24, Died 4-28-74
 CHARLES WATTS, 30, Kedzie, Emp. 11-2-67, Died 4-16-74
 ELLSWORTH WIGGINGTON, 55, So. Sec, Emp. 12-18-45, Died 4-22-74
 CLIFFORD WILSON, 64, 77th Street, Emp. 3-22-50, Died 5-6-74
 BERNARD J. YOUNG, 78, Devon, Emp. 2-6-20, Died 4-13-74

LANOFF, who retired June 1. A little party was held for Pearl also, and she expresses her thanks to all who wished her well on her retirement...Former Chief Foot Collector JOE GOLDBERG returned for a visit. He now is proud to announce that he is not just sitting around the tables in Vegas, but has been employed as a store security guard. He can't get away from packing that gun.

- Tina Hecke

PLANT MAINTENANCE -

Mr. and Mrs. FRANK SANTELLI, laborer, are the proud parents of daughter No. 2, MARYANNE, who was born May 12 weighing in at 7 pounds 5 ounces. Sugar and spice and everything nice, that's what little girls are made of...Many, many, many more happy years together for Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE MILLONAS who celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary wining, dining and dancing...KATHY, the daughter of JAMES FLORES, steamfitter foreman, was elected student body president of Sun-

ny Brook Junior High. She is the first girl president in seven years. Congratulations, Kathy...Our annual retirement party as always was a big success. We hope all who attended enjoyed themselves. Food and refreshments were plentiful. The music under the direction of Mr. HALLAHAN was perfect. Hope to see you all back again next year...Congratulations to JOE MATRICIANO, tinner, celebrating his 44th year with the CTA...Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of JAMES BRESLIN, ironwork inspector, in the death of his father in Ireland...A little note of cheer and a get well quick to TONY SUNZERI, laborer, Track; PAT DOYLE, mason foreman and JOHN HEFFERNAN, carpenter...Very happy to see you back at work, CHARLIE DUNKINS.

- Jennie Scott

SCHEDULES -

WALTER THOMAS spent his vacation at home visiting his daughter and grandson who came in from Denver...We welcome

JOE MILBROOK, former bus operator, the department as traffic checker. CHARLES KEELER retired on April and MYRON LEVEE retired June 1. Happy retirement and good health to both of the...GEORGE HANUS is back to work after surgery, and ED JURIC returned after stay in the hospital...We are happy to see DOROTHY ETSCHIED back to work...O sympathy is extended to JOE MUELLE traffic checker, whose wife passed away. Now that another season is here, we wish everyone a summer filled with much out door happiness.

- Kathryn Batina

SOUTH SECTION -

Clerk EARL JONES was really smiling when his son's wife had a baby boy a made him a grandpa again. Earl now has three grandchildren...It was really a show when we heard that Work Train Conductor ELLSWORTH WIGGINGTON, who had been on the sick list, passed away suddenly.

in sincere condolences go out to Mrs. Jigington and their family. He will certainly be missed by all his friends and co-workers...Retired Motorman CARL FISCHER came to Ashland recently to visit. He is serving two weeks jury duty...Agent ILLIAM (Governor) STRATTON took his pension on May 1. Best wishes for a healthy and happy retirement. The Governor as a good agent and will be missed by all. Division 308 has started its summer football league managed by Motorman JOE AYBURN and business manager Clerk RYAN HARMON. Good luck, fellas, and have a winning season...Congratulations and best wishes to Motorman THOMAS VERTON and Switchman JOHN HINTON who were promoted to supervisors on June...Retired Yard Foreman JOHN LEMKE as in the hospital recently but is now recuperating and feeling much better. Who is the chief clerk that wore two different color shoes to work one day and tried to hide his feet or went barefoot? It is none other than my better half, RO-AND. He sure won't be able to live that way down for awhile. Of course I wouldn't tell anyone. Not much!...It was a tragic day at Ashland recently when Yard Foreman GEO BULLARD was fatally injured. He was so young. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to his parents...Retired Towerman PATRICK HICKEY was recently honored by being presented with a plaque saluting him for 50 years of service with the International Order of Alhambra in aiding retarded children. The presentation took place at a dinner for Pat and his wife, JERT, at Allegretti's restaurant...Back from the sick list are Switchman ED MCJURE, Conductor MICHAEL HANDSON, and Sub-Unit Supervisor of Janitors WILLIAM CHRISHON...Here are a couple of corrections I would like to make. In my last column I mentioned the newly appointed agent foremen, but their title is agent supervisors. I neglected to congratulate Agent DOROTHY HARRIS who made agent supervisor. Sorry about that, Dorothy. Also I called them newly appointed janitor foremen but their title should be sub-unit supervisors, R.T. janitors...Agent IRENE HUERTA was beaming from ear to ear when she told me she became a grandma for the second time when her daughter had a baby girl.

Hot off the presses--as of June 1 we had some re-assignments on the South Section: ROBERT SUTA was transferred from the West Section to a.m. assistant station superintendent, 95th Street; DAVID MARTIN was re-assigned p.m. assistant station superintendent, 95th Street, and ART RABEN was re-assigned as p.m. assistant station superintendent, Ashland Avenue. Also, congratulations to ED MITCHELL who was promoted to special assistant under the Manager of Transportation in the General Office...Received a nice letter from Retired Conductor PAUL DUCAR who is visiting from Dallas, Tex., where they are visiting

with their daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter. On the way down they stopped in Little Rock, Ark., and visited with Retired North Section Conductor GEORGE VANDERHAVEN. They are going to stay in Texas until the wanderlust hits them again...Clerk JOHN MULLIGAN's wife has been in the hospital, but she is now home and doing fine...Some more of our co-workers have lost their loved ones. Our sincere condolences to Janitor BEN MONTGOMERY in the loss of his son; to Retired Motorman LOUIS GRYGIEL in the loss of his wife, and to Agent SANDRA MITCHELL in the loss of her mother...The spring pensioned agents dinner was held at Sharko's restaurant on April 21 and a good time was had by all. As usual the food was delicious. Talked to all the pensioners: Agents HAZEL DUNN, CECILIA MORAN, CATHERINE (Kitty) COLLINS, MAE DRISCOLL and HELEN SHANNON. Retired Towerman PAT HICKEY and Retired Community Relations Representative JOHN BURNS. Everyone looked so young and gay...Conductor MAURICE WILLIAMS had a super vacation in Nassau and said it was great... Motorman



ROBERT REDD was proud to announce that his wife, CAROL LYN, was recently awarded a master's degree in social work from Loyola university. She will be working as a family therapist for a social service agency... Congratulations to Motorman EDWARD DAVIS and Conductor RAY EVANS who were promoted to clerk, West Section, on April 28...Our heartfelt condolences to the families of Agent JAMES ASHFORD, Retired Shop Foreman MARTY SHANNON, and Retired Agent MARGARET NOLAN who passed away recently...Taking a late spring vacation down in Boynton Beach, Fla., was Clerk AL RAKESTRAW who really lived it up...Retired Chief Clerk JAMES MARTINEK and his wife, DOROTHY, took a trip to San Francisco, Lake Tahoe and Carson City and said it was really great...General Office Chief Clerk JAMES TUCKER retired on May 1. We attended a dinner in his honor at Klas restaurant and it was a lovely affair. Attending with Mr. Tucker were his daughter and son-in-law, GEORGE RILEY, superintendent of operating stations, was the master of ceremonies and did a super job. The roast pork and dumplings were just out of this world. No diet that night for me. Much happiness is wished Mr. Tucker on his retirement.

- Verna Hartney

SKOKIE SHOP

Congratulations to TONY COLUCCI, Control Department, and his wife, CINDY, who

are the proud parents of a baby boy, CHRISTIAN, born on May 10 weighing 6 pounds 12 ounces. Last year Cindy was score keeper for the Skokie softball team. Good luck, Cindy, we're going to miss you as our score keeper...Congratulations to DAN O'BRIEN, Control Department, and his wife, MARY, on the birth of their first son, SEAN, born May 12 weighing 8 pounds 2 1/2 ounces...STAN RAVEN, Control Department, and his wife, DOROTHY, have a new granddaughter, CHERYL LYN, born May 28 weighing 7 pounds 3 ounces. The proud parents are RICHARD and CATHY ANN RAVEN...MICHAEL E. LESNIAK, the son of Mr. and Mrs. TED LESNIAK, Control Department, received his B.A. degree from George Williams college on June 2. Michael was graduated summa cum laude. Nice going, Mike...MARIA G. LUPETINI, the daughter of LENO LUPETINI, Control Department, received the Alpha Sigma Nu award on May 10 at the Belden Stratford hotel. This award is only given to outstanding students. Maria attended Loyola university. Congratulations... We would like to welcome back our summer helpers: in the labor gang are FRED POSKA, DENNIS PORCARO, STEVE GREEN and BARRY LEPP (his first year); in the office we have KATHY GRAYBIEL and MAUREEN DONLEY. We also welcome HARRIETTE IBRAHIM as a full-time employee for Technical Services...Our deepest sympathy is extended to GEORGE ARENDT in the loss of his mother, JULIANA.

- Pat Harrett

SOUTH SHOPS

A sad farewell was bid to BILL KROPP of Material Control, who retired May 1 after more than 32 years of service. We will all miss him and hope he will return soon for a visit. Bill is pictured receiving a retirement gift from RAY BLAU, general supervisor at South Shops... DENISE COX returned from



her vacation with a nice tan. She and her husband, RICH, flew to New Port Richey, Fla., for ten days. They did a lot of sunning, swimming and sightseeing...HELEN DOHERTY returned from her eight-day vacation in Lake Worth, Fla. Welcome back... SANDY HOFFMAN, formerly of Material Control, returned here for a visit and brought her daughter, JENNIFER, along. She was bright-eyed and bushy-tailed all day...Since we have quite a few items from Technical Services we will list them all together. First of all we would like to extend our condolences to JIM GEBIS in the death of his mother-in-law... Happy birthday to RICHARD BRYAR who celebrated on June 2...Richard Bryar and

MITCH KITZMAN just came back from a fishing trip to Lake Shelbyville, Ill. They were somewhat disappointed with the fishing but enjoyed themselves anyway...JIM HAWORTH returned from his vacation. He said it was a "honey-do." Jim should be proud of his daughter, SUSAN MARIE. She received freshman honors at Oak Lawn High school. Congratulations...EARL LARSEN of Material Control returned from his vacation. He spent a few weeks in Texas visiting his son.

Let's wish all our graduates the best of luck and prosperity in the future...Congratulations and best wishes go out to newlyweds KEN and NANCY ROSSOW: ditto for GEORGE and SUSAN HAYES...We would like to welcome GLADYS BURRIS to the CTA ranks. Gladys, who is the wife of HOWARD BURRIS, machinist, Bay 6, is working at the Mart in the Employment Department. Good luck, Gladys...ALEX GASSICK, Print Shop, is really proud of his daughter, GAYE ZANNIGER, who appeared at the Pheasant Run Playhouse in the play, "No Sex Please, We're British."



Gaye is pictured with actress Anne Jeffries, the star of the show. JERRY WALTER is reported "holding his own" following his recent injury. X-rays were taken and revealed nothing... Good luck and best of health to our new Pensioners PHIL SCHLOEGEL and CLARENCE PIPOWSKI, who had 32 and 31 years of service, respectively. Phil plans to tend to his garden in Evergreen Park, and Clarence is already on his way to Manistee, Mich., where he will take up residence. REX MCCOY, Area 333, was blessed with a new granddaughter, CHRISTEL PARRISH, who weighed in at 6 pounds. TOM and MILDRED COATES are celebrating 36 years of wedded bliss this month. JOE and SHARON REED are also celebrating their anniversary this month. Congratulations...A big welcome goes out to LOUIS (Julio) BUBAN, electrical apprentice, who started here at South Shops recently...NICK SIMONETTI became the father of the bride recently. Nick's daughter, PAMELA, exchanged vows with JOHN THULLEN. Good luck and best wishes go out to them...Looking back at some past issues of the Transit News: 24 years ago JOE KOPINSKI and IRV KRAULEDIS, both of Bay 6, were on the South Shops bowling team which won first place that year (1950), and a couple of years later, Joe repeated the victory by winning in 1953-1954. Some bowling, Joel...LOUIE DRINKA and his wife, IRENE, just returned from their vacation which included retracing the routes taken by our country's forefathers through Virginia Beach, Jamestown, Williamsburg and Washington, D.C...JOHN FITZ MORRIS finally drove his

car to work the other day. John had the car back on blocks as soon as he got home from work.

- Jeanne Diehl & Lawrence Barnes

TRANSPORTATION -

TOM MACE retired May 1 as a radio-telephone operator in Operations Control and is pictured accepting the congratulations of Superintendent of Surface Opera-



tions THOMAS J. SHANAHAN. Along with his wife, GLADYS, retired life started with a trip to California. Tom had completed more than 36 years with the CSL and CTA. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of JULIE PRINDERVILLE, a retiree of the Transportation Department Office who passed away on April 19. We also extend our condolences to the family of FLORENCE KRAUSE, the wife of retired 77th Street Superintendent FRANK KRAUSE, who passed away on May 19.

(Utility) -

A surprise party was given for Mrs. JENNIE CANDELA on April 4 at Sharko's restaurant in honor of her 85th birthday, which was attended by many friends and relatives. Mrs. Candela is pictured here



with her sons, left to right, ANTHONY, JOSEPH and CARMEN. Tony is a service truck chauffeur...Pensioner BILL COLEMAN paid us a visit at Blue Island after spending the winter in Florida. O. W. JOHNSON did just the opposite and had a relaxing vacation in Florida...We welcome back RICHARD ANTONOVICH and WILLIAM DOWNS to the department...Also a warm welcome to ODELL OWENS from

Kedzie, and FRANCIS SCHMITZ from...cher...Congratulations to all the mer Blue Island for helping us to win the award from the Greater Chicago Sal Council for improving our accident record over the previous year...We received an article from the Washington Star Times announcing the appointment of former chauffeur THOMAS C. DAVIS as regional property manager for the National Corporation for Housing Partnership (NCH) a private organization created by Congress to stimulate low and moderate housing. EDWARD KELLY had a wonderful vacation in Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales. JOSEPH MATULA, 32 years, and PETER PETERSON, 33 years, joined the ranks, retired on June 1. Among the well-wishers at Blue Island were WALTER JOHNSON and RICHARD O'GORMAN...Our deepest sympathy is extended to DON EDWARDS and his family in the loss of a father-in-law, A. HEATH...J. J. ROSE was elected commander of the Cook County Council Division I of Amvets.

- Colette Szyganczak

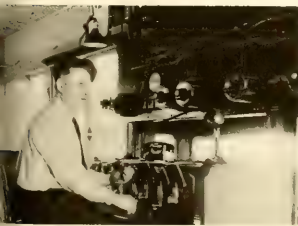
52ND STREET -

Yes, spring is definitely here. Beware increased vehicular traffic, pedestrian bicycle riders and above all, children. Defensive driving is the key to avoid accidents. LET'S WIN THE ISC AWARD! What kind of softball team will 52nd have this season? Shall we ask BARTON, REYNOLDS, DIAL, RILEY, HENRY or a crystal ball? Good luck fellows...Chairman ERIC EST HILL and members on the committee, thank all who participated in the membership drive for the Society of the Little Flower, a very worthy cause. The drive still on, so you may contact committeemen E. T. JONES, BOB HOLMES or T. J. PHILPOTT...We expect the return of ALLEN JOINER by the time you read this. JESSE BYRD beware of TANZEL GOVA as he was seen on the greens recently! The same advice also goes to WALTER FALLS Jr...Congratulations to REGINALD TOLBERT upon leaving bachelorhood. Good luck to JAMES RIVERS who was placed on disability retirement. He will be missed by all, especially HOLLAND...JAMES TERRY has resigned as a member of our credit union supervisory committee for personal reasons. DUANE DOOLEY was appointed to serve in his vacancy. Five of our board members are attending the league's seminar at the Circle campus. The officials of our credit union request that all members check with Treasurers PHILPOTT or POTTS to see whether you have a completed Form DOB on file. THIS IS IMPORTANT. So please take heed and act immediately. As members it is your duty and responsibility to cooperate. Join the credit union without delay as it is fully insured and steadily growing. Family group life insurance is available to all members at a very low premium. Support

union representative and attend the monthly meetings. It is your moral obligation to unite with our elected officers in strengthening our union...Belated congratulations to JEROME and JEWEL GINN on their visit from the stork in April. Jewel is the daughter of our union representative, BOB HOLMES...We were deeply saddened by the passing of Operator LENORA COLE and extend our deepest sympathy to his family. Thanks, fellows, for using the chartered bus and paying your respects. A special thanks to Operator VINCENT DAWSON who made the memorial signs...The biggest news recently is that JIMMIE MOORE temporarily left his voice due to a cold and GEORGE SEPTOE had a little peace...Did you hear talk from MORGAN B. SMITH about the Kentucky Derby?...The PHILPOTTS recently celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary...Will ALBERT WILLS invite us to his next barbecue?...We were both sad and happy to have a retirement party for JOSEPH STELZNER who went on pension one year after more than 45 years of service. He was affectionately known as "little Joe". It was like old home week with all his old buddies coming out to bid him a fond adieu—GUS PAVELKA, retired foreman; JAMES BURNS and SIMON WATSON, retired repairmen; ERNIE WELLS, retired Division 241 board member, and Limits Foreman HOSEA JOHNSTON and Archer Foreman ALVIN HUBBARD. Unit Supervisor of Bus Garages T. ANDERSON and Gus gave a short talk on Joe's many years of faithful service...Among those having wonderful vacations were: Acting Foreman H. McANN, Repairmen CARL SIMS and S. JEWELL, and Serviceman JULIO RIVERA. We were sorry to lose IKE RIVERS due to an accident. Hope he recovers soon...Herb D. GARNER was honored at a dinner for 30 years of public and civic service. A plaque was presented to him with many notable signatures. Congratulations.

- John L. Hudson

TEST SECTION -
A glance at the track diagram and there's no mistaking the interlocking system controlled from the old Marshfield remote tower on the Metropolitan 'L'. At the switch machine is the late FRED



TROKE, the father of Supervisor EDWARD TROKE of the South Rapid Transit District.

- Santo Siciliano & Lou Payne

69TH STREET -

After 28 years of service J. J. MORNAR will step down as an operator due to health conditions, but will probably work in some other capacity with CTA. Things will never be the same here at 69th without his smile and wit. We all know the problems he has had and can only wish him the best the Lord can give...Supervisor W. HERON, former 69th Street operator, is doing a great job at Cicero and Archer. He took over for Supervisor TAYLOR, an old Cottage Grove operator who is now a dispatcher. Congratulations, fellows...Pensioner LEONARD JOLLY will vacation at Jackson Hole, Wyo. At one time Leonard was an old cowhand...Have you fellows seen the new gold Caddy P. YUSKA is driving? His Mrs. must have a real good job...Did you fellows notice who signed up for the softball team? Rather than show you young guys up, we will step aside and give the umpires their due. Good luck and may you win them all, fellows...ERNIE TOCCI, retired 69th Street superintendent, is going on his annual retreat to Notre Dame, and anyone interested in going can contact him...You fellows had better treat DAKE nice. He is now the acting paymaster and may hold out on you..."Scratch" BELL says you can't remain a Christian and chase that little white ball around a golf course like WHITE, SMITH and YOUNG, just to name a few...J. DUBINSKI became a grandpa for the sixth time when little JEROME RICHARD was born. They all follow the same pattern—boys...I saw Pensioner ED MEYERS and he looks great and is really enjoying his pension...LINDA JOHNSON, the daughter of Instructor JOHN JOHNSON, was married on June 1. Her sister, NANCY, sang a beautiful solo, and her other sister, BARBARA, was maid of honor. The reception was held at the Beverly House...We have a new crew of janitors, well practically, at 69th and would like to welcome C. MONCRIEF and F. YOUNG. JEROZAL is now at 77th Street, and LEROY MARSHALL and S. WODARCZYK took the "outhouses" in preference to inside work...The silent reaper passed through 69th and asked for Janitor W. SYKES: Reverend MARCIAN MATHIS, O.F.M., the brother of JOE MATHIS; JAMES TURNER, the brother of MELVIN TURNER; M. SAULS, and the mother of JOHN GRADY. To all their families and loved ones, we extend our deepest sympathy.

From the Repair Department your co-reporter, JIMMY AHERN, regrets to report the passing of his cousin, MARTIN SHANNON, a former "L" employee, and TOM McDONALD, formerly of 69th Gar-

age...I saw former day foreman JIM HOPKINS, Janitor BOB DAVIS and Pensioners WILLY FAHEY and A. KAZAITIS and they wished to be remembered by all their friends. Fahey and Kazaitis are celebrating their 80th birthday...A speedy recovery is wished to BILL LORENZEN who is recuperating from an accident...Day Foreman PETE SZAFRANSKI, B. BUTKIEWICZ, LEO USPEL, JIM WILLIAMS, C. WILLIAMS, G. GACEK, HENRY HOPKINS, J. LEE, D. PIERCE, DICK DICKERSON and T. NIEZABITOWSKI are all enjoying well-earned vacations. Here's hoping they all have a good time and drive safely...Assistant Foreman BILL TOOMEY will have to fend for himself as his wife and family are vacationing in Germany. Hope they have a nice vacation...We offer our sincere sympathy to BILL SCOTT in the loss of his sister-in-law. Bill is our unit supervisor.

- Art Bussing & Jimmy Ahern

77TH STREET -

Superintendent FRANK WSOL is getting a firm grip on things at 77th Street since the retirement of Superintendent JOHN KNERR. We all wish Mr. Wsol and his clerical staff lots of luck...Speaking of clerks, HARRY RONS flew to sunny California for three glorious weeks. Wow!! Clerk TOM MCGUIRE took his first airplane ride when he went to Florida to visit Disney World...NEIL KINNISH and W. SHYGOLOWSKI have renewed their feud as to which is the better team, the Cubs or the White Sox...EARL SMITH recently purchased a new car and paid cash for it. Now you can see where the money is...Switchboard Operator A. PETERSON is seriously ill and has been in and out of the hospital several times...The 77th Street Bowling League held its annual banquet on May 10 to fete the champion squad of Captain J. C. WHITE and E. FORD, M. PORTER, E. GIPSON, L. WADDELL and C. McCANTS. Congratulations! The bowling league also has its cellar, and CHARLIE HALL's team just can't seem to get off the floor. Sorry, Charlie...The softball team took the field for the 1974 season, and 77th Street team captain, WILSON WATSON, is preparing for an exciting year. Good luck, fellows, and bring us a winning season...Thanks to P. TIMBERLAKE, there may soon be a marching band at 77th Street...W. TOLBERT was one year taller on May 30. Belated birthday greetings Tolbert...It is really good to see J. MARTIN and A. JACKSON back to work after being off sick. Welcome back, fellows...Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families of CLIFFORD WILSON and JAMES PASTELL who passed away. Also our sincere condolences to Operator S. GATEWOOD and his family in the loss of his father, BENNIE GATEWOOD...So long for now.

- Allison De Bonnett

Double-deck, Articulated Buses to Undergo Test in Chicago

BOTH THE double-decker and articulated buses soon are expected to return to Chicago boulevards and streets.

It's all part of a national transit industry developmental project which seven other cities are participating in with Chicago.

Mayor Daley put the project in gear here by filing a request for \$2,678,000 in federal and state funding for four experimental double-deck buses and 20 articulated buses.

Mayor Daley's request received the immediate approval of Langhorne Bond, the Illinois Transportation Secretary, who forwarded the request to the Federal Highway Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The federal government would provide \$1,874,600, with the state providing 30 per cent matching funds of \$804,000.

"This is part of what is known as 'Project Superbus'," said Miss Joanne Vleicides, manager of development planning for CTA.

"The objective is to provide public transportation systems with a greater choice of surface equipment for serving various phases of the transit market," she said.

"Both the double-deck and articulated buses would be designed to serve thoroughfares of high volumes of travel, such as Michigan Avenue and the express service in the Kennedy Expressway to O'Hare Airport," she added.

If approval is readily forthcoming from the federal government, the four double-deck buses are expected to be in experimental operation in Chicago by early fall.

The 20 articulated buses would probably go into operation early in 1975.

Double-deck buses were last operated in 1950 by the former Chicago Motor Coach company. The articulated "Queen Mary" was retired in 1963 by CTA.

The double-deckers would accommodate 83 seated passengers--53 on the upper deck and 30 on the lower deck. The regular CTA buses seat 50 passengers.

The articulated buses, consisting of two bus bodies hinged in accordion fashion with unobstructed vision and passage through the full 60-foot length, would seat 76 passengers.

Although 50 per cent longer than the regular 40-foot CTA buses, the articulated buses can be turned at a shorter radius.

Other cities participating in "Project Superbus" are Oakland (California), Seattle, Los Angeles, Dallas, Pittsburgh, New York City, and Detroit.

In related action, the Chicago Transit Board on June 6 authorized the CTA staff to negotiate for the purchase of the experimental buses when funding becomes available.

The Board also proposed a \$500,000 research project and approved filing a request with the Illinois Department of Transportation for \$400,000 to cover the purchase of three additional double-deck buses. CTA will contribute \$100,000 for special promotions, employee training and other costs for the one-year experiment.

Women Take Wheel

Readers Applaud Calpower At CTA; 'Ladies Launched



THE NUMBER of women drivers on CTA routes has now passed 20 -- and two more ladies are in training as 'L' conductors. What's the public reaction to the change in scenery?

Thus far, positive. Very.

In fact, on one bus the other evening, a couple of passengers started what became a unanimous round of applause for the woman at the wheel.

There have been a few expressions of "Oh, no!", "mostly in jest, and a lot more of "congratulations" and "ride on, baby." Here are a few of the experiences reported by the gals.

Some Women Are Jealous

Gladys Johnson, who "enjoys the job tremendously", says that many women passengers have stopped at the front of the bus to congratulate her. Men are not as enthusiastic, she adds, but this only makes her more determined to prove that women can be just as good drivers as men are.

On the other hand, Lorraine Newton finds many of the women, who board her bus, betray jealousy, while only one man has been critical. A steel mill worker on the South Chicago run, this passenger accused Lorraine of taking a job he should have had. He said he had applied for a CTA driver position but, when queried by another passenger, admitted that he hadn't passed the test.

Gail Harriman reports that two passengers ride with her each night to the end of the line and back. They often fall asleep, she says, but their presence provides discouragement to would-be marauders.

Driver Gets Letter

In addition to verbal compliments, Ophelia Ellis received a congratulatory letter from one passenger, written en route. Except for the first night, when she turned in the wrong direction for Stony Island coming out of the garage, Ophelia's record has been all hits, no errors.

Naomi Caldwell thought her bus was on fire one night and pulled to the side of the road to see what was burning. Upon discovering two men smoking, she gave the "no smoking" order in no uncertain terms. The men meekly obeyed.

The night runs do not frighten Naomi because most of her passengers are mature men, coming from work, who give her a sense of protection.

Emily Anne Palma says that police have craned their necks to watch her driving performance and have risked more squad car accidents than she has encountered with the bus.

Male Refuses Ride

When Geraldine Davis had been on the road two days, she pulled up at a stop for a man who was waiting. He stepped onto the bus, saw the female face, shook his head "huh, uh," and backed off again. Probably won't ride with his wife, either.

When her bus is parked on Wacker, says Delores Walker, little kids still come (Continued Page 2)

UNION PRESIDENT Leonard Beatty, third from right, delivers 308 salute to new 'Ladies at press conference in CTA board room. To left of Chairman Pikarsky are Sandra Anne Watkins and husband, Robert. Couple at right are Marilyn Jackson and husband, Bennie, a CTA bus driver.

SUN TIMES photo



WOMEN OPERATING EMPLOYEES As Of Sept. 13

	<u>Bus</u>	<u>Rail</u>
Hired	28	'2
Awaiting Openings	166	49
Applicants	357	305

Archer Garage

Dyane Allen
Barbara Collins
Billie Jett
Verleen Smith

Limits Garage

Gladys Hernandez
Diane Hyman
Betty Jones
Lydia Lewis
Irma Wesley
Barbara Jean Williams

Forest Glen Garage

Edith Carr
Gladys Johnson
Emily Palma
Terry Pierre

North Avenue Garage

Alice Drake
Pearlena Thomas
Iris Torres

52nd Street Garage

Geraldine Davis
Shirley Lucas
Delores Walker

77th Street Garage

Naomi Caldwell
Ophelia Ellis
Gail Harriman
Velma Jackson
Ellice Marshall
Phyllis Montgome
Lorraine Newton
Mary Wallace

South Section-Rail

Marilyn Jackson
Saundra Watkins

CTA Galpower (Continued)

up and look at her, wide eyed, as though she were a curiosity in a sideshow.

A somewhat tipsy man, boarding a bus driven by Phillis Montgomery, elaborately praised the CTA for "providing this new courtesy" to passengers. He suggested that the next logical step was for CTA to make the fare free.

Compliments on gaining the right to drive have been expressed to Betty Jones by both male and female riders. There have been no crude jokes nor resentful remarks.

Many Men Are Pleased

This experience is echoed by Velma Jackson, most of whose passengers are men. "Delightful surprise" is the look on the face of those noticing her for the first time, Velma says.

Gladys Hernandez, who has been driving nights on the Halsted line, says that groups of half-a-dozen men or teenagers board the bus at some stops, but have given her no trouble. Co-workers are generous in praising her driving, she says.

"Most women seem happy to see me driving a bus," remarks Diane Hyman. "This has been a nice job experience for me."

The celebrated original lady busperson, Mary Wallace (Transit News, July, '74), is enjoying her work very much. The only pass made at Mary was by a drunk on the Stony Island run. But another male passenger, pretending to be a police officer, intervened.

Lady Conductors Board 'L'

As for the rapid transit lines, Marilyn Jackson and Saundra Anne Watkins were at the CTA Board Room recently for official introduction as the system's first women subway-elevated conductors.

"Welcome aboard!" was the traditional greeting of the transit industry extended to the new conductors by

Milton Pikarsky, CTA Chairman, and Leonard Beatty, President of the rapid transit employees' Division of Amalgamated Transit Union. The event was shown on Chicago telecasts that evening and featured in all Chicago newspapers.

Pikarsky hailed the advent of the women conductors as "another significant milestone under the policy of the Chicago Transit Board to extend equal employment opportunities to all persons."

Beatty added: "We welcome this move by CTA's management and our union will do everything we can to bring in more women as rapid transit operating employees."

Present also were the ladies' husbands -- Belle Jackson Jr., a CTA bus driver working out of the 52nd street garage, and Robert E. Watkins, a fireman assigned to Engine Company 16 fire station at 400 S. Dearborn.

Jobs Look Good To Girls

Mrs. Jackson said she took the job to improve family finances and, in a few years, to buy a home.

Mrs. Watkins, formerly a computer operator at a hospital, said, "Driving a train will be much more interesting than pushing buttons. I would rather work with people than with machines."

The next day, the women began their one-week training program. In the long run, they must qualify as motorwomen, and either switchwomen or towwomen, as well as conductors.



ON THE third day of conductor training, Marilyn Jackson makes a station announcement on a Lake-Dan Ryan train as Saundra Watkins and Instructor Willie Mann look on.

Journalist Makes Wise Move On Super Transferpass

BECAUSE OF its popularity with riders, the Sunday Super Transferpass has been canceled by the CTA Board for the rest of this year. The Super Transferpass, which permits any number of rides on Sunday, plus the Sunday bargain fare of 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for senior citizens and children, have resulted in an increase of 50 per cent in originating riders on Sunday. The Super Transferpass sells for 70 cents for adults and 45 cents for senior citizens and children.

Among the many thousands of CTA riders finding it super was Chicago Tribune reporter James A. Jackson whose July 22 personal experience story is reprinted here. I'm facing a household move on October 1 may find it especially interesting.

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MOVED on a CTA super transferpass.

After all, I didn't need a moving van. All my worldly possessions could be packed into four mismatched pieces of luggage and a newsboy's canvas bag.

Four successful burglaries during a six-month period at my apartment on Elaine Place had reduced down my quantity of possessions.

I reasoned that the buses wouldn't be crowded on a Sunday morning, but I was wrong. My bus was jam packed when it stopped at Halsted and Cornelia Streets.

After a moment's hesitation, I finally got on carrying two heavy suitcases and two tennis racquets on the 14-block ride to my new apartment at Halsted Street and Armistead Avenue.

I had almost made it when the two suitcases jammed in the doorway, and as I tried to pry them loose, the tennis racquets fell and clattered to the pavement.

The bus driver heaved a sigh and waited patiently as I dumped the suitcases in the middle of the street and, trying to hide my embarrassment, bounded down the steps to retrieve the racquets.

I sheepishly reboarded the bus, and the sound of suppressed snickering, deposited 70 cents, and quickly asked for a super transferpass.

I took the transfer, arranged my luggage as best I could, and headed straight ahead.

For the next 14 blocks, I went through a litany of "excuse me, sorry, can you make it by?" By the time the bus arrived at my stop, I

was sweating with embarrassment and the heat.

I left the bus with the twitterings of little old ladies and the loud guffaws of the younger set ringing in my ears. It didn't help that I stumbled on the second step and landed with a thud on the sidewalk.

I walked the short distance to my new apartment—a two-flat of dubious vintage, "lots of potential," and adjacent to a beer garden.

While trudging up two flights of stairs, I thought wistfully of when Sundays centered on bloody marys and the crossword puzzle from the New York Times.

I still faced at least two more bus trips which would include more suitcases and two 10-month-old kittens, Morgan and Heathcliffe.

I told myself that time was nothing and calculated the money that I was saving. Revived by these good thoughts, I caught the next northbound bus.

The second trip was uneventful. I had two suitcases and a canvas bag filled with dirty laundry. The bus was practically empty and I had no trouble taking up two seats comfortably. I would return for the kittens later.

Now only one trip remained. I dumped the dirty clothes in the middle of the bedroom floor to use the canvas bag for transporting the kittens. I couldn't give them away, so I had to deposit them with the Anti-Cruelty Society for adoption or annihilation.

My super transfer by this time didn't look so super. The constant handling had reduced it to a tattered version of its former self.



I bundled the kittens into the carrier's bag and boarded the Broadway bus for the four-and-a-half-mile ride to the animal shelter at 157 W. Grand Av.

Forty minutes later, I had signed away Morgan and Heathcliffe and was again on a bus, this time on the way to my favorite watering hole for a few beers.

The transfer soaked up almost as much beer as I did as I bored everyone within hearing distance about the perils of using a CTA bus as a moving van and the heartbreak of leaving pets at the Anti-Cruelty Society.

Nine p.m. and my transfer was looking like it had gone thru the wringer. So did I. It was time to go home.

On the last leg of the journey, I realized that the day had been super. I had ridden 12 buses, traveled more than 30 miles, and changed residences—all for 70 cents.

I looked with fondness at my tattered transfer and decided to save it. It had served me well and was really super.



TRANSIT IN

Public Affairs Staffer Attends CTA's Internationally-Recognized School

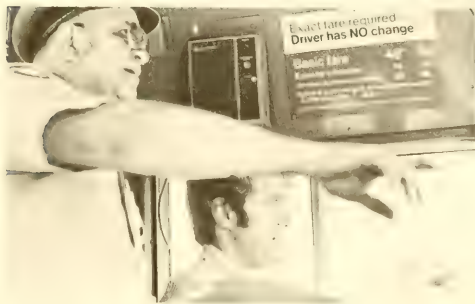
Chicago Transit Authority Technical Institute (CTATI) first began in 1972, on an experimental basis, with regularly scheduled sessions starting the following year. As of January, 1975, six institutes will be held a year. CTATI, managed by Stu Maginnis, Director of Personnel Development. More than 120 people have attended the seven institutes held thus far.



**Pictures
And Text**
By Anit Leppiks

Dennis Mollenkamp (left), MARTA, questioned Ed Kennedy, a carpenter at the Skokie Shop, about the extent of car body repairs.

CTA Instructor Henry Ziolkowski directs Jerry Coffey of Houston's B.R.H. Mobility Services company in the fine points of controlling the bus in an actual skid. It's a regular part of the training rookie drivers receive.



WHAT'S A nice girl like you doing crossing the tracks on the rail?

They may not say it, but that's how friends look at you when you tell them you've learned how to walk the tightrope structure, have driven a train and practiced skidding a bus.

Nobody can accuse the CTA of not preparing its people to answer questions, from flange angles to diesel power in the latest 7400 series of buses.

This sort of practical knowledge was the core of the summer CTA Technical Institute which drew 20 participants including me and 19 from outside the CTA.

There were representatives from the federal Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration, salesmen from IBM Corp., professors from the Polytechnic Institute of New York, and engineers from the Illinois Department of Public Works and the California Department of Transportation, as well as a White House Fellow.

Also in attendance were planners from Oregon's Federal Highway Administration and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, a representative from

Pulling the switch levers at the Wilson avenue tower go William Grottkau (left) of California's Department of Transportation and an idea of how much muscle it sometimes takes to operate a towerman. Other towers use electropneumatic controls.



TUTE

In 6 Days— A CTATI Student Learns A Lot

Mon.	Bus Monitoring Line Supervision Power Supervision Training Methods Terminal Operation	Wed.	Yard Operation Skokie Swift Operation Materials Management
Tue.	Security Construction Personnel Relations Bus Operation Bus Maintenance Shop Methods Technical Services Tower Operation	Thu.	Plant Maintenance Track Maintenance Building Maintenance Financial Management Cost Accounting Data Processing Fare Procedures
Wed.		Fri.	Adjusting To Community Change Industry Relations Government Relations
		Sat.	

the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, as well as a transportation consultant from Houston. They came for different reasons.

Robert Prowda, project manager at UMTA, said, "I'm here basically to get an overall knowledge of the system."

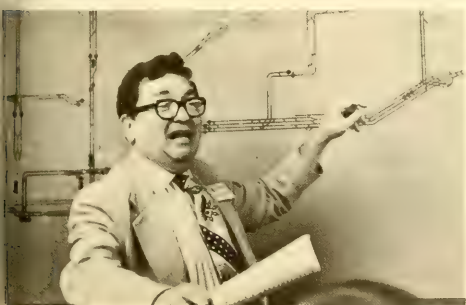
William Grottkau, assistant chief of the technical branch of the California Division of Mass Transportation, wanted to "get a feel of what an urban system is like."

For Jerry Coffey, manager of business development at Houston's B.R.H. Mobility Services Company, "The CTA has many facets from which we can learn the good... and the problem areas enabling us to respond better to the needs of other cities."

Roger Roess, assistant professor at the Polytechnic Institute of New York, found the CTA to be "the only place we can get in to view operations."

Participants got a glimpse of every aspect of the authority. And, when the week was over, the group unanimously declared the institute was the best training about a transit system available in the country.

James Blaa, manager, transportation, explains the use of the lighted diagrammatic 'L'-subway map, in the Control Center, to locate trouble spots.

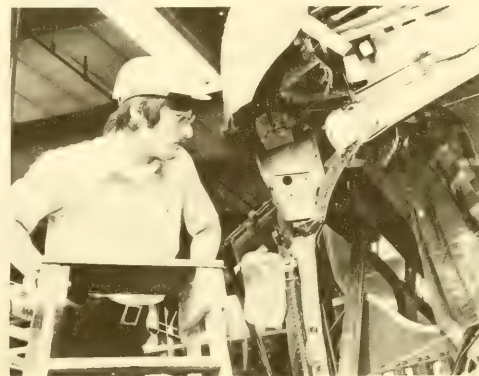


An 'L' car from "down under"—it's the way repair crews at Wilson avenue work on the trains.



Dennis Closs, instructor, teaches Patricia Cass, Washington D.C. (UMTA), the rudiments of driving an 'L' train.

Jack Grover, Illinois Department of Transportation, inspects repair work on a bus at the South Shops.





CTA Sports News

MEL ALEXANDER, Sports Editor



William Prince

Bowling Season Starts

WITH THE melodic sound of balls striking pins, the 1974-75 bowling season for the 77th Street Operators Bowling League opened on Aug. 30, with all 16 teams returning.

The enthusiasm of the bowlers to get underway was overwhelming. Their individual rooting sections were out in full force to yell and scream for their favorite team to win.

There were many new faces in the league this year as each returning team strived for improvement over last season. Many of the old and familiar faces were gone, but as in every sport, new blood is always welcome.

The league, now in its 12th year, is comprised of CTA personnel only, with representation from every department in the company--from supervision to laborer.

League officers who will guide us through the upcoming season are: President Calvin Pollard, Civil Design Section, Engineering; Vice-president Mike Kane, Internal Auditing; Treasurer Talmadge Ireland, Archer Garage; Secretary Wilson Washington, 77th Street Garage, and Sergeant-at-Arms Hank Mosely, Utility.



Mart Bowlers Win Three

AS AN entry in the ten-team City of Chicago Bureau of Engineering Bowling League, the CTA Mart team started the 1974-75 season off by winning their first three games. High man for the team was Sports Editor Mel Alexander with a 520 series.

This league holds a special significance for the Mart personnel as some of our prominent CTA officials once bowled in this league: among them the late CTA Board Chairman George L. DeMent, Maintenance E.E. Olmstead and Director of Purchasing F. A. Johnson.

The team members, Captain Lennie Lohn, Personnel Development; Timothy O'Rourke and Jesse Junger, Law and Claims; Jim Toolis, Materials Management; Charles Drozda, Operations Planning, and Mel Alexander, Public Affairs, are proud to be a part of this tradition and promise to put up a better show this year and bring the championship to CTA.

A special invitation is extended to all the Mart employees to come out and see their team bowl on Wednesday evening at 5:00 p.m. at Spencer Bowl, Marina Towers.

77TH STREET OPERATORS BOWLING LEAGUE

Teams	W	L	P.
Spartans	6	0	1.0
George's Arco	5	1	.3
Hot Hands	5	1	.3
Archer	4	2	.7
Golden Arms	4	2	.7
Late Comers	4	2	.7
Clippers	3	3	.0
Pin Busters	3	3	.0
Centurions	3	3	.0
Boozers	3	3	.0
Road Runners	2	4	.3
Poppers	2	4	.3
Baggers	2	4	.3
Tranquilizers	1	5	.7
Misfits	1	5	.7
Toppers	0	6	.0

Rapid Transit Wins Softball Title

THE CTA Sports Program softball league ended its season on Aug. 18 with a surprise upset, when the Rapid Transit 308 team beat Kedzie Garage 13 to 7 in the championship game.

In the semi-finals, a fired up 308 team defeated the highly rated North Park team 14 to 9, and the 1973 champs, 69th Street, were soundly thrashed by an ever inspired Kedzie team 23 to 6.

In the championship game, Kedzie had high hopes of winning it all, but underestimated the Rapid Transit team, which had ideas of its own, and had reached peak form with a win over North Park. They achieved their goal by defeating Kedzie to become No. 1 again.

Before the start of the championship game, Sports Director Agis Bray, former member of the world famous Harlem Globe Trotters, was presented with a trophy by Division 241 Financial Secretary-Treasurer James Pate, for his untiring efforts in promoting and creating our excellent sports program. This trophy was made possible through the combined efforts of the team managers and members of the sports program.

The crowd, as usual, turned out with families and picnic baskets to root for their favorite team. The sports committee wishes to thank all the fans, young and old, for a most successful softball season.



Rapid Transit - 1974 Softball Champs



Kedzie Garage - 2nd Place Winners



James Pate, Division 241 Treasurer presents appreciation trophy to Sports Director Agis Bray. Below, part of crowd who turned out for championship game.



Some action scenes from championship games.



THIS REPORT from the sports committee of Division 241-308 - CTA was written by Tom Stiglic, CTA representative for the program, on a laundry shirt cardboard as he watched the final games of the season. The card was given to your sports editor for his information as to the happenings in the final series at Grant Park. After reading this, your sports editor felt that it was such a wonderful compliment to the many faithful fans who attend our sports activities that he is reproducing it in the TRANSIT NEWS.

Thank You, Fans . . .



Tom Stiglic

sports program.

North Park, Kedzie, 69th Street and Rapid Transit all seemed certain the culmination of the classic battle of 1973 was to be replayed, and the winners were sure to meet a worthy opponent.

Grant Park had witnessed the picnic basket classic on five other occasions. As family and friends started to gather, the familiar sight of loaded basket goodies and the spreading of beautiful colored blankets added a sense of togetherness.

In the first of the semi-finals, Kedzie displayed a sure drive of power and used their bats to spin a web to ensnare 69th Street and trounce them 23 to 6. In the other game, Rapid Transit who finished in fifth place in the regular season standings, outplayed North Park to gain their victory by a score of 14 to 9.

In the consolation game, 69th Street had settled down and defeated North Park 16 to 8. Both teams vowed to come back strong next year.

Kedzie and Rapid Transit had reached peak form for the championship game, and both teams seemed razor sharp after their victories over the two top teams. With perfection in the field and their bats booming at the plate, Rapid Transit overpowered the hard-fighting Kedzie team 13 to 7.

Our family get-togethers are undoubtedly the most important and helpful factor in making and keeping our sports program alive. We, the sports committee (Tom Stiglic, Agis Bray and Jackie Robinson), would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our fans for a most successful season and God bless all of you.

Commendation Corner

Elvin Boone, bus driver, gets a special thanks for personally delivering the purse a passenger left in his bus. The woman said she was also impressed that Boone refused to take any reward.

L. Davis, rail service supervisor, is lauded by LaSalle street attorney for his expert detective work in recovering a briefcase the lawyer left on the train at Oak Park avenue. The briefcase contained an expensive camera.

Karl Fleischacker, bus driver out of the Nor Avenue Garage, reaffirmed a passenger's "faith in human nature" when he escorted a blind rider across the Grand and Sacramento intersection June 26. The watching passenger said the driver's act is representative of "what a public service corporation is all about."

Kudos go to Ernest Shields for assisting an Indian driver whose car stalled on his way home from Cicero. Shields spent three hours of his own time trying to help for the man and his family.

A voluntary note to Tom Buck, Manager of Public Affairs, from an author friend says: "Consistent the morning cashiers...at the Lincoln-Addison station are the most courteous I have ever encountered."

Virginia Beatty of the Chicago Horticultural Society congratulates CTA on the Chicago Lung Association citation for its No Smoking poster.

Drivers on the 22A Wentworth route get a compliment for their cheerful assistance to a woman on a special summer job assignment, involving travel many stops around the city.

The director of the Vision Foundation for the Blind Camp appreciates CTA's courteous help to the children on their visits to Kiddieland, the Whealan Pot the bowling alley, and other trip locales.

Thanks to CTA for an enjoyable summer says homemaker. The L'ephant Special made it possible for her family to take numerous trips to the beach and zoo. She also salutes our kind and smiling drivers.

Bill Lewis of CTA's new Travel Bureau has drawn a number of written thank-you's for his promptness and clarity in giving directions over the phone.

CTA 'L' station signs went back to school this month. Chris Graudins, a Fenner Elementary school teacher, had tried the signs as teaching aids in a summer reading center for 5th grade pupils to improve reading skills. The school is in the near north side's Abrini-Green public housing development.

Graudins got the idea of using the signs when he saw them being replaced with new, larger ones. He purchased a number of the old signs from the CTA as scrap. The signs list station names and direction on vertical and horizontal metal panels with blue or white backgrounds.

Graudins also obtained samples of "car card" advertisements for Grant Park concerts, the CTA's Sunday Super Transferpass, and the Adler Planetarium. He finds the signs to be good motivational devices in stimulating pupil reading interest.

"I also want to show the pupils how to get around the city...and the different modes of transportation," he explains.

The pupils read (to the class) riddles concerning various forms of transportation. A delighted grin appears as each pupil answers the riddle correctly. Some of the pupils cite places one could visit by public transportation. For instance, one fifth grader, James Whitehead of North Hudson avenue, says "the Sedd Aquarium is an interesting place to visit by bus."

Graudins explains that this interdisciplinary approach embraces spelling, writing, social studies, geography, English, and reading comprehension exercises.

Some of the pupils say they use the 'L' when they go shopping with family or friends:

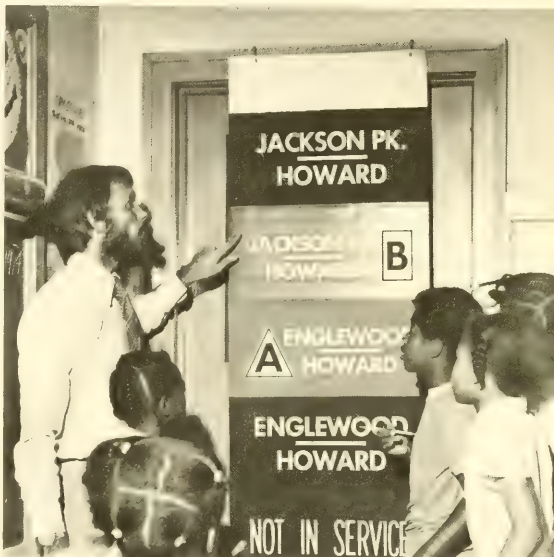
Eugene Dawkins of West Chicago avenue, says "I always go on the 'L' when I go Downtown."

Darryl Greer of North Larrabee street, says "the 'L' takes you faster."

Graudins is a former CTA temporary-summer student ticket agent. He is a Waller High school graduate and earned his degree in anthropology from the University of Illinois. His father, Ilmars Graudins, is a 19-year veteran CTA bus driver at the Units Garage.

CTA Signs 'Pass' to Regular School Use

By Leslie Jennings



THIS STORY was one of a number developed by Miss Leslie Jennings during her summer internship with the Public Affairs Department. Leslie has now returned to the University of San Jose (California) for her senior year as a journalism student. The Chicago resident and Bowen High graduate seeks a career as a professional writer and we hope she will find it at CTA. She also writes plays.





Grube



Hogan



Eldib

Three Promoted to Top Financial Post

THREE KEY managerial offices on the organizational chart of CTA's General Finance Division were filled this month.

Assuming the increased responsibility of Manager of Treasury is a CTA veteran, Clarence H. Grube, previously director of the treasury which has been elevated to departmental status, and, earlier, chief clerk and treasurer. Grube's promotion climaxes a 46-year record of continuous CTA service.

In the CTA reorganization, the position of manager is equivalent to that of vice president in a corporation.

Appointed Manager of the newly created Data Center, hub of CTA's computerized internal information system, is John T. Hogan, who has been a senior systems analyst for us.

The Manager of Management Systems, another new department, is Dr. Adel H. Eldib, who joined the CTA

in July after service as director of administration of the Chicago Department of Public Works.

Hogan is a graduate of Villanova University and has also studied systems analysis and business administration at DePaul and Loyola Universities.

Dr. Eldib earned his B.S. degree in mechanical engineering at the University of Alexandria, Egypt, and his master's degree in industrial engineering and doctorate in industrial management at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich. Before coming to Chicago, he served as manager of planning and systems for the High Voltage Engineering Corporation, Burlington, Mass.

Grube and his wife, Dorothea, live in the Bridgeport community. Hogan and his wife, Linda, and Dr. Eldib live in Medinah. Dr. Eldib and his wife, Murden, have two children and live in the Rogers Park area of Chicago.

CTA Trio Saves Passenger's Life

A TEAM effort by three CTA employees saved the life of a Northwest Side woman this summer.

The incident occurred when Switchman Charles Robinson and Platform Man Frank Foster saw the woman breathing heavily, slumped onto a bench at the Jefferson Park Terminal.

Supervisor Alfonso Fleming called an ambulance and the woman's family while Foster stayed with her. Fleming then saw to it the trains were kept running.

The woman, the trio learned, had taken pills incorrectly prescribed. She suffered a reaction on her way home from work.

As she put it, "The quick thinking of the CTA employees saved my life. Due to their swiftness, an ambulance was called, oxygen was administered to ease my breathing, and I was rushed to the hospital for emergency treatment."



Robinson



Foster



Fleming

Managers Meinardi, Flynn Retire



RETIRING SEPT. 1 as managers in the CTA organization were Peter J. Meinardi and David M. Flynn, transit veterans of 26 and 39 years, respectively.

Meinardi, who retired as manager of the General Administration and Finance Division, is accompanied in the picture at left by some of those who honored him at a retirement party on Aug. 23. Pictured (from left) are Board Member Lawrence G. Sucsy, Retired General Manager (now consultant to CTA) Thomas B. Connor, CTA Chairman Milton Pikarsky, Mr. and



Mrs. Meinardi, Board Member James R. Quinn, and retired Board Members Bernice T. Van der Vries and James E. Rutherford.

Flynn, who served as manager of Transportation until recently becoming administrative advisor to the general operations manager, was feted at a retirement dinner on Aug. 29. Among those who honored him upon his retirement in the picture at right are (from left) Mr. O'Connor, and (standing behind Mr. and Mrs. Flynn) General Operations Manager George Krambles and Board Members Sucsy and Wallace D. Johnson.

(With credit, and fond farewell, to Chicago Today. Chris Agrella story and Frank Hanes photo are reproduced as they appeared in Aug. 26 edition.)



CTA conductor puts passengers 'in the mood'

BY CHRIS AGRELLA

AS THE EIGHT-car rapid transit train on the Chicago Transit Authority Ravenswood pulled into the Merchandise Mart station during the morning rush, a cheery voice saluted passengers:

"Have a good day. Thanks for riding the CTA."

Later, during the evening rush as passengers crowded into the train for the trip home, the same voice

boomed: "Welcome aboard" thru the train's public address system.

The man with the cheery voice and a big smile to match is Santos G. Perez Jr., 23, a CTA conductor since July 12 and a Marine Corps veteran who "likes people."

PEREZ, of 643 W. Roscoe St., said he's had no directive from CTA officials to be "especially cheerful." He does it on his own.

"I like to give the passengers a smile when they're getting on, and when they're getting off I like to say 'have a good day' and wave goodbye to them," said Perez, a dark-haired, slim Chicago native.

At times Perez is apt to remind riders that "Smoking is a CTA no-no," and often his wave is accompanied by a parting "Valla con Dios" (go with God).

"When I talk, it gives the passengers a lift and it gives me one, too," Perez said. "Once in a while someone might make a smart remark, but most people seem to enjoy it."

"The other day my boss was on my train and I didn't know it. When he was getting off I saw him and I said 'Hi, Boss.' Later, I was told to go see him and I got worried. But he told me I was doing a good job."

PEREZ, WHO LIVES alone, is the only child of parents who were born in Puerto Rico. His mother Juanita, lives here.

He attended Tuley High School and was in the Marine Corps during 1968-72, with about one year in Viet Nam where he served as a helicopter gunner.

After six to nine months as a conductor, Perez hopes to attend "motor school," a training session to qualify as a motorman.

"If I make it, I'll still be a conductor and on the bottom of the list for appointment to motorman," Perez said. "But I'm going to keep smiling and be happy, and I think I'll make it."

In this second reminiscence of his days as a trolley conductor, JOHN JOSEPH DONOVAN (shown, right, in his '27 uniform) helps a young man explore the "black hole" of Clark Street. A 47½-year-veteran, Donovan retired July 1. His senior position was as CTA representative to the Illinois General Assembly.

The Unscheduled Stop In Donovan's Day, It Could Be Shocking

IN MY early days, we ran air door cars. These were just single cars. You operated the doors from one point in the car.

When I was with the company about three weeks I was trying to do an impressive job. I was working Clark street. Many people used to ride streetcars when there were very few automobiles. And we had mounted police then in the Loop (which now are coming back.)

One night, there was a streetcar stopped right close to the river, where the City Hall now is, in front of us. There were also a couple of automobiles ahead. Being strange and new on the job, I really thought we were up at the corner. The gas company had dug a hole in the street and put a barrier over it.

But this young man came up and he was dressed for an enjoyable evening on a Saturday night and he had a young lady with him. So he says, "Conductor, could I get off here?" And I, trying to be very accommodating said, "Well certainly, certainly."

I pushed the handle, the doors opened, and he stepped off, like all gentlemen did, to help the young lady. But the step had just cleared the barrier. And he stepped off and went down about 12 feet in all that mud and muck. And of course, she stood at the edge of the platform and she said, "Where'd he go? Where'd he go?"



Being new on the job, I looked out the door, then looked down and I just said, "There he is." And then I had to run off to the motorman to tell him to turn the button which cut off the doors and would give the motorman some power. I was all excited because I was fearful I was going to lose my job.

I burst out into the front platform and said, "Turn the button, turn the button, there's a man down in the hole." Well, we were running behind schedule and the motorman turned around and he said, "So what? It's late now." We had a lot of--well most of the streetcar men, the majority of them--were Irish.

I jumped off the front of the car and ran up to the mounted policeman on his horse, and I said, "Do you have a rope?" Well, he had a sense of humor and he said, "What do you want to do, hang yourself?" I said, "No, there's a guy down in the hole." Well in the meantime, somebody did get a rope and people were gathering around this hole, and people were saying, "What are they digging up? What is going on?"

Well, the girl who was with this young man--she was laughing her head off at this poor fellow down in the hole. Finally they got him up and he was a sight to behold. And as soon as he got on terra firma he said, "Where is the conductor? Where is the conductor?" And I said, "Here I am, here I am."

And he said, "What's the idea of letting me off in a hole?" And I said, "My duty is to open the door. I can't guarantee the ground is going to be there." So he says, "Call me a cab, call me a cab." Well, the strangest thing--as soon as they pulled him out of the hole, the young lady, who had been laughing her head off at the poor man, went up to him and said, "Oh honey, I'm so sorry; oh dear, I hope you're not hurt." Anyway, they left in a cab.

I came back and asked for an accident report at the station and the clerk gave me one and he asked, "What happened?" And I said, "A man stepped off the car and stepped in a hole."

Well, the clerk thought the hole was only about 2 or 3 inches deep and maybe he sprained his ankle. So I wrote on my report "Man stepped off of car and disappeared." Then I went on.

How things have changed in 47 years! The next day I had to go in to see the boss and the boss said, "In all my years of experience I have never read an accident report like this. We may have to buy this man a new suit!" Could you imagine what would be asked if this same thing happened today?



Thanks to Bob Aldworth, CTA Operations Planning, for illustration.

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

COUNTING (General) -

Everyone in the Accounting Department wishes to extend their very best to Manager PETE MEINARDI who retired Sept.

His always cheerful presence will be sorely missed by all of us in Accounting...

...Congratulations to MIKE and MARYANN KARA who became husband and wife on the 22.

After a lovely wedding they spent a wonderful two-week honeymoon touring the Hawaiian Islands and are now working diligently in their new home...

Also among the new homeowners in Accounting are our scribe, JUDY WEIER, and her husband, CHUCK, who recently purchased a home in Hickory Hills...

Good luck to JO OLEMAN and REBECCA WILSON who transferred as information clerks in the Travel Information Center; to JIM KASE who became project controller in Engineering; and to JOHN BILLIS who became an accounting technician replacing Jim;

JOE LAZZARA who transferred as project controller in Capital Development, and to MAUREEN HOULIHAN who was chosen to be the new shop clerk II at South ops.

We are going to miss all of you... but welcome mat is extended to MICHAEL RICE in Payroll who transferred from station clerk; to DEBRA MMMS who is moving out in Payables while unassigned;

MARTIN POLLACK in Revenue who transferred from Special Investigations; and LU POZNIAK also of Revenue, and to JO SCHALK who returned to CTA after being employed elsewhere for the past year...

We hope our former file clerks, MARTIN WILMSEN and LLOYD TACKETT, will be happy in their new positions as invoice processing clerk in Payables, and material inventory clerk, respectively... It's back to school time for our summer helpers, ARY SULLIVAN, MAUREEN O'CONNOR, AT VEZINA and GLENN GUTNAYER.

Specy you enjoyed your summer with us and lots of luck in the academic year ahead... our sincere sympathy to former employee ARGARET MILLER whose husband, BOB, passed away on Aug. 9. Bob was chief investigator in the Security Department.

- Judy Weier

atcenter) -

We think the Cubs could use a left fielder like MIKE ECKEL, the son of JOHN ECKEL. Mike will receive a first place trophy for his part in playing left field for the Braves in the Pony League division of the West Side Baseball of Oak Lawn...

The general office Federal Credit Union was presented the Thrift Honor Award by William Lorey, federal examiner of the C.U.A. If you'd like to see the award,

visit HERB SCHOMER who has it on display. While there, why not increase your savings?

- Evelyn Lou

CTA SECURITY -

The Security Department would like to extend condolences to the family of our former chief, ROBERT MILLER, who passed away on Aug. 9. Chief Miller was with our department for 21 years and we will all miss him greatly...

Our sympathies are also extended to the family of Sergeant PETE GENUTIS in the death of his brother and to the family of Superintendent NORMAN GRAVER in the death of his mother-in-law...

The new faces in the department are those of ROBERT FERGUSON and JOHN GURRIER. Bob is the son of ROBERT FERGUSON of the Technical Services Department and John came to us from North Park and is the nephew of Sergeant TONY MOKSTAD of our department.

By the way, Tony is recognized in the American Federation of Police Who's Who in American Law Enforcement, 1973 edition. He has had 26 years in the law enforcement field and was given a very nice write-up...

BOB SMITH is enjoying a new apartment. Everybody can get their party duds out because I understand Smitty will be throwing a lot of them.

- Pat Flynn

ELECTRICAL (General Office) -

Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE W. JENNINGS Sr., the parents of THADIOUS JENNINGS, "B" electrician, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently. They are also the parents of GEORGE Jr. of New York and have 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. Jennings Sr. directed the first Black Community Choir in Lima and has traveled abroad and throughout the States extensively. Congratulations and best wishes for many happy years ahead...

Judging from the postcards received from some of our retirees they are really enjoying the good life. ADOLPH KUTZ, retired estimator now living in Arkansas, attended the Legion convention in San Antonio, Tex., this summer, while JERRY WATERS, retired chief substation operator, along with his wife and daughter had a wonderful vacation in Ireland. When they visited Kilarney they kissed the famed Blarney Stone... Glad to hear that BILL REHDER is home from the hospital and is progressing well.

- Kay McAllister

(Rapid Transit Signal Division) -

FRANK BONK is in Florida on vacation. He'll return when the heat gets him or when his money runs out, whichever comes first...

Big LOU GONZALEZ left for a vacation in Arizona and said he will take a two- or three-day canoe ride down the Colorado river rapids. I'll let you know next month how he came out. I really think he's all wet...

GERALD THIVEL is leaving for Las Vegas on his vacation. We're all waiting to see what's left of him when he returns...

DANNY HAMMOND, along with a friend, spent their summer vacation around Aspen, Colo., where they did a bit of camping out in the Rocky Mountain wilds. They solved their hunger problem by catching fish and roasting them over their campfire. They encountered snow while camping in the mountains, and the toplest bathing beauties were plentiful when they finally went into town. Danny said it was fascinating and a sheer delight...

Your reporter and his family motored to The Great Smoky Mountains National Park. We stayed at Fontana Village, a vacation resort tucked away deep in the Smokies near the park. There were numerous indoor and outdoor games and activities for everyone. With my three daughters, ANITA, LYDIA, and two-year old ROBIN, we hit the nature trails, hiking through the wilderness often during our stay. My wife, LENNIE, got in several hours of uninterrupted TV watching. She wouldn't dare let a vacation spoil her soap operas...

RUTH, the wife of Signalmen THEODORE WASHINGTON, gave birth to a little baby boy, DAVID, on Aug. 13, weighing 6 pounds. Just by breathing and maybe kicking a leg or two he brought smiles to the faces of Ted, Ruth and three-year old MARCUS. Congratulations... DAVE BATTERSON and his wife, PAT, left the kids at home and had an enjoyable trip to the Wisconsin State Fair at Milwaukee. Why didn't they go to the Illinois State Fair in Springfield? Well Dave said, "My wife wanted to see Tony Orlando and Dawn, a musical group

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AMONG THOSE retiring Sept. 1 was NATHANIEL McGEE who had 44 years of service with CTA and CSL.

NEW PENSIONERS

ROBERT C. COLLUM, Operator, Limits, Emp. 4-22-46
JOSEPH DENNESAITES, Operator, 69th Street, Emp. 1-20-43
DAVID M. FLYNN, Advisor, Transportation, Emp. 10-29-35
JOHN S. GUZALDO, Collector, Forest Glen, Emp. 4-14-43
NATHANIEL MCGEE, Bus Repairer, 77th Street, Emp. 4-17-30
PETER J. MEINARDI, Finance Manager, Finance, Emp. 4-16-48
PETER J. MIASO, Operator, Kedzie, Emp. 4-28-43
JAMES A. QUINN, Supervisor, North Rail District, Emp. 1-15-42
PATRICK J. ROBINSON, Box Puller, 77th Street, Emp. 8-17-36
ANDREW SMITH, Gateman, North Section, Emp. 6-13-67
WILLIAM SOMERVILLE, Operator, Archer, Emp. 12-9-48
FRANK TAMBURRINO, Order Cont. Clerk, Stores, Emp. 11-4-41
WILLIAM THORNTON, Car Repairer A, Dan Ryan Terminal, Emp. 2-16-44
CLARENCE WENNERSTROM, Box Puller, Beverly, Emp. 2-16-37
VICTOR A. ZALATORIS, Operator, Archer, Emp. 4-27-47

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

ROBERT J. CIESLA, Operator, North Park, Emp. 5-5-42
CARL J. FAUST, Supervisor, North Rail District, Emp. 3-4-63
MELVIN R. LAXSTROM, Serviceman, Archer, Emp. 7-3-47

appearing at the Wisconsin Fair."...ROBERT (Super Cop) ALBRECHT and his wife, BARBARA, along with some friends also took a trek up to the Wisconsin State Fair. There were so many exciting exhibits and entertainment features it took the Albrechts 12 hours to see them all. The highlights of the fair according to Bob were all of the good eating places. He didn't miss a one...Three of our signal helpers were recently promoted to signal maintainers. They are: DONALD GRUDECKI, JOHN C. LONG and ALEX D. NESBITT. They are working more and enjoying it more. They're also enjoying the extra pay that goes with this promotion.

Congratulations, men, now you'll have to do the rest yourself...Congratulations to C. KOTARA and his wife on the birth of their second granddaughter. Little 4 pound 8 ounce JENNIFER LYNN, who at first gave everyone a scare, was born recently to JAMES and CHERIE KOTARA. She is now doing just fine. We congratulate Cherie on a job well done, and Jimmy who likewise is taking the whole thing in stride. Jimmy is an electrical engineer with another firm...Mr. and Mrs. CLYDE YOUNT recently joined in a wedding shower given for their daughter, COLLEEN. Colleen is in the CTA Insurance Department...Three promising young men were recently added to our Signal Department. They are: JAMES LOWDER, HARRY BARENDREGT and JAMES GOLDEN. Congratulations, fellows, you're welcome to join us in working, sweating and just having a good time.

- Tommie Lowery

(Chicago Avenue) - Congratulations to PETE SZATKOWSKI who became a proud grandfather on July 12 when his daughter, KATHLEEN HARTZ, a former CTA employee in the Public Affairs Department, gave birth to a baby girl, CARLY. Carly's great-grandfather is PETER ALBAMONTE, a retired motorman from Howard Street. CTA all the way!..Gasoline shortage? I wonder. TONY RIGLER drove to Florida for a three-week vacation, then returned to work for three weeks and took off again for a three-week trip to Spokane, Wash., to visit the fair and friends. How many thousands of miles did you drive, Tony?..The Chicago American Pilots Association (CAPA) helped the American Cancer Society by having a "Fly-in" at Gary Airport on July 20. LARRY SHELBY says he and the other pilots gave airplane rides to over 300 people at a penny a pound donation to the cancer society. The affair was a big success, aided by civilian defense groups, the Midwest Sky Divers team, aerial acrobatics and a demonstration of glider flying. I bet it was fun and I'm sorry I missed it...The quick action of ED MENZEL and BILL PARKS probably saved the life of JOHN ULANSKI. It was a very hot day and the creosote was oozing from the ties when John fell across the third rail and running rail. Ed and Bill saw John fall, and quickly pulled him off. John sustained burns on his hands and is off work. Our congratulations to Ed and Bill for their unwavering devotion in aiding a co-worker...JOHN MURPHY was taken to the hospital with stomach pains, but they can't seem to find out what caused them. We all hope John will be back with us soon...MIKE BITTOURNA was in the hospital and we hope to see him back at work soon...So many fellows are coming and going on vacation I can't keep up with them. How about some notes guys? 73

- Ben Nelson

FOREST GLEN -

I had the pleasure of attending a very beautiful wedding in July. STEVE PANTO, the son of Operator CHRIST PANTOS, united in holy matrimony to a lovely young lady named SUE. Christ had the best Greek food, and also did a fine Grace dance. Thanks, Christ, for a fine time. Clerk GRANT MOSELEY was also recently married. You should have seen gleam in his eye when he told us about Congratulations!..Supervisor ROBERT BARBER and his lovely wife, SHIRLEY, recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. Barber said they have been happiest 30 years a man could ask for. Operator GERKOS says he has 28 years with CTA without a miss and only 15 more before retirement. Keep up the good work, Gerkos...Our deepest sympathies extended to TOM ROAN in the loss of his father...Operator WALLY REICH retired on Aug. 1 and Harlem Avenue will never be the same without seeing his face out there...Operator GEORGE and GRACE STRESKE celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on Aug. 19. George said he was going to take Grace to the "Gold Arches" for dinner, but his family and friends talked him into taking her to Lancer's restaurant for dinner...FRANCIS COHEN, the daughter of Operator TOM ROAN, made him a grandfather when she gave birth to a 6 pound baby boy on July 17. The young father held up well, and mother and baby are perfect...Pensioner HARRY GINTER stopped in and paid us a visit. He is looking great and really enjoying his retirement...Pensioner HENRY KRUEGER and his lovely bride celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 1 and says they are still very much in love. Henry stays busy helping senior citizens arrange the golden dinner club...Oh, you I can't forget "Popsie" NELSON and his lovely wife who celebrated 35 years of wedded bliss. Mrs. Nelson, you are really doing a fine job on the old boy...Pensioner FRANK PARTIPILO is really enjoying his retirement playing golf and more golf. Frank says that's the way to enjoy life. Operator WITKUS is on vacation. I gather he is really enjoying his swimming pool these hot days...Just think, after 13 years of marriage, Operator DELCONTE's wife presented him with twins. Boy, was I chest out. Just think, men, we will get two cigars instead of one...Operator BOB EVARTS is still on the sick list, but receiving good care from his lovely wife. We all miss you, Bob, so hurry and get well...Operator LYONS has been traveling and relaxing while on vacation. Now Milwaukee Avenue misses him and his lovely smile--I wonder where he is getting his newspapers now?...Loader JOHN MAHN and his wife, RUTH, and their son, ROBERT, are out in Missouri enjoying a well deserved rest. I suppose we will have some great fish stories when he returns. Operator LOMBARDO was off sick for a while but is now back in the groove.

...t, he is talking of retiring soon...I saw
insloner HAMMOND and he is looking
reat. He says he doesn't have to ride the
e engines to work anymore...JOHN
CORCORAN who took his pension on July
was really surprised when his four
ughters and son gave him a surprise
retirement party at the Golden Age res-
aurant in Oak Lawn which was attended by
my relatives and friends. Forest Glen
is represented by Operator WARREN
OOD and his wife, JACQUELINE. John
d his bride of 38 years have moved to
ystic, Ia., and said their door is always
en to their friends...A hearty welcome
board to our first lady bus driver, Mrs.
DITH CARR, Badge No. 7329. And con-
atulations to Line Instructor RON UT-
EY on training her on her first day out on
the street.

- W. A. Henry

GENERAL OFFICE (Insurance & Pensions) -
Congratulations to GRACE GALLARDO
who was united in holy matrimony to LUIS
ONZALEZ on Aug. 17 at St. Aloysius
church...We bid adieu to MARY BETH
ROZ who left CTA to await a blessed
event...It was good to see KATHY KOHL-
ANN back to work after her honeymoon
in Hawaii. She became Mrs. GEORGE
OBSON on June 15 at Our Lady of Mercy
church with a reception held at the Ledo...
JEANNE GERARD, together with her girl-
friend, enjoyed a bus tour taking in Mt.
Cushman, Yellowstone Park and the West
for two weeks...The welcome mat was ex-
tended to RALPH LEWIS, insurance ana-
lyst, who transferred from Central Ac-
counting where he worked as a clerk. Also
LMA MUNIZ, clerk-typist, who trans-
ferred from Operations Planning.

Medical) -
The welcome mat was extended to JOAN
MADE who transferred from the Executive
Department to become a medical tech-
nician...Dr. ILLA T. ROMAN and his fam-
ily spent their vacation in and around Chi-
cago and Downers Grove enjoying various
sights...Dr. GEORGE SILER and his fam-
ily spent their vacation up in Hancock,
Vt. While there, one daughter received
her first place ribbons for English saddle
riding, and the other daughter won second
place with her colt in the Wautoma County
fair.

Administrative Services) -
JOAN FITZGERALD spent her two weeks
of vacation with the Catholic Daughters
convention in Los Angeles, Calif., and also
visited the state...It is good news to hear
that GEORGE BELL is out of the hospital
and back at work.

Treasury) -
Congratulations to CLARENCE GRUBE on
his appointment as Manager of Treasury...
RAY CORCORAN flew to Seattle, Wash., to

visit her niece. She also took in Victoria
Island and Vancouver, British Columbia.
She came back happy but broke...JANE
DICKINSON flew to Florida for a one-week
vacation and is now sporting a beautiful
tan...We welcome GENE VIEVE BAGGER,
JOSEPH CASTRO and CHARLIE ABT back
to work after a siege of illness...The wel-
come mat is extended to LOURDES CO-
VARRUBIAS who transferred to us from
ticket agent to addressograph operator,
and also to CAROLINE WILLIAMS...MIKE
FARRELL was promoted to U.S. Bond
clerk...ROD HEFFERNAN and his family
traveled to Minnesota in their air-
conditioned station wagon and then came
home to the hot weather...In Central
Counting this was the year that was sup-
posed to be. GEORGE ISAACS, assistant
supervisor, was supposed to demonstrate
the superiority of labor over management
in the athletic field of endeavor. Once
again, however, George had to be carried
home on his shield when Superintendent
FELIX PALILUNAS drubbed him and two
others, JIM MCGANN, assistant super-
visor, and BILL MURPHY, supervisor, in
the annual South Shops golf tournament.
It seems the boss was the only one able to
break 100 and the only one who did not lose
a ball. They came back muttering about
the boss having developed a shot that skips
across water. All was not gloom for
George, as his son, THOMAS, was gradu-
ated from IIT with a B.S. degree in chem-
istry. CHARLES BROADNAX, the brother
of DAVE BROADNAX, Central Counting
money handler, was also graduated from
IIT with a B.A. degree in liberal arts...
CHESTER PAVLAK, machinist, who has
kept the wheels of the counting machines at
Central Counting turning since it opened,
retired on Aug. 1. Chester was gifted with
a six-tray tackle box with a full com-
plement of lures. Happy retirement,
Chester...Central Counting is happy to
welcome three new money handlers: JIM
CHMIEL, JIM BURKE and GUY BRETZ...
Proud papa MIKE AKAI is beaming about
his daughter, SHARI JO, who won an
achievement award for her musical pro-
wess. It seems that she is already blos-
soming into a virtuoso at the tender age of
ten...A special "thanks" is extended to
STAN MCBAY for keeping up the flow of
news from Central Counting.

(Personnel) -
ART HUBACZ and
his wife, BERNICE,
visited their son,
ARTY, and daugh-
ter-in-law, KAREN,
in San Francisco,
Calif., and also saw
the newest family
addition, grandson
ARTHUR WILLIAM
who was born on
May 4. Pictured
here at the age of 7½ weeks, he looks like
he will be a big boy...ERVIN HARRIS re-



Arthur William Hubacz

ceived a weekend trip to Toronto, Canada,
for his birthday on July 15. While he
toured Toronto, his wife, LOUISE, and
children flew to Dallas, Tex., for a week
to visit Louise's mother, leaving Erv a list
of chores to complete while they were
away. They returned in time for Erv's
son, MAURICE, to finish the regular little
league season with his team in first place
and a 600 batting average—tops in his
league. They won the playoffs and are now
preparing for the World Series...We were
sorry to lose the smiling face of PAUL
KADOWAKI, but we wish him the best in
his new position as superintendent of in-
struction, north, in Transportation...A
most hearty welcome is extended to RON
BAKER who joined us recently as tem-
porary management training coordinator...
JIM TRETTON, safety inspector, recently
underwent leg surgery and is now re-
cuperating at home. We all miss his
smiling face and hope his recovery will be
rapid...On a sad note, JOSEPHINE FELD-
MAN slipped on a pat of butter in the Hol-
loway cafeteria and fell, fracturing her
right hip. She was taken to Wesley Memo-
rial hospital and will be away for quite a
long while. Cards may be sent to cheer
her up...LENNY LOHN's son, STEPHEN,
joined the ranks of happy married men
when he took as his bride the beautiful
MARY REPEC. The happy day was Sept.
6. They enjoyed a honeymoon in Florida.
Stephen is a conductor out of Howard Ter-
minal...On July 15 JOHN and PAUL KIL-
GALLON, twin nephews of PAT DUNEK,
celebrated their third birthday. You've
heard the expression, "double trouble,"
well it was touch and go for awhile as to
which one was going to blow out the can-
dles on their cake. It ended up a com-
bined effort with their mom trying to play
referee as well as keep four little hands
out of one large cake. John and Paul, as
well as all their little friends, had a mar-
velous time.

(Marketing)

EILEEN (Big Murph) NEURAUTER and
her husband, RUDY, a bus operator from
Forest Glen, took a motor trip throughout
Florida visiting Sarasota, Disney World,
St. Petersburg and Ft. Meyers on a three-
week vacation. They were hoping to find
a homesite for their retirement years.

- Regina Doren & Eileen Neurauter

KEDZIE

Now that vacation time is almost over,
let's hear about your trips...Operator J.
BLAIR and his family drove down to
Biloxi, Miss., to visit with his brother and
friends and had a great time. Blair said
vacations are fine but go by too fast...Your
reporter and his wife and grandchildren
visited the Wisconsin Dells and had a great
time. We met Operator DEVERS and his
wife there. Devers also stopped at Denver,
Colo., where he visited some friends and

Service anniversaries in September

45 years

H. R. Paces, South Shops

35 years

E. Amundsen, Plant Maintenance
J. A. Brousek, West Section
P. L. Janek, Engineering
E. J. May, Skokie Shop
R. S. Swanson, Law & Claims

30 years

P. Kondratuk, Kedzie
J. Lyons, Stores
G. S. Rusin, West Section
T. Yappelli, North Avenue

25 years

G. S. Kacmarek, Utility
D. E. Martorelli, Law & Claims
D. J. O'Sullivan, Law & Claims
F. Tavano, Plant Maintenance

took in the sights of Yellowstone National Park...Congratulations to the following operators who were promoted to supervisors on Aug. 11: WILLIAM REYNOLDS, J. WALLACE and P. ARMSTRONG. We wish all of you the best of luck...Operator W. SIERON is back on the job after undergoing surgery. He really looks great and says he feels great. To all the operators on the sick list we wish you a speedy recovery and hope to see you back to work soon...To all the operators celebrating birthdays this month, happy birthday; to all who are celebrating wedding anniversaries, happy anniversary and hope you have many, many more...Operator W. RUSCIK's wife is now home after spending time in the hospital for surgery. We all wish her a speedy recovery. Ruscik said the house was very lonely without her...Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Operator FRED ANHALT who passed away on July 13; to the family of Operator ROBERT SLINGERLAND who also passed away in July, and to Operator A. PARKER in the loss of his mother, EBBIE PARKER, in Oak Grove, La...Don't forget your credit union--save a little each payday.

- Raymond Graham

LIMITS -

Greetings fellows. Well we'll start off this month on a happy note by congratulating R. COLLUCI on the birth of his eighth grandchild, a baby girl named RACHAEL ANN weighing 5 pounds 5 ounces...Let's give our softball team a pat on the back. They started off a little rusty, but played well at the end to get into the playoffs. Congratulations to Operator THOMAS and his team on a job well done...Welcome back to Operators BURRELL and GLASBY who were off sick...Our sincere sympathy is extended to Operator L. GOFFER in the loss of his brother, and to Operator G. SHELBY in the loss of his mother...If any of the operators would like to bowl, get in touch with Operator McMILLAN. He is trying to organize a team from our station...Someone dropped me a note and said that "Kool Daddy" GAINES came to work on his vacation. How is that for loyalty...I got another note from BUTCH who said he just got back from the Canadian North Woods. When you come through the Repair Department, ask him why he didn't stay there...RICHARD GOLDMAN, chairman of the education committee of our credit union, is urging everyone to borrow or save through our credit union...And now for the best part of the news. I personally interviewed our new lady bus drivers, BETTY JONES and BARBARA WILLIAMS. Betty says she gets along with the people well, even those who try to short change her. But she's on the case. Barbara says her main goal is to get as far as she can with CTA. Both ladies agree that it's nice working with you fellows. How about that. Their only gripe is when are they going to get uniform shirts that button on the left side...I'll be looking for some vacation news, especially from you fishermen. So get it in to me or give it to the clerk for me.

- Charles Turner

LOOP -

Agent Supervisor MARY RAFTERY and Agent JUNE BAREKMAN enjoyed their European vacation, but said it was over too soon. That's life, girls...LINDA TAPINS and her daughter, CINDY, are basking in the Florida sunshine at this writing and having a ball...CAROL BOWMAN and her daughter left Aug. 27 to visit Luxembourg, Belgium and Sweden, after which they will spend a week visiting an old friend of Carol's in London. Sure sounds like fun...GRACE MOUNTS and her husband, CLEM, spent two weeks visiting Expo 74 in Seattle, Wash. They also visited San Francisco, Calif., and Tijuana, Mexico. We are sorry to report that Grace took an early retirement Aug. 1. We wish her good health and many happy years ahead. She has asked me to express her thanks to her friends for the gifts and many cards she received. She was deeply touched...DAVE GRAFMAN and his wife drove to Harrisburg, Pa., to visit with

their son, JACK, and their daughter, law and three grandchildren...MINDY DIKEMAN spent a one-week July vacation at home. She visited friends and family, spent some time at church and gave a dog, Mike, a lot of special attention. GEORGE WADE, who retired as a ticket agent five years ago, is still keeping busy. We hear he has lost a lot of excess weight and is working part-time in a theater. Cicero, Ill. George looks fine. Hello from all of us, George...Agent Supervisor ROSEMARY ROBERSON leaves in September for a tour of Europe. We hope the trip will be a pleasant one for one of our favorite people...MONICA LAMPKE and her niece plan a one-week visit to Las Vegas in September. We hope you bring back a bundle, Monica, and we don't mind dirty laundry...Janitor DOMINIC CASALINO had a honey-do vacation this year. Knowing Dominic we are sure he worked in a little fun and relaxation too...GLADYS (Green Thumb) RUEDIGER enjoyed a week at home in July putting around in the yard and pampering her lovely flowers. FRED FRIEB and his wife left in August for California to visit his son and family. Speaking of Fred, we would like to offer our congratulations on his winning \$600 in the Irish Sweepstakes plus an extra \$100 for being the seller of the lucky ticket. May good luck continue to follow you, Fred...Former Ticket Agent AGATHA CARLSON and her husband, a former West Section trainman, have moved to Florida. Lots of luck to the Carlsons in their new home...Our sympathy is extended to the family of Trainman JOE FRITZ who passed suddenly on Aug. 13; to HATTY ROHR in the loss of her dear mother; SHEILA MURPHY whose father passed away while Sheila was visiting her family in Ireland; to Retired Agent ADAM WADE whose wife, FLORENCE, passed away suddenly; to the family of Pensioner TO COGLIANESE; to Division 308 Union Representative THORNTON CHERRY in the loss of his dear mother, and to the family of retired Lake Street Trainman WALTER FITZGERALD who passed away in California July 15... Holding the car that won him the first place trophy in the Bridgeview Pine-wood Derby is JOHNNY DOYLE, 9, the son of South Shops Journeyman Mechanic JOHN DOYLE and grandson of Douglas Terminal Clerk DAN and Co. reporter MILDRED DOYLE...Congratulations to Janitor DOMINIC CASALINO as his wife who became grandma and grandpa June 2. The sweetie is a girl named KRISTY...Agent ANN TAYLOR vacationed in Reno, Nev., then went off for a week in San Francisco. She had a great time. Agent VIRGINIA OJER spent her vacation in Wilmington, N.C., with her daughter



Johnny Doyle

family. It was a fun-filled week. Her husband, EDWARD, has been a bus driver for 11 years at 69th Street Garage. He was promoted to supervisor July 13. Good luck, Ed, and don't be too hard on the men. Agent MARY RITTER spent a pleasant vacation in Las Vegas. She came home with a little green, she said, but not enough to retire on...Congratulations to former Agent ANN BOOTHROYD who is now working in CTA's new Travel Information Center. She says she is very happy with her new job. It couldn't happen to a nicer lady...Get well wishes are sent to Aunt JIMMY GEORGE from all of us... At this time my co-reporter, MARY WIXTOD, is high in the sky flying to a great vacation in California.

- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wixt

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT -

Awig hello goes out in the Stores Department to JIM QUALLS, order control clerk, and also to DIANNE WEIER, typist. Welcome to the Stores Department...As Jim comes into the department, FRANK TAMBU RRINO, our fearless starry-eyed comrade, leaves us. We have been helping

Funk count the days to his retirement, and now the magic moment has arrived. Funk was taken out to lunch by his fellow men and he preferred to employ his rights as a senior citizen, he didn't want to stand to make his speech. Funk was presented with a gift by J. T. HAR-



Frank Tamburino & Jack Warty

...T, director of Stores and Office Administration, at an open house. Well, Funk, you have earned it. Farewell, good luck and happiness to you, Stores will never be the same. LINDA LUNDBERGH has let her best combatant in conversation with Frank gone...Farewell goes out to CLESTINE OF FETT, typist, who has bid adieu to another department. She was here long enough to see a welcome put in with her name misspelled, and I hope you are sending this to see it corrected. Sorry!... Here we go into vacations, we would like to share the happiness of SHIRANI GUNAWARDANE, typist, Stores, and her husband, GAMINI, to have their baby come over to America to be a happy family. This is the first time the baby has seen his father. SAJINDRA, their son, is 15 months old and has finally been able to come to our country. It was a



Sajindra Gunawardane

Bus Garage Faculty Recruits Complete Instruction Program

SIX MEMBERS of the Vehicle Maintenance force of the Maintenance Department have successfully completed the instructor training program and have been placed in a pool of instructors from which they will be drawn to fill positions as they become available at bus garages.

Pictured above holding certificates presented upon completion of the instructor's program, the students are shown with the following Vehicle Maintenance Department personnel, from left: Supervisor of Instruction Julius Dain; George Greco; Edward Levandowski; William Wong; Andrew Rizzuto; Michael Hrad; Byron Yehling; Adam Florito, rail vehicle personnel development coordinator; Frank Bruno, instructor, and Ray Dobbartin, apprentice development coordinator.

30-hour trip but it seemed short and it has been one of the happiest moments in their lives. We share your happiness, Shirani...FRANK MAGUIRE, specifications engineer, reports a new grandchild in his family making him a grandfather for the tenth time...Our deepest sympathy goes out to THERESA DeLEONARDIS whose sister passed away...Three new fellow clerk II's have shown up in Storeroom 42. They are JIM DIASIO, DOUG MULLER and JOE PERCARARO. . . ALEX FRITZLER has transferred to the Signal Department. Good luck on your new job...JOHN SPRINGER is a grandfather for the 28th and 29th time. DENISE, who used to work for ART EGERT, had a little baby girl, MARGARET EILEEN. This is the fifth grandchild for PAT CANNON, retired laborer, and No. 29 for John. This sounds a little backwards, mentioning the 29th before the 28th. MICHELLE POTNAR, born April 20, is the bouncing bundle of joy that made John a proud grandfather for the 28th time. She was born with two teeth, and like her Uncle TIM, has to show the world she is ready for a piece of steak. John is a stock clerk in Storeroom 32, South Shops...A little late (better late than never), congratulations go out to DONALDSEN THOMPSON, fork lift operator at Storeroom 48, and his family. His son, LANCE, was graduated from Fenger High school in June...CHICO

CHEATHAN, clerk in Storeroom 48, is happy to announce that his daughter, DONNA, enlisted in the Army and left on Aug. 14 for basic training. She had very high grades on the tests...Getting down to vacations, BOB PIEPER, Stores, has another fish story to tell. This time he didn't get a ticket or fine. He caught a 23-inch walleye. You have to get a picture of that one, Bob...LEE DeSUTTER brings hellos back from Florida. While she was down there she visited with some retirees who would like to say "hi and come to see us sometime." They are MARTHA and HERMAN ERICKSON, WANDA and JACK KRAUSE and DOROTHY and RAY PRYOR. ED stayed with ELEANORE KYNASTON. ED DEVINE and his wife, CARRIE, were also people Lee saw. ART KRUCKOW also was among those who sent their tidings. Lee went down to see her new condominium apartment and is having a ball furnishing it. Her vacation was completed by visiting with former CTA employees. Hello to all of you--it is good to hear from you...PAT REED, Specifications, went to Six Flags Over Mid-America in St. Louis with her husband and son. They had a marvelously good time...RON TABOR, specifications engineer, is off on a camping trip but didn't say much about it, except that he is taking half the house with him. He didn't want to rough it like Davey Crockett...Storeroom

48 is at a loss with their leader, STAN HALL, on vacation. His assistant, DON BUDOFF, is lonesome and is anxiously waiting for Stan to return. He hopes Stan is coming back soon. We want to hear the stories of his vacation if Storeroom 48 doesn't fall apart before then. But then that would make a good bit of news...TINA RODRIGUEZ, typist, Stores, went off for a week in Spain and toured Torremolinos, Mulaga, Granada, Sevilla, Cordova and Marvella. She had the opportunity to see the Flamenco dancers, one of the finer things. She has much more to report, but she is going to Mexico for awhile also. So that should help fill our next issue...We want to hear from all of you vacationers. Just think of the travelogue we are establishing. You won't need to go to a travel bureau, just read the Transit News and learn where to go...Oh, I almost forgot to mention the trip yours truly took. The highlight was being able to ride the Cleveland and Shaker Heights rapid transit lines in Ohio. I didn't try to use my CTA pass, I was just comparing notes. It was very impressive to see a city by means of rapid transit...Last but not least we have two more vacations to report. RALPH PODGORSKI took a trip to the Grand Canyon, Rocky Mountains and Yellowstone National Park and had a marvelous time. The West is absolutely beautiful he says...JOANNE BOETTIN reports about her vacation. There were 12 of them, a cabin and a large tent. She didn't really explain how that worked out. She laughed so hard talking about the cabin and 12 people that when the laughter subsided, she said there was also a large tent to accommodate some of them. Her brother has a cabin in Wisconsin...Congratulations and best wishes are extended to TONY VELCICH, Storeroom 30, and his lovely bride, MICKEY, who were united in marriage on Aug. 31.

- Disella Kamradt

MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

First of all I wish to thank all who sent cards and gifts when I retired after 15 years with the CTA, seven of which were spent as a reporter for Transit News. They were greatly appreciated and I'm going to miss you all. This will be my last issue so please send your news to ZITA DOUBLIN who works at Logan Square and Damen, as she has been my co-reporter for the past few months...Belated congratulations to Agent DANNY THOMPSON and his wife, who had a baby girl named LUCRETIA DANETTE born May 23 weighing 6 pounds 10 ounces...We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Pensioner ADAM WAAS in the loss of his wife on July 14; also to the family of JOE FRITZ who passed away recently...Belated August birthday greetings to ROBERT JANZ, J. P. HALLAHAN, ZITA DOUBLIN, HELEN CHRISTNER and CHARLES SNYDER...MONICA STARCZEC and her family vaca-

tioned in Las Vegas. She didn't say if she won any money but had a good time anyway...Co-reporter GRACE MOUNTS and her husband, CLEM, had 18 days of vacation and flew to Seattle, where they went on a five-day tour to Spokane and saw Expo 74 and other interesting things. Returning to Seattle, they flew to Los Angeles where an old friend of Grace's met them and took them to Mexico, Sea World, Lion Safari, Capistrano, Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, San Francisco and near Redding, where they saw the big redwood trees. They had a wonderful time...CAROL BOWMAN and her daughter are vacationing in Sweden and other parts of Europe...Before WILLIAM PFIEFFER went on vacation he had the misfortune to have an accident, so he decided to buy a new LTD with all the works. Good motoring, BILL...



RETIRING ON August 1 as a ticket agent, GRACE MOUNTS had served as an Inside News reporter for the last seven years...first for the North Section and then for Milwaukee, Lake and Douglas after the opening of the new Kennedy line. The Transit News staff and her many friends at CTA extend their sincere wishes for a long, happy and healthy retired life.

Co-reporter ZITA DOUBLIN vacationed in San Francisco for eight days and really enjoyed every minute...PRIMUS WEST spent his vacation in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Las Vegas...Well, Co-reporter GRACE MOUNTS is really starting to live it up now that she's a retiree. She just bought a spanking new 1974 Chrysler Newport Custom with the works. Ah, luxury!...Ticket Agent EILEEN CARMODY and her husband are in Ireland vacationing. Hope they're having a grand time...Once again I want to thank all you lovely agents for the retirement gift and for giving me the news, and please keep the news rolling by sending it to ZITA DOUBLIN. If you don't you won't see anything in this column.

- Zita Dublin & Grace Mounts

NORTH AVENUE -

A great big HELLO to everyone!...Getting stuck inside your car while in a car wash is something that could only happen to a couple of our better clerks--RUSS GUNDERSON and AL (Elkhorn) ROHDE. That was probably the longest 15 minutes they ever spent together. Al will be celebrating another one of those birthdays this month...Way back last July 14, BILL

MIEDEMA and his wife, DOROTHY, celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary. Aug. 15, Clerk ED WITEK and his better half, GLADYS, observed their 30th. This month, Assistant Superintendent ART BEL of 69th Street and his beloved VERNE, will watch their 33d go by. There will be a double celebration for Superintendent WARD CHAMBERLAIN. Not only will he observe another birthday this month, but he was also elected Lieutenant governor in the Kiwanis organization. Our heartfelt congratulations to all of you, despite of gas shortages, our vacationers headed in all directions. After all, it's only thing they really needed was more Operators E. SANELLO, B. HUKILL and Instructor MARVIN KOCAR found a Dells a pleasant place to be with their families...Our No. 1 custodian, JACK ABBROGIO, and his better half headed west to California. Jack wasn't back here as long before he headed down Florida way. That's really covering the country...Instructor JERRY KNOPF and his family visited Expo 74 and Knott's Berry Farm. In spite of all the walking he didn't lose an ounce...We're wondering whether Jack Puller WHITEY SZYMELL will bring back at least one tiny fish to show something of his three-week vacation...Assistant Superintendent JOHN McEVILLY and his wife put their faith in their young son, TIM, to let him be navigator for their trip to Vietnam...A recent visitor to North Avenue was NELS HABESTAD who looks ready as ever to take out any ten-hour run, even after several years of retirement. Another visitor was retired trainman HERBERT SUNDQUIST. He would really appreciate hearing from or seeing anyone who remembers working with him before he retired in 1960. His address is 7702C Pickering, Whittier, Cal. 90602. If you don't that way he says to be sure and drop by...We almost forgot that Chief CLAUSS RUSSE GUNDERSON spent a couple of weeks as the guest of Uncle Sam up at Camp McCoy...Retired Trainman VIGGO WINFELD and his wife, ZORA, spent their vacation in Alaska. Viggo feels that he and his wife have been just about everywhere and this should be their last trip. His brother, AXEL, who was 85 and also a retiree, passed away in July...Our condolences are extended to Operator E. MANNION in the loss of his wife, and to Custodian RAY JABLECKI in the loss of his brother, AL...Supervisor BARNEY FAYSON is recovering from severe burns suffered recently...Instructor KENNETH CZACHOWSKI and his wife, PAT, a elated over their No. 1 daughter, KIMBERLY MARIE, who weighed in at 14 pounds 4 ounces on July 23...We recently borrowed Collector JOE FLEISCHMAN from Limits Garage. He sure doesn't look much different from when I worked his conductor on the old red streetcars. When you visit the Mart, that fellow you see wearing a tie is none other than our former relief clerk, BOB STACH...We

AKEN IDENTITY: The pictures of the two graduates shown here were inadvertently imposed in the August Transit News. They are correctly identified here.



CHRISTINE SHEPARD
C. Shepard
North Avenue



ROBERT DESVIGNES JR.
R. Desvignes Sr.
Forest Park

to pass out a couple of verbal orchids to your brother summer operators, namely MARK and NATHAN LUTZ. Nathan was recently instrumental in having a pick-pocket arrested that was on his bus. Right on Nathan and his new bride are enjoying a short honeymoon. When summer is over, they hope to become a full-time employee. Brother, MARK, gave first aid to a passenger who became ill on his bus. In giving artificial respiration when it was needed, he probably saved a man's life. We'd sure like to see more people like you flit around, it wouldn't hurt our business a bit...See you all purty soon.

The month of July found many families vacationing. Operators JOHN WEATHER-ROON and JOE CHRISTY had a dual purpose trip to Los Angeles, attending a fraternal convention and enjoying a few days of rest...Operator JAMES JOHNSON toured Wisconsin and visited the Dells...Operator FRANK ROBINSON visited the clay hills of Alabama...Repairman ED PLUSKA and his family took in a fishing trip in Eagle River, Wis., and I understand they caught plenty of fish...Pensioner GEORGE SLAIK spent eight weeks in Europe visiting relatives. This was George's first trip back since the 20's...Repairman TED VASY visited Arkansas and Canada...Repairman J. BRUEN, along with his ten grandchildren, visited Six Flags in Mississippi...Repairman JACK RUZICH enjoyed a family-and-friends reunion in Genoa, Ill...Repairmen JOE WARD, TONY DONOHIO and AL PARRILLO spent their vacations doing odd jobs around the house and resting up...Repairman HUGH CAHILL is back to work after a long illness...We extend our deepest sympathy to Repairmen RITCH and WALTER WARCHOL in the death of their brother, and to the family of Operator RODRIGUEZ MARTINEZ who passed away recently...A speedy recovery to Operator ROMAN KUSEK who was involved in an accident...As promised in a previous article, our man in the rackets (mnis), Operator BEN FLENNAUGH, won second place in the tennis tournament held at Columbus Park. At the time of this writing, Ben is in Washington, D.C., par-

ticipating in the American Tennis Tournament. We are all pulling for you, Ben...Our visitors during the month were Former Operator RONNIE WILLIAMS, now with the school board in Broadview, Pensioners GEORGE HANN of Arkansas, MAX FLEMMING, ARNOLD WALKER, DOMINIC CAPONIGRI, HENRY KUPCZYK, MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM and GUNNAR ERICKSON...The best to Operator ERNIE POMMERENING, who has announced his retirement effective Aug. 1...Congratulations are in order for SOL SALERNO, who recently completed repair school at the Lawndale Training Center...Pensioner WALTER STRAUBLING is hospitalized at the present time. We wish Walter a speedy get well...Our talent discovery of the month is Operator EDWARD WILLIAMS. Edward is a talented singer, plays the guitar, and has made some recordings with a local group...DARYL MARK PRUITT, the son of your co-reporter and his wife, IONE, was quite thrilled when he was the recipient of five awards from the Austin town hall summer program. Daryl cherished the best swimmer award most of all because it entitled him to become a junior lifeguard...Keep that news coming, fellas, and we shall continue to see you in print.

- Walter Ellis & Aaron Pruitt

NORTH PARK -

CARL MUIR, the grandson of Pensioner ART and RUTH MUIR, was married on July 27 to Miss PAMELA JOAN PLACHCINSKI at Queen of All Saints basilica. A reception held at the Golden Flame restaurant was attended by 300 guests...JAMES GUSTAFSON, the son of Sanitary Engineer STANLEY GUSTAFSON, was married on June 29 to Miss JOAN COLLINS also at Queen of All Saints. The reception was held at the Como Inn with 250 guests attending. The young couple honeymooned at Cape Cod, Mass., and will live in Greenwich, Conn...Operator LEON HAYDEN and his wife, KAREN, became parents of their first child when a daughter, NICOLE LATRICE, was born June 10 at Chicago Lying-In hospital weighing 7 pounds 6 ounces...JOSEPH TULLY, the son of Clerk PHIL TULLY, was graduated from Senn High school on June 13. Joe will enter college this fall...STEVEN STERN, the son of Operator LEO and Ticket Agent MILDRED STERN, was graduated with honors from Eugene Field Grade school. Steve will attend Sullivan High this fall...TONY SPEDALE, the grandson of Operator HENRY SCHRAMM, was selected to play third base in the All Star Game at the Hiawatha Park Little League. Tony was hitting a robust 665 at selection time...JAMES GUSTAFSON, the son of Sanitary Engineer STANLEY GUSTAFSON, was promoted to account executive of Playgirl magazine by the Fawcett Publishing Company of Connecticut and is in charge of Playgirl magazine accounts...SCOTT

GRAFER, the son of Operator GEORGE GRAFER, was voted "I Am an American of Hanover Park Village." Scott, who is 11, is a student of Laurel Hill Grade school and was in the "I Am an American Day" parade which was held on July 11...JOHN SPRINGER, the son of Operator EDWARD SPRINGER, was graduated from Notre Dame High school in June, and will enroll at Miami Dade Junior college in Miami, Fla., this fall. Edward, who is a major league baseball prospect, is in Florida now playing in the school's summer baseball program...Box Puller CHESTER BACHARA and his wife, EUGENIA, celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary with a big party at DiLeo's restaurant attended by their friends and relatives...MICHAEL MARIANO, the son-in-law of Operator GENE BRUDNEY, was graduated from John Marshall Law school on June 22 and will be entering law practice...Operator CHARLES SAUER and his wife, JEAN, appeared in the Theatre on the Lake production of "Our Town" held at Gompers Park fieldhouse Aug. 6 through 10. The play was well received and the Sauers were most happy to be members of the cast...Clerk BILL CERKAN and his wife, LAVERNE, vacationed at Long Beach, Cal., where their son, FRED, his wife, MAUREEN, and their son, JOHN, live. Other points of interest visited were the cable cars and the BART system in San Francisco, Disneyland, San Diego Zoo, and a trip aboard the S.S. Queen Mary...MARGARET TULLY, the daughter of Clerk PHIL TULLY, is a member of the Park Ridge V.F.W. Post marching group, winners of the Illinois State Legion Championship held at Hansen Park in Chicago. The group also performed at the State Fair on Sunday, Aug. 11, in Springfield...Our best wishes are extended to Operator JOHN CARVER who resigned from the CTA on Aug. 10 to become a bus driver in Birmingham, Ala., where he and his family previously lived...Operator GENE BRUDNEY became a grandfather again when his daughter, MARY ANN, and son-in-law, MICHAEL MARIANO, became parents of a son, MICHAEL ANGELO Jr., born June 15 at Columbus hospital weighing 6 pounds 11 ounces...Operator DALE PETERS at this writing is hospitalized at Ravenswood hospital for a hernia operation. We at North Park wish Dale a speedy and complete recovery...Pensioner BILL SEIFERT writes from Southgate, Cal., to say hello to his many Chicago friends and reports on how great the life of leisure is...Our sympathy is extended to the families of Operator CLARENCE GLOVER, WILLIAM PERO, Ticket Agent FRED ANHALT, Clerk LARRY MILLER in the passing of his brother-in-law, LOUIS STOMBERG, and Operator ADOLPH JENDRYCZKA in the loss of his mother, Mrs. MARY JENDRYCZKA...A surprise party was given in honor of Pensioner ART MUIR and his wife, RUTH, on their 50th wedding anniversary July 8 at Fisher's

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

WILBERT J. ALLEN, 79, Lawndale, Emp. 11-15-27, Died 7-21-74
 ERNEST AMMANN, 82, North Avenue, Emp. 11-29-13, Died 7-14-74
 LORETTA C. ARROWOOD, 81, West Sec., Emp. 12-7-26, Died 2-22-74
 CHARLES G. BACHELOR, 68, North Sec., Emp. 12-29-26, Died 7-23-74
 JOHN J. BELL, 86, West Section, Emp. 11-5-45, Died 7-14-74
 FRANK A. BONNEY, 76, 61st Street, Emp. 7-13-17, Died 7-29-74
 LOUIS BOSICH, 84, Track, Emp. 4-16-43, Died 5-27-74
 ERNEST L. BOURBON, 66, North Park, Emp. 9-11-42, Died 7-4-74
 HARRY J. BURKE, 74, 77th Street, Emp. 9-26-22, Died 7-5-74
 MICHAEL J. BURKE, 85, Kedzie, Emp. 6-22-16, Died 7-25-74
 THOMAS J. CURRAN, 72, Electrical, Emp. 5-23-45, Died 7-10-74
 BERNARD J. DEVENNY, 78, North Sec., Emp. 7-28-48, Died 6-23-74
 JAMES FAILLA, 89, Halsted Yard, Emp. 11-18-16, Died 7-7-74
 WALTER F. FITZGERALD, 65, West Sec., Emp. 12-14-29, Died 7-18-74

FRANK E. FREY, 74, North Avenue, Emp. 4-14-36, Died 7-8-74
 CARL M. GANZERT, 81, 77th Street, Emp. 10-2-28, Died 7-25-74
 WILLIAM A. GEIMER, 84, 77th Street, Emp. 11-16-16, Died 7-13-74
 W. C. GOGGINS, 31, West Section, Emp. 9-3-69, Died 7-6-74
 SAMMIE GRAHAM, 53, Archer, Emp. 11-17-48, Died 7-30-74
 EDWARD HAUGH, 89, West Section, Emp. 8-30-07, Died 7-20-74
 CORNELIUS HEALY, 77, North Avenue, Emp. 10-2-26, Died 7-22-74
 JOHN F. HIGGINS, 75, Transportation, Emp. 9-21-22, Died 7-13-74
 PAUL F. HILLA, 79, West Section, Emp. 3-28-16, Died 7-10-74
 JOSEPH KEANE, 94, Cottage Grove, Emp. 9-28-17, Died 7-14-74
 FRANK J. LOECHER, 81, West Section, Emp. 4-15-46, Died 7-22-74
 ROBERT H. MILLER, 60, Security, Emp. 11-5-41, Died 8-9-74
 MAE H. MURGATROYD, 77, South Section, Emp. 5-21-47, Died 7-4-74
 MARC PAYNE, 24, Wilson Maint. Term'l, Emp. 5-18-71, Died 8-2-74

WILLIAM PERO, 57, North Park, Emp. 11-17-60, Died 7-15-74
 FRANK V. PUCKE, 78, North Avenue, Emp. 11-13-17, Died 7-14-74
 JOHN A. RAINIS, 89, South Shops, Emp. 7-8-26, Died 7-17-74
 JOHN J. SAKE, 90, South Shops, Emp. 8-21-1899, Died 6-17-74
 ROBERT SLINGERLAND, 62, Kedzie, Emp. 1-2-43, Died 7-20-74
 SAMUEL TAMBURINO, 87, West Section, Emp. 12-19-42, Died 7-13-74
 HAROLD W. THOMAS, 63, South Shops, Emp. 6-12-42, Died 7-23-74
 WILLIAM THOMPSON, 24, North Avenue, Emp. 4-11-74, Died 7-29-74
 ANTHONY D. VITO, 67, Devon, Emp. 9-3-42, Died 6-29-74
 ROSCOE H. WAKEFIELD, 75, 77th St., Emp. 6-12-43, Died 7-4-74
 PATRICK J. WALSH, 70, North Park, Emp. 12-13-22, Died 7-2-74
 MATHIAS C. WEBBER, 70, Claim, Emp. 11-17-36, Died 7-21-74
 LAMBERT J. WERTZLER, 79, Security, Emp. 11-21-33, Died 7-19-74
 AXEL WINDFELD, 85, Kedzie, Emp. 6-21-17, Died 7-17-74

restaurant in Ozark, Mo. The party was given by Art's former co-workers in Chicago. Attending were Pensioners RAY DONESKI and his wife, EVELYN; ROY LEMKE and his wife, MARION; WILLARD GILL and his wife, LILLIAN; STEVE HERMAN and his wife, HELEN; and WILLIAM MEREDITH and his wife, VERNIE. Congratulations to the Muirs from their many Chicago friends on this grand occasion... Box Puller ROBERT WASHBURN retired Aug. 1 after 33 years with the Chicago Surface Lines and the CTA. Robert will be at home in Johnston City, Ill., where he will fish in Crab Orchard Lake, work in his garden, and take care of his property interests... Your Credit Union officials, JOHN O'BRIEN, DALE PETERS and JERRY BUDZISZ wish to announce a 7 per cent dividend on July 1 on all shares and savings accounts. Send or bring your passbooks in to be updated as soon as possible.

- Melvin Horning

OPERATIONS PLANNING (Schedules) -

Mr. and Mrs. WALTER THOMAS flew to Denver to visit with their daughter's family and then on to Oregon to visit with his in-laws... Mr. and Mrs. BOB LAVOIE and their daughter, MICHELE, drove many miles visiting the northwestern states and the Canadian Rocky area. The highlight of the trip was a rodeo in Calgary. The Expo in Spokane also occupied a few of the LaVoie days... CLARK JOHNSON paid us a visit from Florida. Retirement sure agrees with him because he looks so very

good... JIM MCBRIDE, traffic checker, had an operation and is home recuperating. We wish him a speedy recovery... JOE SABOL would like to know what happened to brother GEORGE BRYAN, his pal... W. B. SCOTT has had surgery and is home recuperating. We wish him a speedy recovery... Trips to Canada were enjoyed by JOE LYNCH and his wife and daughter; also FRANK PONZIO, traffic checker, accompanied by his wife and daughter... JOE SABOL and his wife took a trip to Wisconsin to visit the State Fair at Milwaukee... JOE VIOLA and his wife drove through Eastern Canada and the New England States. While en route they also visited Philadelphia... DOROTHY ETSCHIED is home recuperating and we wish her a very speedy recovery... We welcome JOHN DORSEY, GEORGE GRIFFIN, RUSSELL DUSZAK and DAVID MITCHELL into the office as traffic clerks.

(Routes & Systems) -

CHARLES DROZDA enjoyed two weeks in Spooner, Wisc., doing a little fishing and relaxing... LAWANDA REDDING transferred from the Claim Department as transfer clerk. LINDA GRYSBECK, a newcomer, transferred from the Engineering Department as stenographer. Both proved to be good bakers as all enjoyed the homemade goodies baked for BOB VANCE on his birthday.

(Passenger Controls) -

Welcome back to former employee STEVE WOLGEMUTH, graphic designer, who after an absence of nine years has returned to

brighten this department. His brother, TOM WOLGEMUTH, is director of plant maintenance... Newcomers are JOAN HARRISON, graphic designer, who attended Southern university and was graduated from Northern university with a bachelor of fine arts degree; also RODNEY SKOZ, graphic designer, who was graduated from Circle Campus with a bachelor of art design degree... ROBERT SCHAGEMAN spent three weeks in and around his home but managed to find time to shoot a few rounds of golf... A speedy recovery to ELL WINTERS who is home recuperating after foot surgery. Hurry back, Bill.

- Kay Batina & Betty Pachow

PLANT MAINTENANCE -

The welcome mat is extended to WARREN TAYLOR, civil engineer, and we're happy to have you aboard... Our deepest sympathy is extended to J. KEITHLEY, steamfitter, and his family in the death of his father in Arkansas... IRVING JOHN, record man, and his wife recently celebrated 39 years of wedded bliss. Congratulations... BARNEY MOORE, track foreman, was recently graduated from the Management Institute program. Congratulations, Barney, we knew you could do it... HARRY PAOLIC, ironworker, became a grandfather for the first time when little MATTHEW STEIN GREENWOOD was born on Aug. 12. Another first time grandfather is JOSEPH WASHINGTON, carpenter foreman, who announced the birth of a granddaughter. We haven't any details as of this writing.

the important thing is that the babies are well and everyone is happy...RICHARD FACE, trackman, is the proud father of a baby daughter, ANNA MARIE, born on July 10 weighing 10 pounds 1 ounce. A baby boy was born to Trackman and Mrs. MICHAEL CARNECKI. Enjoy and cherish...Good luck to Superintendent of Track A. W. NILMQUIST and Tinner JOE MATRICIO who retired on Aug. 1. We wish them a long and healthy pensioned life...MOM HICKS, plumber foreman, RONALD RYES, plumber, and JOE FUCARINO, carpenter foreman, have resigned from CA. We wish you all good luck in your new endeavors...Laborer TONY SUNZERI, Jack, has taken a disability pension. Sorry to see you go, Tony, but our best wishes for a long and healthy retirement with you. Keep in touch, we would like to hear from you...To all of you who are going on vacations, have a good time, be careful, and come back rested and raring to go...I wonder who gained 7 pounds while on a trip to Ireland?...Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of WILLIAM DUSLAVEK, ironwork inspector, who was killed. Bill was a large man, but a gentle man. All who knew him loved him and were his friends. We will all miss "Big Bill"...Sorry about missing the news in our last issue. I hope this will make up for it. Please let me have your news items.

- Jennie Scott

SOUTH SECTION -

All us South Siders should be proud of the Rapid Transit Division 308 softball team. On Sunday, Aug. 18, they played Kedzie Garage and our men won 13 to 5 for the championship. Isn't that great. Congratulations to Manager JOE RAYBURN, General Manager ERVIN HARMON and Coach W. COLEMAN and all the players for their great efforts. Harmon was called to pitch the second game with Kedzie, and boy what a beautiful job of pitching he did. Congratulations!...Supervisor JAMES LAHEY and his family vacationed in Ireland. While walking down the street in his County Clare, they met former tutor PATRICK HARRISON, on retirement from the Vehicle Maintenance Department. They had a real nice visit with him and he says to tell everyone hello...With deep regret we have to tell you that yard Foreman GREGORY WILLIAMS' son passed away recently. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Gregory and his family...Three of our men were beaming from trip to ear and passing out cigars when they told us about the birth of their newest offspring: Clerk JESSE FARLEY had a healthy baby girl named BELINDA LOUISE, born on July 15; then on Aug. 3, Motorman JAMES WILSON's wife presented him with his first girl, JAMILI. This makes a boy and a girl for the happy Wilson family, and when Motorman CURTIS HOLMES' wife had

a baby girl named KATRINI, born on Aug. 12. He and his wife now have two girls. Congratulations to all the proud mamas and pappas...Hello and welcome to our new employees: SHERWOOD KENERSON, KNOX REEVES, CASPER ELDER, FRANK SMITH and RONALD JOLLA...Back from the sick list and everyone is glad to see them are: Yard Foreman CHARLES FRIESON, Conductor GEORGE MAY, Motorman ANTHONY HORN and LARRY ROSEBAR and Conductors MARVIN VAUGHN and MAURICE WILLIAMS...Motorman FRED GRONEMEYER, who retired Aug. 1 after more than 32 years of service, was fettered with two big sendoffs. One by his co-workers who gathered at the office on his last day at work and another at David's restaurant on July 27 where Fred



Fred and Tillie Gronemeyer

was honored for his 16 years as treasurer of the South Side 'L' Credit Union. Combining efforts to put on the party were CHARLES SPEARS, credit union president; my hubby, Chief Clerk ROLAND, and yours truly. In all, 63 attended including Fred's lovely wife, TILLIE, their two sons, and Fred's brothers and sisters. Division 308 was represented by President LEONARD BEATTY, Secretary HUGH HEGARTY and South Section Board Member WILFRED SPEARS. Credit unions were represented by MAE and MIKE CROBIN from the North Side, also President HOUSTON WASHINGTON and Treasurer HILTON CAROLAN from the Metropolitan. Health and happiness is wished to Fred and Tillie, who will enjoy retirement in Venice Isles, Fla...Our sincere condolences to CLARE HIGGINS in the death of her husband, JOHN HIGGINS, who passed away on the West Coast. John retired as superintendent of Rapid Transit Operations...Motorman TONY JAGLA and his wife, MARIE, really are the world travelers. This time they went to Paris where they visited the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame cathedral. Then on to the French Riviera in Nice, Monte Carlo, Rome and Venice. Man was that some trip...Congratulations to Switchmen MICHAEL TRICE and CHARLES FRIESON on their promotion as yard foremen...Our condolences go out to West Section Board Member THORNTON CHERRY in the loss of his mother...On the sick list at this

writing is Clerk JOHN BARRY who had an operation but is now home recuperating. Hurry back to work, John...Janitor CLARENCE HALBERT and his wife, and Clerk EARL JONES drove to Beaumont, Tex., where they went fishing and attended a family reunion with Earl.

- Verna Hartney

SKOKIE SHOP -

We would like to wish the very best to JIMMY WELTON who retired on July 1. Jim worked in the motor line and was also union steward for the motor line and armature room. Good luck, Jim, and try to stay out of trouble...Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of ED MAJK-SZEK who passed away in June. Ed worked in the control department and will be missed by all at Skokie...Sorry to hear that Pensioner JOE MUHALCZUH was in the hospital. Joe worked in the armature room before going on disability pension. Hope you're feeling better and congratulations on becoming a grandfather. Joe also has a granddaughter, DAYNA, 2½ years old. Let us hear from you...The Skokie softball team has been having its ups and downs lately. For the most part, the team is having a good season. At present the team is 6 and 3 average. First Baseman "Tricky" DICK WILSON is having a fine year and feels a lot of it has to do with the fine coaching he has been receiving from Third Baseman JOE JOHNSON after the games. The team plays every Tuesday, so if possible come out and see them... Skokie's second annual baseball outing to Milwaukee to see the Sox-Brewer game was another great success--42 strong. Many thanks to IVO DIPIERO and GARY OLSON for the fine job in organizing the trip...I would like to welcome BILL LITTLE, Paint Shop, back to work. Bill was off sick for quite some time and it's good to see him back...Congratulations to MARY JANE and BILL ARSENEAU on the birth of their first child, JANE MARIE, July 8. A real beauty...JACQUELYN ANN ZON, the wife of JOHN ZON, recently had minor nose surgery. Hope you're feeling better, Jacquelyn, and a happy belated birthday... Happy to report that TONY ARINI is feeling better. Get a good rest, Tony.

- Pat Harrett

SOUTH SHOPS -

Congratulations to AL THOMAS, shop utility clerk, on his recent marriage to SHEILA RENEE MOORE. The happy couple was united in holy matrimony on July 27. I am sure that all the single gals are sorry to see Al leave the ranks of bachelorhood. On the other hand we wish Sheila all the luck in the world...We are sorry to say goodbye to LITA CAUSEY who was working here at the shops before going to Skokie permanently. Good luck,

Lita...We extend a warm welcome to PAT STERLING, KAREN COOK and JOYCE COLEMAN to the South Shops. Karen and Joyce are summer help, but Pat is a full time employee. . . Congratulations to ELAINE MCGREGORY on winning \$250 in the Irish Sweepstakes, and she isn't even Irish!..Welcome to ELVA LETT, our new receptionist. . . DON TARNOWSKI just bought himself another car, a 1973 Vega. How many is that now, Don?..Congratulations to JUSTINE JANASEK on being married for 27 years Aug. 23. Her husband, STAN, works out in the shops...BILL HAWORTH, Technical Services, just returned from his two-week vacation moving from one house to another...JIM GEBIS just bought a new house in Addison...GAIL HATHAWAY is moving from Calumet City to Blue Island. Gail's new car received its christening--it got smashed...JERRY KILLMAN is spending his vacation up in Michigan at his wife's home town...Technical Services wishes to say farewell to ED WILSON and JIM HAYLAND who are leaving to return to school...We wish to say goodbye to PHIL LAMONT who worked as a laborer here at South Shops this summer. See you next year, Phil...Congratulations to AL SAMASKA and his wife, MARY, who are celebrating a wedding anniversary this month...Happy birthday to ELAINE MCGREGORY, who celebrated her birthday on Aug. 23.

Congratulations go out to CASEY and MARY JEAN NOGA who recently exchanged wedding vows and honeymooned in Hawaii for two weeks...We would like to wish REX MCCOY, Brake Department, a speedy recovery from his recent illness. Rex is in Hines hospital...Congratulations to BILL SCHRODLE and DENNIS ROHE upon the completion of their carpenter apprenticeships...EUGENE CORKER just returned from a vacation touring some southeastern states. Upon his return he found himself with a new job in the Brake Department...CARL SWETLIK just purchased a new Super Beetle to replace his slightly abused one...JOHN TARCZUESKI and his wife, THERESA, are celebrating their 32nd wedding anniversary this month. . .MAX and LORETTA KUCHAN just returned from an exciting trip to California and their 13th trip to Las Vegas. One of Max's co-workers tells me that Max has a controlling interest in one of the big casinos there...LOUIS COLOSIMO told me of the vacation trip he took through Wisconsin, upper and lower Michigan and Mackinac Island. Louis barely made it home when he found out his car's brake shoes were worn out...Good luck to TEX HERON, Utilities, upon being promoted to foreman. . .FRED PETROZZI is planning his third trip to Las Vegas this year...WALLY STREET's dog, Dutchess, gave birth to five puppies recently. By the time this column is read, they should be old enough to be given away, says Wally...Our deepest sympathy is extended to HARRY BAREN-

DRECT in the passing of his mother recently. Harry, formerly a mechanic in Utilities, is now working for the Signal Corps...We were all touched recently upon the death of a long time co-worker, HAROLD THOMAS. Our sympathy is extended to his family. We'll sure miss him...Congratulations to SCOTTY and SHIRLEY MCCOLL on their addition to the family, HEATHER ANN. Heather arrived weighing 7 pounds 1 ounce.

- Jeanne Diehl & Lawrence Bernas

52ND STREET -

A happy vacation to all our fellow workers. . .Can you imagine a message all the way from the Bahamas requesting HILLSTROM to "hold my back-pay check for me." It really happened...GARMONY, HOOKS and PHILPOTT will be missing for a few weeks during September. . . Everyone is wondering about BETTISON's 24-minute hole. Perhaps FRANK NICHOLS can enlighten us...The Society of the Little Flower's annual dinner-theatre party will be held at Martinique/Drury Lane Theatre on Sunday, Oct. 20. Curtain time is at 3:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m. Combination Dinner and Show tickets are \$12.50 per person. The play will be "My Three Angels," starring Cesar Romero of movie and TV fame. Get your tickets early from our chairman, ERNEST A. HILL, or Committeemen ROBERT HOLMES or TYLER PHILPOTT. You certainly will enjoy this affair...Our credit union is still growing and through it, members may obtain family or individual life insurance at a very low premium. You may enroll by contacting the treasurer. Join the credit union and participate in its growth. It's where you belong...Operator EDWARD EVANS and his wife, BETTE, just returned from one week in Las Vegas...Operator JESSE BYRD is getting ready to leave on vacation. The only thing he knows for sure is that he's taking that 1974 St. Regis New Yorker with him somewhere.

- John L. Hudson

69TH STREET -

Operator P. MANNARELLI was very upset when he discovered that he had lost his wallet with all his credit cards and identification and a small amount of cash. He had left it on the bus when he parked it at the pumps, but when he returned it was gone and no one had seen it. Honesty is the best policy, and we should all try to look out for each other...Speaking of wallets, MICKEY YOUNG thought someone had lifted his while he was working a charter. He called his wife and found he had left it at home. He was so elated he took her to the Playboy Club in Lake Geneva. Was it to patch things up with ELEANOR, Mickey? . . .Welcome back to C. S. SUMMERS who left CTA to go to Detroit for three years.

He is now back doing his usual good job as an operator at 69th...DARRELL LEWIS, the son of JOE LEWIS, was in an automobile accident and seriously injured. Joe wishes to thank everyone for the prayers as Darrell is doing fine now. Would you believe that Operator D. RAYMOND got six books of transfers in Clerk HALL. Heck, Ted has never been through more than two books in his life. Did you know that GUS MELANDER lives on "Swede Hill" (57th & Wacker) with his wife and three cats?..Operator HOWARD MEANS became a grandfather in Aug. 11 and still doesn't know if it is a boy or girl. Congratulations anyway, Howard. Did you know that G. R. FERGUSON turned down twice this year when he had to work his vacation. That guy must really like his work...Pensioner G. J. JARO is really enjoying his easy life, and still on his good deed by attending Camp Owassippe, a boy scout camp in Michigan, with his grandson. Scoutmaster MONTE and his assistant scoutmaster gave up part of their vacation to look over their trip at Camp Owassippe. It's a wonderful trip they are doing...HANK RISCH had quite a blowout on his last day of work. The Tire Sauerkraut Club and State Representative John Fary made a round trip with Hank. That was the most people he ever carried all week...We all miss C. J. URK and his invisible dog, C.J., since he has his pension on Aug. 1...J. MORAN is now a loader working different locations. Archer avenue. Keep up the good work, fellow...I'm not positive, but PULICK has been seen asking for and taking the small sugar bags from White Castle. Who gives?..Pensioner CARL ARNESON was my bus. He has been retired for 20 years and was 84 years old on Aug. 22. Certainly looks good; he must be enjoying his healthy vegetarian life...We would like to take this opportunity to welcome A. TABEL as our assistant station superintendent. May you enjoy your stay at 69th...Pensioner P. H. McNAMARA was also on my bus. He retired in 1954 and is 82 years old. He said he has been happily married for 57 wonderful years. How about that?..T. (Scotty) FLANAGAN retired in 1963 still loves to ride a bike, as we on 59th know. He is healthy and content with his easy life...We are sorry to report the death of HAROLD F. DONAHUE, the brother of Operator B. DONAHUE. Our sincere condolences to the family...Superintendent VIC COLEMAN took a second honeymoon and drove over 4,000 miles to New Orleans and the Florida Keys. His wife must have really enjoyed the trip as she lets him drive the car to work now and then...D. SMITH, who only played two rounds of golf while on vacation in the South, really likes the chops when he looks at J. WHITE out the Cog Hill golf course where he is consistently coming in with a 74 or 76. The poor White and his 84...Pensioner T. PRITCHARD was confined to Holy Cro-

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ospital. All of 69th wishes Tom a speedy
covery to good health...Little 10½-year
GEORGE SANDERS, the grandson of
BERENS, rode with him one day and
he goes to a real barber...SCOTTY
GINS sent us a card from Cutty's
aping Resort in the heart of Laurel
lands in Pennsylvania...Retired op-
rator and cowhand LEONARD JOLLY
te and said the trout were really hit-
as he passes away the time in the
ota territory...IRENE M. DURRANT,
daughter of RAY HAMMERSCHMIDT,
graduated from DePaul university with
achelor of science degree in nursing.
is now working at the University of
hiois hospital...Our genial No. 4 clerk,
KOCMOUD, and his wife, LUCILLE,
celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary
July 11. Helping them celebrate were
wife's mother from Arizona and their
children and their sponsor. After-
wards he really blew the works when he
brought a new Valiant with the OK from the
dit union.

From the Repair Department we hear that
Pensioners MATT BASSO, PADDY FITZ-
GERALD, HANK RUSCH and WILLIE FA-
HEY are all enjoying retirement. To all
the others we wish the same for many
years...RAY SCHEID is enjoying his life of
leisure in Salt Lake City, Utah, fishing and
boating...Former clerk LARRY HELINSKI
paid us a visit recently. He is now living
in Florida and BARNEY BECKER and
FRANK ROONEY are planning to visit him
shortly...We offer our sincere sympathy to
DENNIS (Midge) DOUGHERTY and his
family in the loss of his baby boy, and to
the family of Repairman CALVIN BENSON
who recently passed away...A speedy re-
covery is wished to RALPH GRAGID who
is off sick at the present time...Foreman
PETER SZAFRANSKI is vacationing in
Florida...WILLIE COOPER visited Florida
and Detroit, Mich., while on his vacation,
and TOM MOORE vacationed in Mississipi.
Also on vacation at this time are:
JIM CASEY, STEVE MURRAY, BERNIE
MCBRIDE, K. COELYN, JIMMY LEE,
DENNY PIERCE, WILLIE WHALEY, LEO
USPEL, GLEN BRUNSON and JOE ATKINS.
Hope they all have a good time and return
safely...BILL TOOMEY and his family vaca-
tioned in Wisconsin and had a nice time.

- Art Bessing & Jimmy Ahorn

77TH STREET -
Long before Miss MARY WALLACE ar-
rived at 77th Street Garage, there were
rumors and speculations as to what CTA's
first lady bus driver would look and talk
like. Some were of the opinion that she
would look like a football player and talk
like a truck driver. Well, I'm glad to re-
port that they were wrong. Miss Wallace
is an attractive, intelligent and personable
young lady. I met her while having lunch
one day. I introduced myself while holding
a ham sandwich in my hand and she
promptly took a bite. She informed me
that the people and the other drivers were
treating her well. She then continued on
her way to gather her running time for the
run she was working that day. Mary was
joined at 77th by three other lady drivers
recently and we would like to take this op-
portunity to welcome them and wish them
luck and many years of safe driving...Our
baseball team led by Captain WILSON
WATSON played well all season, but was
beaten in the playoffs by the Rapid Transit
team 14 to 10. We're really proud of them
and wish them better luck next year...This
happy news item missed my last column,
so I'm including it this time. Operator and
Mrs. ULYSSES JONES' daughter, REMIL
FAYE, was graduated with honors from
Dwight D. Eisenhower High school in Blue
Island and plans to continue her studies at
Chicago Circle Campus in the fall. Their
other daughter, SONJA, will continue her
studies at Chicago State university when
she returns from a vacation in beautiful
Hawaii. Ulysses said, "Old dad needs

some more work, and I hope the clerks
are listening." Congratulations to the
Jones family...Well it's vacation time
again, and if you look real fast you might
see some familiar faces rushing to the
airport, train stations and bus terminals.
For instance, did you see BOOKER BYERS
flying to sunny California? Well he did,
taking in such sights as Knott's Berry
Farm, Disneyland, Universal movie studio
and the Farmer's Market. He and his
traveling companions also rented a car
and drove to Las Vegas, Nev...On July 28
S. C. GUINN gassed up his Mercury and
motored to St. Louis and then to Paducah,
Ky., for a family reunion on Aug. 8. The
trip didn't end there—they went on to
Milwaukee, Wisc., for a little brew. Guinn
sure knows how to plan a vacation...Then
there's CHARLIE MYERS and his lovely
wife, CLAUDIA, and his grandmother, Mrs.
OZZIE McCURE, whizzing to Pulaski,
Tenn., for two weeks...The dust has
cleared in Louisville, Ky., and we see one
of the lucky winners at the Derby. Why,
it's Operator STEVE GATEWOOD. I bet
his horse is still running...HENRY L.
BEATY stopped talking long enough to
start driving on his vacation. He and his
dad visited Detroit and St. Louis, making
a special stop along the way to celebrate
Henry's birthday July 26. Beaty's daugh-
ter and son-in-law couldn't join them on
the trip as they were vacationing in Pitts-
burgh, Pa...If you happened to see Operator
WILSON WASHINGTON, you were on a
plane bound for New York City. Wilson is
one of the sharpest dressers in the system
so he won't be too hard to spot in Queens
or Long Island...Without looking at the
ticket window marked Kansas City, Mo., I
know who is first in line. It's Operator
and Mrs. G. VAUGHT going to visit her
parents. I think he enjoys the trip as
much, if not more, than she does...RU-
DOLPH McDONALD and his family can be
seen streaking south toward Mississippi.
Their Oldsmobile 98 will also take the
McDonald family to Florida with the great-
est of ease...Vacations are really great,
especially when they are spent in places
like Nassau, San Juan and St. Thomas in
the Virgin Islands. This was the Carib-
bean cruise enjoyed by your reporter and
his wife. To all my fellow operators who
were not seen, have a happy and safe vaca-
tion...Operator FAMOUS HOOKS was
hospitalized early this summer due to an
unfortunate accident. We at 77th would
like to wish him a speedy recovery...We're
happy to see Operator FRANK HARRIS up
and around again after his unfortunate in-
cident this summer which hospitalized
him. We all sympathize with him and
stand with him as fellow operators...Board
Member ANDREW BUTLER is recovering
after a visit to the dentist. He informed
this reporter that the dentist spared him
no pain...Support Local 241 and our board
members...So long for now.

- Allison De Bonnett

what's news

Frequency of weekday and Saturday daytime service by CTA's O'Harexpress was again increased Sept. 9. Departures are now every 15 minutes from the Jefferson Park Terminal. The route shows a 24 per cent increase in ridership in the first six months of this year, with 377,204 persons using the service. Three-fifths of these riders are commuters to work in the airport area.

- CTA -

The Sunday Super Transferpass was continued for the rest of the year by the CTA Board. Sunday riding has increased an average of 49 per cent because of the Sunday bargain fares and the Super Transferpass. Reduction in Sunday revenues of 11 per cent is more than offset by gasoline savings and the increase in the system's service to the public. (See Page 3 for an unusual use of the Super Transferpass.)

- CTA -

A cost-of-living wage boost of 16 cents an hour was given approximately 12,000 CTA employees in the first pay period of September.

- CTA -

News releases from CTA's Public Affairs department are now being published in Spanish as a special convenience for Latin-American community media. Translations are by Mrs. Elda Leal, a CTA community news representative, and native of Mexico.

- CTA -

The unique multi-language "No Smoking" poster placed by CTA on 3,600 buses and 'L' cars has received a citation from the Chicago Lung Association (formerly Tuberculosis Institute). In modern road sign fashion, the poster shows a burning cigarette, encircled in red, with a red slash bar crossing it.

- CTA -

Recent official visitors included:

Director Stephen McConahey, Office of Transit Management, Urban Mass Transportation Administration
Planning Group, UMTA
Transportation Research Board members
Jacques Ben-Bouanah, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Paris, France
Dennis Coombs, Finance Officer; A. Silverleaf, Director of Transport Laboratory; Dr. A.J.M. Hitchcock, Traffic Officer, London (England) Transport
Benjamin P. Alcantara, Public Relations Officer, Philippine National Railways
Larry Schrieber, Community Relations, Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, Buffalo, N.Y.

- CTA -

People who never ride the CTA still get great value from it, Chairman Milton Pikarsky said in addressing an international transportation conference in Pittsburgh. He cited savings in local taxes that would otherwise be required to build and maintain roads, the better economic life of the community because people can get back and forth to work, the easier flow of goods and materials, and the lower level of air pollution.

CTA PENSIONERS: To receive a 1975 Identification Card a new picture must be taken by CTA. See the schedule of times and locations being mailed with Oct. 1 pension checks.

Pub Tower-ing Success:

CTA's New North Side Service

by Anit Leppiks

IF THE CTA operated in Paris, it would run a busline past the Eiffel Tower.

In London, it would have service to the Tower of London.

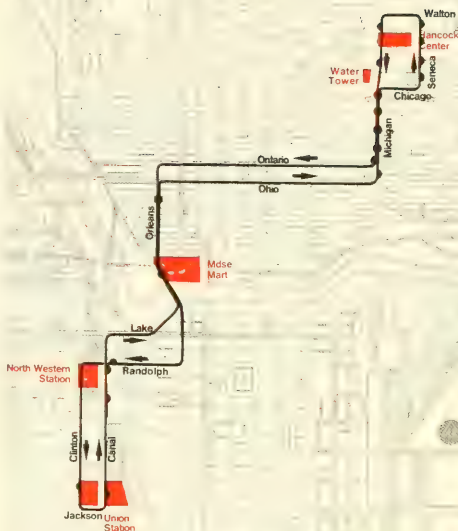
So it just makes sense to run a busline past Chicago's most historical landmark -- the Water Tower.

And, now that this landmark is a gateway to the city's fastest-growing shopping-office area, it has appened.

The CTA instituted its new 35¢ route, the No. 125 Water Tower Express Jan. 27.

Practical Trip

I rode the route from the Union train station, topping at the North Western commuter station before continuing on to the Merchandise Mart, riding cross the near north side to the Water Tower, Drake otel, the John Hancock Center (Continued Page 2)



New Bus Service (Continued)

on Michigan avenue and back again, to see just how useful the route was to commuters and visitors to Chicago.

They liked it.

A suburban mother said the ride gave her children an opportunity to see a bit of Chicago's history while making it easier for them to get to shop.

It was midmorning and several other women were on their way to North Michigan avenue for a day on the town.

A Wheaton woman planned a tight schedule which included shopping at Bonwit Teller, I. Magnin & Co., visiting the Museum of Contemporary Art and The Art Institute of Chicago before heading back to the North Western station.

She planned to use the CTA everywhere she travelled downtown.

And Reasonable, Too

"Taking a cab would cost me a small fortune -- especially from the train station to Michigan avenue," she said.

She added, "I come downtown every chance I get. Chicago is an alive city.

"Besides, downtown Chicago is a better place to shop, in that North Michigan avenue and State street stores carry a greater variety of items," she said.

"I just wish we had a CTA in the suburbs," she said.

Other Water Tower riders -- new to the service -- were going to the Museum of Contemporary Art.

Travelling to Chicago from St. Charles, one young woman said, "I hardly ever come into the city but this bus makes getting around a lot easier."

Bus driver Darold Wardlow, assigned to the Water Tower route since it began, said most commuters use the route to get to and from work during morning and evening rush periods.

"That's when persons standing on the curb have to

It may have been our snazziest bus route inaugural -- thanks the interest of the Greater North Michigan Avenue Association and the Upper North Michigan Avenue National Bank, as evidenced by our CTA Marketing Department. Area merchants and banks had asked the CTA for a route to serve shoppers at office people traveling to the downtown commuter rail station.

Nelson Forrest, executive director of the association, at F. R. Carver Nixon, president of the bank, hosted a luncheon at the 95th floor of the John Hancock Building in appreciation CTA efforts.

Howard Storch, president of the association, presented CTA with a "Tiffany custom-designed, glass-engraved Water Tower a replica of the famed Chicago landmark.

CTA marketing specialists Jack Wright, Raymond Shea, and Csaba Zongor served as liaison personnel with upper north Michigan Avenue businessmen in staging the inauguration.

wait for two or three buses to go by to find room to stand on board."

Some of these commuters are students at Loyola university, 820 N. Michigan, and the Illinois College of Podiatric Medicine, 1001 N. Dearborn street. They arrive in Chicago early in the morning and leave the city early in the afternoon.

An ICPM freshman from Arlington Heights, who used to take the Lake-Dan Ryan 'L' and North-South subway from the North Western station, said the Water Tower route sometimes saves him 10 minutes.

Commuters Like It

Another ICPM freshman, a woman from St. Charles, said she used to walk from the North Western to the Union station to catch a No. 156 Wilson LaSalle or No. 151 Sheridan bus to reach the North Michigan avenue area. She said the Water Tower bus is more convenient.

A junior at Loyola university said the Water Tower route saves him 45 minutes in what was a two-hour trip from Buffalo Grove.

"I used to walk from the station. This is great," he said.

City folks find the Water Tower route convenient as well.

This is especially true for those who work at the Merchandise Mart -- whether they (Continued Page 1

CTA Board Loss: Clair M. Roddewig



Clair M. Roddewig, member of the Chicago Transit Board who was prominent as lawyer, railroad and business executive, and leader in civic affairs, died Feb. 23 after an illness of several months. He was 71.

"The death of Mr. Roddewig is a great loss not only to the CTA, but also to the many other organizations and institutions which he had continued to serve," said James R. Quinn, Vice-Chairman of the CTA Board.

Mr. Roddewig, appointed to the Board by Mayor Daley in 1970, also served as Acting CTA Chairman for four months in 1973 during a critical financial period of the Authority. A native of Newcastle, Neb., he was graduated from Creighton University Law School, Omaha, and first practiced law in Nebraska and South Dakota. He was Attorney General of South Dakota from 1936 to 1939. During World War II, he served as General Counsel of the Office of Defense Transportation in Washington, D.C.

He was a member of the Chicago Board of Education from 1961 to 1964 and the Board's President from 1962 to 1964.

ust Like Home--

A Woman Is Watching Our Budget

CTA Profile By Anit Leppiks

Is This Expense Necessary? That may be the question Director of Financial Analysis Claire Glenn, right, and Budget Director William Arrillaga are pondering as they go over CTA budget estimates.



IT CASE you didn't know it, there is a woman holding CTA's purse strings this year.

For part of Claire Glenn's official assignment as Director of Financial Analysis at the CTA was to work on the proposed budget for 1975. That included everything from maintenance expenditures to personnel costs.

Mrs. Glenn, who started as a financial analyst at the CTA in September of last year, had a good idea of how much to look for.

"We compared the proposed budget to last year's budget. If the CTA encountered great increases, we looked for the reasons why. Analyzing past experience in a projected budget enables us to spot areas where costs are zooming. Checking all sources of income, we decided what the CTA could livewith, and how we could increase or add to services," she said.

"One of the new things we incorporated this year was a budget presentation which allowed each manager to tell the story of his department. This also gave an opportunity to show what the ideal conditions would be," she said.

An easy-talking woman, Mrs. Glenn had her own share of 15 pound audit bags to carry and did other lively chores during her apprenticeship as a junior accountant.

"Once I was on an audit of a manufacturing company with a senior who had the philosophy that the junior should do most of the work.

"Taking inventory in that warehouse meant climbing a ladder and stretching to reach boxes in the back end on top of the stacks.

"By the time the day was over I was covered with dirt. I never worked so hard in my life," Mrs. Glenn said.

Her wildest experience at the CTA so far has been to walk the elevated tracks during CTA's Technical Institute.

"That's something I can do without too," she said, with a laugh.

Besides getting to know the CTA, Mrs. Glenn is working toward her M.B.A. degree from DePaul university. Her husband, Frederick, an electrical engineer, also is working on his master's degree.

So when does Mrs. Glenn relax?

"Well, sometimes I finally sit down to read the Sunday papers Thursday night," she said.

Otherwise, she relaxes by playing the organ, a hobby she learned when she was seven years old.

Mrs. Glenn admitted she keeps the books in her family.

And with rising prices it's good to know what you're doing. But no matter what the economy, Mrs. Glenn said she applies the same principles used in business to her family budget.

"Just make sure your expenditures are not greater than your revenues.

"And don't get upset when you have budget variances because even big companies have them," she said.

Mrs. Glenn continued, "Cover fixed expenses first -- mortgage, rent, food. Then use the remainder for what is called, in business, added programs.

"Eventually you should apply some type of review -- really weighing the programs to see which ones give you the greatest satisfaction for the dollars involved," she said.

One last question, Mrs. Glenn.

Have you ever felt discrimination because you are a woman?

"I've been lucky. That's how I met my husband.

"The president of a car rally club, he needed a couple of girls to join his club to avoid charges of discrimination.

"Well, I was chosen to fill the quota and we got married three years later."

SOAC Comes To S



Frank C. Herringer, administrator of UMTA, flew in from Washington to give the keynote speech, answer questions of Chicago media on the impact of the federal government's \$11.8 billion transit support package. Among the notables attending, below, were Marshall Suloway, Chicago Public Works Commissioner and newly-appointed CTA Board member, and Mrs. Joby Berman, director of the Mass Transportation Division of the Illinois Department of Transportation.



THE SKOKIE SHOPS have never seen anything quite like this --

A refurbished "antique" 4000 rapid transit train rolling into the shops, with one of the most impressive loads of today's transportation and community management talent -- to meet the train of the future: sleek, streamlined, carpeted, climatized, commodious, quiet State of the Art Car (SOAC) about to be test-run on the Skokie Swift "proving grounds" by the federal government's Urban Mass Transportation Administration.

Wide-windowed SOAC, produced and system engineered by Boeing Vertol of Philadelphia, the company presently building CTA's latest order of rapid transit cars, almost smiled as the Niles Township Community High School West Division band struck up "Chicago."

Invited VIPs and CTA operations and union leaders had ridden the special train out from the Loop to join in the inaugural ceremonies.

Mayor Albert J. Smith of Skokie and Evanston Alderwoman Mrs. Maxine Lange were there to greet them. The day was as perfect as a January day could get -- no snow, no biting wind, no sleet.

After the brief ceremonies, guests rode the SOAC to Howard Street, transferred to the Ben Franklin train to Davis, transferred to the Baron von Steuben bus, had lunch at the Orrington hotel.

Then began two weeks of regular use on the Skokie Swift for SOAC.

General comment of DOT officials was that CTA's SOAC showcasing was best yet in major cities on the preview tour.

Crowds gathered for the railside ceremonies in the Skokie Shops. Niles West High School band provided musical accompaniment.



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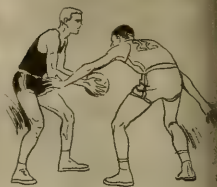
"Conductor" of party and travel arrangements was CTA Manager of Operations George Krambles who also created the historic train popularly known as the "Krambles Special." Here he collects the free fare from Mrs. Jan Blue who was Boeing Airtel's on-scene arrangements representative. Krambles' gal Friday (and Monday-through-Thursday) Mary Boski was of major assistance on arrangements and here is shown passing out credentials to now RTA Chairman Milton Pikarsky.





CTA Sports News

MEL ALEXANDER, Sports Editor



Close Race Evolves In Basketball League

WITH THE basketball season drawing to a close, it seems to be a tight race between four teams, Archer, Northside 'L', 69th Street and Forest Glen, to see who will be the champs for 1975.

Archer, the 1974 champions, holds an edge with a 6 and 1 win-loss record. With only seven more games to play, there are only two teams that have a chance to give them trouble; Forest Glen, now in fourth place, and North Park which is holding down the fifth place spot.

This year the CTA has registered to enter a team in the NCAA-AAU tournament, and the top five teams will be trying hard for a shot at the coveted honor of representing the company in this event. Sports Director Agis Bray says we have some basketball players in our league who can compete with any in the country.

So if you are looking for basketball at its finest, come out each Monday and Friday evening at Washington Park Fieldhouse and watch your favorite team play.

CTA Chess Team Meets Their "Match"

NOW A member of the Chicago Industrial Chess League, the CTA team had a disastrous match on Feb. 7 when it met the Chicago Title Insurance (CTI) team, losing 4 to 0.

The league is divided into four divisions, West North, South and Central. The CTA is in the Central Division with six other teams, Sears, CTI, First National bank, General American Transportation corporation, Harris Trust and Savings and Monsanto Environmental Chemical company. CTI seems to be the strongest team in this division as they haven't lost match this season.

The lineup and match play with CTI follows:

Wong, CTI	1-0	Wilson, 77th Street
Mergili, CTI	1-0	Mathews, Forest Park
Rosenfield, CTI	1-0	Bouras, Kimball
Amundsen, CTI	1-0	Reddick, Loop

The CTA team is now in third place in its division.

CTA BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Teams	W	L	Pct
Archer	6	1	.86
Northside 'L'	8	2	.80
69th Street	7	2	.77
Forest Glen	7	2	.77
North Park	6	2	.75
77th Street	4	2	.66
North Avenue	5	4	.55
Kedzie	4	5	.44
Beverly	4	5	.44
Southside 'L'	3	4	.42
77th Shop	3	5	.37
General Office	2	4	.33
Westside 'L'	2	6	.25
Limits	2	7	.22
52nd Street	0	10	.00



These pictures depict some of the hot and heavy action in the CTA Basketball League which you can see each Monday and Friday evening at the Washington Park Fieldhouse, 55th and Martin Luther King Drive.

Mart Bowling Team Really 'Rolling' Now

THE CTA Mart bowling team is really putting on a show on the lanes at Spencer Bowl in the City of Chicago, Bureau of Engineering League.

Deeply entrenched in the number eight position a month ago, they have bowled their way into third place and continue to climb.

At the beginning of the season, Captain Tim O'Rourke predicted that the Mart team would make a better showing this year and perhaps bring the championship trophy to CTA.

Going into the final weeks of the season, the team appears to have the momentum to take it all. Led by the improved bowling of Captain O'Rourke, Charlie Drozda and Dennis Murphy, there is a good chance for them to win.



Drozda



Murphy



O'Rourke

Archer Bandits League Leaders

THE 77TH Street Operators Bowling League is really heating up as the race for first place seems to be tightening up considerably.

Finishing in third place last year, the Archer Bandits seem to have put it all together this season. The team of T. Ireland, H. Kemp, H. Hodge, J. Moten, L. C. Taylor and J. Coleman, appears determined to take it all.

They are being strongly pushed by George's Arco, in second place. Arco won the title in 1974. They had dropped in the standings when L. Wardell, one of their leading bowlers, injured his knee and was out for a couple of months. Now that Wardell is back, and in top form, the team appears rejuvenated.

With 14 pins over his 1974 average, Walt Brown of the Baggers holds the lead as the most improved bowler. Following closely with 10 pins over last season's average is Elvin Simpson of the Poppers.

In the position round in January, there was a slight controversy in the pairings. The error wasn't discovered until the games had been rolled and games won and lost recorded. After discussing the error with all concerned, the situation was resolved.

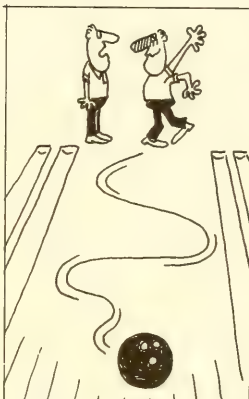
- Meet Bill Wolfan, Sportswriter

THE past two months you have read stories written by Bill Wolfan, CTA Public Affairs.

Bill is a former news and sportswriter for many national newspapers and radio and television. He is now the Director of Radio and TV for the Public Affairs Department, and is lending his skill and knowledge to the sports section for some interesting and informative columns in the realm of sports.

On page 8, you can read another of his noteworthy sports stories that involves some of the historic facts that are also prominent in our sports scene today.

- Mel Alexander



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"Wilson Washington you've been drinking!"

77TH STREET OPERATORS BOWLING LEAGUE

Teams	W	L	Pct.
Archer Bandits	51	24	.667
George's Arco	47	28	.615
Pin Busters	46	29	.603
Baggers	45½	29½	.598
Clippers	41½	33½	.540
Late Comers	41	34	.537
Golden Arms	39	36	.511
Centurions	39	36	.511
Boozers	36	39	.472
Poppers	36	39	.472
Spartans	34	41	.446
Thunderballs	34	41	.446
Roadrunners	32	43	.420
Toppers	30	45	.394
Tranquilizers	26	49	.381
Rotators	22	53	.290

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The First Hit In Baseball Pre-Training Has Always Been A Money One

By W. B. Wolfan

AS A cheering note in late winter, the reminder that "play ball" at Cub and Sox parks isn't too far away comes with the annual February departure of athletes for training camps in the sunny south and southwest.

Mid-February also signals the close of what we like to call the "hot stove league" (probably a throw back to the days before high utility bills).

This year the "hot stove league" experts have experienced more than their share of excitement, mostly due to the departure of Catfish Hunter from the world champion A's to New York. Hunter became a free agent following an arbitrator's decision in his contract dispute with the ebullient Charley Finley. He promptly signed for a king's ransom with the Yankees.

The sports writing fraternity devoted a lot of ink to this story, emphasizing how it was a historic first and that there was no precedent for Hunter's signing after a bidding battle by the major league clubs.

Strangely enough no one recalled the fact that the original A's, who once played in Philadelphia, and were owned and managed by a true baseball immortal named Connie Mack, were also involved in another free agent bidding struggle in 1940, and at a time when the dollar meant much much more than it does now.

The circumstances were different, of course, but the bidding was similar. The whole thing began when baseball's czar of czars, the late Judge Keneshaw Mountain Landis, clamped down on some so-called shenanigans by the St. Louis Cardinals and Detroit Tigers in their farm systems. Landis ordered 92 (yes, that's right) ball players be made free agents. Landis didn't fool with owners or clubs alike. He ruled the game with an iron hand. Nobody questioned his decision -- they knew better than to do so.

Now during this particular period in baseball history, the Detroit Tigers had brought up a rookie from Toledo of the American Association named Benny

McCoy. The great Charley Gehringer had been hurt and McCoy stepped in at second base and filled in so well for Gehringer that he hit .302 in 55 games. McCoy was one of the players declared a free agent by Judge Landis.

Overnight the youngster became the subject of intense bidding by at least ten major league clubs. After all, .300 hitters are hard to come by. Bill Terry, Giants, the White Sox, the Pirates, and Cincinnati were among the teams seeking McCoy and the venerable Connie Mack wanted him most of all, so much that he outbid everybody else to get him.

So McCoy, who came from Grandville, Michigan, signed with the A's. This reporter was on hand when Earl McGillicuddy, Connie's brother, handed McCoy a check for \$45,000 cash and a two-year contract calling for \$20,000 more.

I'm sure it's the first time McCoy had ever seen that much money. I know it was for me. In 1940 \$45,000 was the same as a million. The story made national headlines -- "free agent signs for tremendous bonus."

It was a real Cinderella ending for a rookie from a small Michigan town, who was unknown just a year earlier.

On Labor day that year I was in Yankee Stadium to see McCoy hit a homer and single against the powerful Yankees to lead the A's to victory in the first game of a doubleheader. The Bombers won the second game to gain a split.

That night we celebrated on the town with McCoy and several of his teammates with the Athletics. We were joined by an ex-Cub who then was playing for Bill Terry's Giants, Frank Demaree. And the group toured several night clubs with the main stop at New York's famous Leon and Eddie's. McCoy kept repeating to me that he couldn't believe all this had happened to him in the space of one year. . . from Toledo to the big time. . . and all that money in the bank, back in Grandville.

But it was all true. Benny McCoy was a high priced free agent before anyone ever heard of Catfish Hunter and Charley Finley. It is odd that in each case the Athletics were involved, Philadelphia in 1940 and Oakland in 1975.



Wood Is CTA's Youngest Manager

ROGER D. WOOD, 28, has been named manager of management services of the Chicago Transit Authority, making him one of the youngest with such title (equivalent vice president) in the industry.

In his CTA post, Wood directs such management services as duplicating, internal printing and photography, postal service, and furniture and equipment.

Prior to joining the CTA, Wood was a supervisory computer specialist with the U.S. Army Management Systems Support Agency of the Office of the Chief of Staff at the Pentagon in Washington. Wood formerly taught school in LaHarpe, Ill. He received a B.S. degree from Northeast Missouri State University, Kirksville, in 1967.

Wood and his wife, Jolene, live in Lansing, and have two children.

Can This Retiree Forget 100,000 Applicants?

by Anita Leppiks

AFTER 38 years and 100,000 interviews, Stanley R. Tadevic has called it a day.

He has retired as the CTA's supervisor of placement. As an interviewer, Tadevic said, he has interviewed approximately 5,000 job applicants a year for the last 20 years.

All the applicants he has interviewed would fill Soldier Field -- twice, he estimated.

Now that he has retired, how does Tadevic rate all those years of asking questions? "Great, I enjoyed dealing with all the applicants. Most people were serious about going to work -- and a lot of them loved it," he said.

Tadevic got his start at the CTA as a messenger, then was promoted to an interviewer, and finally supervisor.

He counted the hiring of Mary Wallace, the CTA's first woman bus driver and Sandra Watkins and Marilyn Jackson, the first women 'L' conductors, as among his more notable experiences.

One of his associates kidded that Tadevic was a lady's man," who enjoyed those interviews with women the most. However, Tadevic says women are not one bit easier to talk to than men.

"A lot depended on the individual. Some people could come in and start talking about themselves right away. Others you'd have to pump for information," he said.

Not all of Tadevic's interviewing was person-to-person.

The CTA used to hire in groups of 50 to 60 summer bus drivers a day -- the spring for vacation replacements.

"During that time, we'd conduct a group interview with 15 to 20 applicants, explaining the basic requirements for CTA bus drivers.

"There were the Saturdays when groups of out-of-state college students would drive 12 hours to get here, through the processing, then drive right back to school to make their Monday morning classes in time.

"It was a chore to convince some of those 'long hairs' that the dress code the CTA had then had to be followed if they wanted the job -- even if it was for just three months.

Stanley Tadevic dreams on vacation in Yugoslavia (highly unlikely!), he may see hundreds of eager job-hunters thrusting papers at him.

"I remember one man promised he'd have his hair trimmed before coming back the next day," Tadevic said.

"Well, he showed up -- wearing a stocking cap. He'd braided his hair so tightly that it was flat.

"But I knew there was no way he was going to get up at midnight to start braiding before a 3 a.m. trick," he said.

"He had it cut," Tadevic said, with a chuckle.

He said the years 1953-60 were the heaviest for CTA hiring.

"Now the quantity has tapered down, but we've gone into a more specialized area of interviewing -- professionals," Tadevic said.

"However, the same principle applies here -- match the person and his qualifications to the demands of the job," he said.

Besides interviewing and evaluating job applicants, Tadevic said the CTA taught him to use a camera.

"It was part of my job to take a picture of the newly hired employee for his riding pass," he said.

While Tadevic will not be talking to so many job applicants in the future, he will be seeing plenty of new faces.

Tadevic and his wife, Marguerite, live in the North Park community and they plan to vacation in Yugoslavia to start his retirement. No interviews -- please!



Snow And The Heart

SHOVELING SNOW is very strenuous work and requires an expenditure of a great deal of energy. Exposure to cold and wind place an even greater burden on the heart to maintain circulation.

This is especially true in an individual who is unaccustomed to this type of physical exertion. Anyone with coronary disease or a history of heart attack should be extremely cautious during the winter.

The more work the heart must do the more nourishment and oxygen is required. Thus, with all the added stress a compromised coronary system is unable to supply the necessary oxygen to the heart and so chest pain or a heart attack follows.

Shoveling snow and exposure to cold and wind are real hazards and should be avoided if there is a history of coronary disease.

Chest pain or heart attack while shoveling snow does occur during the winter.

The question is, "Why?" The answer lies in the relationship of the blood flow to the heart muscle and the energy being expended by the individual.

The coronary arteries are the blood vessels that supply the heart muscle with the necessary nourishment, particularly oxygen.

With each muscular contraction of the heart a certain amount of energy is used up. If the blood supply to the muscle is not adequate, the heart does not receive enough oxygen and nourishment to do the work that is required and with the increased metabolic demands which occur with work, a disproportion develops between the available blood supply and the required metabolic needs of the heart muscle resulting in chest pain.

The coronary vessels may be narrowed by spasm or atherosclerosis. Complete occlusion may occur with death of the heart muscle and subsequent replacement by scar tissue.

The CTA Chef

Here's a menu favorite from Betty Edwards, community news representative in the Public Affairs Department. Betty says it makes effective and appetizing use of leftover poultry.

Turkey (or Chicken) Gumbo File'

Turkey carcass and left over
meat (or chicken, ham, etc.)

$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. raw shrimp (peeled and
de-veined)

1 link pork sausage

1 onion, chopped

2 ribs celery, chopped

$\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoon dry parsley flakes

salt and pepper to taste

2 quarts of water

3 tablespoons bacon drippings

3 tablespoons flour

$\frac{1}{2}$ bell pepper, chopped

2 bay leaves

1 box prepared Gumbo File'

Pick all meat off the carcass (turkey and chicken). Boil carcass in 2 quarts of water for $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours. Discard bone and save the juice. Fry some of the grease out of the sausage, drain and slice into thin pieces. Make a dark roux of bacon drippings and flour, stirring constantly. Sauté celery, onion and bell pepper in roux until tender. Fry sausage along with seasonings. Add shrimp, stir until pink. Add water in which the carcass was boiled. Add bay leaves and parsley, salt and pepper to taste. Simmer about 30-45 minutes. Add turkey and chicken meat. Serve in soup bowls over cooked rice. Sprinkle prepared Gumbo File' ($\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon) over top, if desired. Serves six.

THE FAMILY LAWYER



AWOL Employee

"Vacationtime" sounded so resistibly tempting to Aggie, switchboard operator, that she stopped working five days early. Her supervisor, who had warned her not to leave, retaliated by having her fired.

In this situation, was Aggie entitled to collect unemployment compensation?



The unemployment insurance board said no—and, after a contest, the judge backed up the board's ruling. The judge said Aggie was guilty of "voluntarily leaving the employment without good cause."

Generally speaking, a person cannot qualify for unemployment insurance if he is out of work through his own fault. The employee who is fired for "going AWOL" is usually placed in this category.

Even illness is not always an acceptable excuse for absence. In another case, a workman claimed that he had extended his vacation for an extra week because he was not feeling well. But he had bothered to notify the company why he was staying home.

He too failed to collect unemployment compensation. A court ruled that it was his duty, even though ill, to at least keep the company informed.

Reasonable excuses, however, are certainly recognized. A woman stayed home from work for two months in order to take care of her critically ill husband. The company, finally growing impatient, told her she was charged.

Nevertheless, since she faithfully kept her employer informed at all times, she was held entitled to unemployment insurance. The court said blaming joblessness on her, considering circumstances, would be "positively inhuman."

"Common sense," added the court, "must not be a stranger to the house of the law."

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THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

EVERLY -

's nothing but sad news to report this month. To start with, all of us at Beverly extend our sincere condolences to Operator HARLES GILTMER and his family. His daughter was wounded and his son-in-law, police officer, was killed while trying to stop a holdup at a shopping plaza...We also express our sympathy to Operator LEON (000) JONES in the loss of his wife, and to the families of Pensioners RALPH RAMLET, JOE CARNEY, and HARRY CHOFIELD.

- Tom Daniels & Anne Foster

ARCHER -

I wish to thank AUSTON WOOLFOLK, RUNO KAMEN, JOSEPH KUBICKI, FRED ADKE, JAMES JACKSON, FRED OLSEN, ALTER ZEALIS, JOHN KOKER, and TOM CLARNEY for the service they rendered to the men of the Archer Station in '74. Our credit union is always ready to help out. Watch the bulletin board for the date of the annual credit union meeting to be held sometime in March...Supervisor WILLIAM BUCKNER of District B took his pension after 37 years of service. He and his wife are going on an extended vacation to Florida. By the way, William is a hamster and he hopes to hear from you whether hams when he returns. Give him a call...Taking their pensions on Feb. 1 were Operator TOM CONLEY and Collector ROBERT SHELTON. After 38 years of service, Tom is moving to New Port (Cbe), Fla. Bob is retiring after 32 years of service and moving to Fairfield, Ill. Good luck and enjoy your pensions, gents...Our deepest sympathy is extended to Operator PAUL DANIEL and his family on the passing of their father...Operator J.P. ARIKA is home convalescing from a broken leg. Drop him a card; I am sure he will enjoy hearing from you. Operator ROBERT MATTHEWS has returned to work after recovering from a car accident...A belated happy birthday is extended to WILLIAM J. DINEEN--Jan. 13. Many happy turns. . . JAMES PATTERSON, EZEILLEY and WILLIAM MARSH are the minor wizzes of the Archer Station...Pensioner ERNEST HILL, former 52nd Street Operator should receive the humanitarian award for the year. Mr. Hill, with the help of his wonderful wife, collected food and clothing and made a poor family very happy on Christmas day. We need more like em...Superintendent JOHN LYNCH and Instructor ROY WILSON are really pleased with our lady drivers' performance. Keep up the good work, ladies, we are happy to

have you aboard...Congratulations to Chief Clerk WILLIAM T. HENDERSON who celebrated his 40th anniversary with the company in January. Keep up the good work, Bill, you have a lot of good years to go before you think of retiring. . . Operators HARTFORD and HARTIG marked their 25th service anniversaries in February...Happy birthday to all our friends in February...We all welcome MACK PORTER to Archer Station. We are happy to have you with us.

- Owen Rosenow

ELECTRICAL (Chicago Avenue) -

Mr. Dunn--tracer of lost purses. That's what they call WILLIE DUNN these days. It seems that Willie found purses on two consecutive days near the Wellington "L" station. One purse had money and a check. The other had no money but personal papers. Just another service of the CTA... Welcome back to JOE NASTI and BOB HORMEL who both had been off for visits to the hospital...BOB BOSCHERT also had been in and out of the hospital for what turned out to be a virus...MIKE BITTOUNA dropped in for a visit. Mike has been off for a long time. No word on when he is coming back to work...I asked JOHN SHEA how his bowling was coming along. He said that he witnessed a 300 game and walked away mumbling...ART ARDUINI is back to work after a two-week stay at home because of an injury...Sorry the news is so short this time. 73

- Ben Nielsen

(Rapid Transit Signal Division) -

JOHN ODDO and SANDRA LOFTON recently exchanged marriage vows. A somewhat brief ceremony marked the beginning of a new life for two beautiful people. Accompanying John and Sandra were PATRICIA HART as maid of honor, and CHARLIE ODDO, John's brother, as best man. A small reception followed with several relatives and close friends in attendance. Congratulations, John, you finally did something right...DONNIE COOTS recently became ill with an acute case of the "black flu." That's what you get by walking too slowly through the neighborhood. While recovering from the flu, his foot was injured by a fast-moving switch. It seemed no one had told the switch his foot was in the way. All is O.K. now and Donnie is walking briskly again...ELIJAH WILSON and his wife, ELVA, and their children, DAPHNE, ALESIA and ELIJAH Jr., vacationed in Port Gibson, Miss., visiting his

mother. It was a heart warming reunion for each member of the family. Welcome back, old buddy. . . The suntan may fade away, but DANNY WATERS still has a glow from that Florida sunshine. Danny gave his new Vega the test, and drove to beautiful Orlando, enduring temperatures above 80 degrees, and the company of a beautiful young lady--his ten-year-old granddaughter, PAMELA DIANE. Danny had a most enjoyable winter vacation. How do I know? He said the trip was "okay dokey."...Our signal personnel joined in with several hundred other No. 9 members at the annual oldtimers' party on Jan. 31 at the Plumbers Auditorium. On hand were Signalmen FRANK BONK, FRANK HALPER, COY CAUSEY, DANNY WATERS, JIMMY NESBIT, DENNIS DOBBYN, DAVE GREIG, JIM GOLDEN, RICHARD VIETH and Unit Supervisor GEORGE MATEJOVSKY. FRANK HALPER Sr. was also present; he is a regular at these doings now. The entertainment was provided by the Shannon Rovers, a bag pipe band under the direction of JERRY RYAN. Also caught a glimpse of some retired signalmen: BILL BAKER, P.J. DOYLE with his brother JIM, and FRANK GUAGENTI. Among the union staff members were Chicago Avenue's LUKE HOWE, who serves on the executive board, and "Big" DAN MORIARTY, who is on the examining board. Other guests included RON SWINDELL, superintendent of electrical maintenance, and representatives of Locals No. 134, No. 17 of Detroit, and No. 701 of Wheaton. We thank J.A. McCANN and FRED S. HINCE, business manager and president, respectively, and the entire staff of No. 9 for an enjoyable evening...ED DELANEY, HENRY MURRY and JOE ROMBOUT are all back at work after taking short vacations. Short vacations must be a waste of time, as all three are as grumpy as ever...VIC ZASTERA is off on another of his long, wide, and well-earned vacations. He will swing west and south before finally heading north to roost.

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Your reporter has been filling in for this top signalman of the central section, and must report that I found a very high degree of cooperation on the part of the working fellows here. Thank you, fellows, you are just great...AL BRANDT was off sick for a spell. It looks like he will be all right if he stops jumping around like a little boy... Signal helper ART LOWDER has been off from work for some time with a broken leg. We hope to see him back at work soon...We are always glad to hear from retired personnel who, over a period of years, have earned and maintained a place in our hearts and memories. We like this column to be a place where they can read and find out what is happening with old acquaintances. We would also like to know what you are doing. You can write your reporter, TOMMIE LOWERY, c/o CTA Clerk, 329 E. 61st Street, Chicago, Ill. 60637. I thank BILL BAKER and PATRICK J. DOYLE, who have been a very good source of information... You want to know what all our guys who were on vacation last month did? Nothing! They just sat around the house, stared at the TV or the wall (whichever one got in front of them) and played games with the kids. A lot of goofy things like that. Your reporter was one of these guys. I enjoyed it very much. Frankly, I'm looking forward to this kind of vacation again.

- Tommie Lowery

FOREST GLEN -

Hi, men! Sorry I missed the last edition, but yours truly had to spend some time in the hospital due to a heart attack. At present I am recovering at home and it looks like at least six more weeks taking it easy...Operator ED SCHURZ and his lovely wife, JUNE, celebrated 13 years of wedded bliss Dec. 3. Eddie says it's sure nice to have a nurse around all the time. Well, at least we know you are in good hands, and it's no wonder you look in the pink all the time...We want to wish the best to our men who just retired, JOHN KECK will be missed on Harlem Avenue. GEORGE THOMPSON on West Lawrence, too. Also Fast Track JASPER LOMBARDO who in recent years slowed down (must have been his age catching up with him finally). ERWIN JESCHKE will just relax for awhile and then travel some. Then there's Happy Woody who spent a good number of years on Harlem Avenue. WARREN WOOD retired at age 55, with service of 32 years. Woody left at once for his new home in Arizona. And FRANK MORAN, who had been operating North Milwaukee for quite some time, says now it's time to stay home and take his lovely wife here and there. Of course, we can't forget BILL BARRON who recently got married upon retiring. You're never too old—but it so happens in this case that the Barron was getting younger day by day after meeting his lovely bride. At least Bill left his

whistle to old Wilbur. He said to be sure and use it in the morning to wake the boys, so lookout...PAUL BOETTIN recently came off the sick list after quite a spell of it, but is now back and in the pink...JOHN KURINEC is the only operator who can get lost on the No. 13 Skokie run. If anyone wants to know how to reach Old Orchard by bus see John. He's good-natured about it all... Operator CHRIST PANTOS' daughter, KATHY, will be getting married in June. So finally Mr. and Mrs. Pantos will be left at home alone...CLIF LANT is already planning his vacation. Looks like he is going to take another week in Canada. He sure loves that country. I wonder if it's their strong beer...A note to our repair department—of course there's news over there, but I can't write it unless you turn it in to me...Use your Credit Union. For saving or whatever your needs are...Oops, thought I went 100 percent on our new pensioners. Can't forget former clerk FRANK CARPINO, now making his home in sunny Florida. Or our janitor, EDWARD KONKEY, Operators PETER NORRIS, EDWARD PINKOWSKI and ANDREW SCHMELTER. ROBERT EVARTS, who has been on the sick list for quite a while, has gone on disability retirement. Let's all pray he improves and can enjoy his retirement.

- W. A. Henry (Don't let him hear this)

GENERAL OFFICE (Treasury) -

Wedding bells rang out for MIKE FARRELL, bond clerk, on Saturday, Jan. 11, at St. Rene Goupil's church. The honeymoon destination is not known to us at this time... We were glad to see RAYMOND FLEMING, supervisor of office operations, back to work after minor surgery. He looks as if he is raring to go.

(Insurance) -

Belated birthday greetings are extended to HOLLY ROSCHMAN who celebrated on Dec. 23 and doesn't look a day older...WILLIAM A. ASHLEY, manager, Insurance and Pension, became a proud grandfather on Nov. 12 when his daughter, KATHY, gave birth to a baby boy named JASON ASHLEY POPE. Kathy formerly worked in the Claim Department.

(Medical) -

Dr. Stephen Mosny, manager, Medical Department, and his wife spent the holiday season with their daughter, son-in-law and grandson, STEVE, up in Boston. They also became grandparents for the second time when their daughter, KAREN, gave birth to a 5 pound baby girl on Jan. 14. Congratulations to the happy parents and grandparents...Dr. ARNOLD PECK spent the holiday season in Florida with his parents and came back sporting a beautiful tan. All play and no work...We were informed that the pet in the house of Dr. GEORGE SILER, a dog by the name of "Sissy," has devel-

oped "contact dermatitis." This came about when a new wool rug was purchased for the home. Either the dog or the rug has to go.

(Personnel) -

ARTHUR HUBACZ and his wife, BERNICE received a most pleasant surprise for the Christmas holidays when their son, ARTY, and his wife, KAREN, and baby, ARTY came in from San Francisco, Cal., for a two-week visit. Arty is in the Navy and

Service anniversaries in February

45 years

A. L. Sharpe, Internal Auditing

35 years

R. M. Paolicchi, Electrical Maint.

30 years

J. B. Daly, West Section
L. F. Dupont, Forest Glen
O. Johnson, Utility
A. H. Joost, North Section
S. Pszczola, South Shops
T. Staneck, Forest Glen
G. M. Steptoe, 52nd Street
V. Swanagain, 77th Street
E. P. Tinsey, 69th Street
F. J. Wojcik, Utility
P. Yuska, 69th Street

25 years

M. Coyle, 98th Maint. Terminal
C. Guljas, South Shops
D. J. Hartford, Archer
F. J. Hartig, Archer
J. H. Haynie, South Shops
F. Hruby, Kedzie
J. C. Kohler, Utility
T. S. Lally, Racine Maint. Terminal
J. Lewis, 77th Street
R. J. Madison, 52nd Street
M. W. Murphy, South Rail District
M. J. Price, 77th Street
M. Roche, South Shops
R. G. Rogers, District D
J. R. Smith, 69th Street
T. J. Stepp Jr., Law & Claims
R. J. Wiercioch, North Section

ll report to San Diego, Cal., in March
r a tour of duty aboard the U.S.S. Land, a
stroyer escort vessel...KATHY FABRY
der husband, RICH, material control,
okie Shop, vacationed in Acapulco in
ember. Kathy says words can't de-
scribe this paradise. After looking at their
autiful pictures, we can understand why
was so hard for them to come back.

(marketing) -

appy birthday wishes are extended to the
llowing people: VALERIE BARKER, Feb.
ANNE SUDEIKIS, Feb. 13; BETTY
AMEL, Feb. 19, and RICH WEIGEL, Feb.
...ROSEMARIE RITROVATO countered
adies Night Out! with "Ladies Night In"
Jan. 3 when she invited the Marketing
rls over for a homemade Italian dinner.
l we can say is "mmmmmm-good!"
ank you...Congratulations are extended
RICH WEIGEL who was graduated from
pyola university on Feb. 9, receiving his
asters degree in business administra-
on...DICK GILL was nominated president
Toastmasters International, Central 96
apter, for 1975...We all want to welcome
DEMARIE RITROVATO back from the
pths of the deaf.

(management Services) -

HN GRITIS, supervisor, management
rvices, became a grandfather twice on
nday, Feb. 2, when his daughter, MARY
UELLER, gave birth to a baby girl,
NDREA, weighing 7 pounds 5 ounces, and
s daughter-in-law, LOUISE GRITIS, gave
th to a baby boy, STEVEN, weighing 7
unds 7 ounces on the same day in the
me hospital, Central DuPage. John now
s seven grandchildren.

(General Administration) -

That attractive "Senorita" just back
bm a vacation in Mexico is VIRGINIA
B-GRAW, secretary
f JOHN AURAND,
meral administra-
on manager. Gin-
y, whose ancestry
ally goes back to
lin, spent 12 days
uth of the border
siting Mexico City,
xico and other
ned resorts. She
so celebrated her
lthday there. She enjoyed elegant dining
d even the tequila punch, and also took a
le on Mexico City's Metro to see how our
ltn American neighbors ride to work.
A in all, it was a ball, says Ginny.



Ginny McGraw

- Regina Doree & Ellen Neunauer

ODZIE -

ongratulations to Operator WILLIAM
ARSEN. Some friends had a party for
u upon his retirement. Everything was
at great and everyone had a good time...
Operator MEL DASHER took his pension

Feb. 1. We wish you the best of health and
happiness and a long retirement...PAM
ROGERS, daughter of Supervisor RAY
ROGERS of District B, will be getting
married on March 9 to WESLEY VAN
FLEET at the Church of God, 7801 W. 71st
street, Bridgeview...Everyone having a
birthday this month, happy birthday. To
those on the sick list we wish a speedy re-
covery and hope to see you back on the job
soon...Don't forget your credit union; save
a little each payday. Pensioner ALEX and
his wife, ANTON-
ETTE, BOMBICINO
celebrated their 66th
wedding anniversary
on Feb. 23. Alex
started as a janitor
for the old Chicago
Union Traction com-
pany in June 1903
and was at Kedzie
when he retired in
Jan. 1951, after
more than 47 years
of service. Congratulations to this won-
derful couple.



The Bombicinos

- Raymond Graham

LOOP -

Agents G. RUSIN, E. HASBROUCK and
GLADYS RUEDIGER are all back on the
job and in good health again. Welcome
back, girls...JIM GEORGE took a disability
retirement after 33 years of loyal service.
We hear he is doing well and wish him
many long years of happiness...JOSEPHINE
DILLON broke her leg and was indisposed
for quite some time. We hope she is well
on the way to recovery...DOROTHY PAR-
KER slipped on the ice and broke her
ankle in three places. She had a few weeks
at home to recuperate and returned to
work on Jan. 29. Dorothy has asked us to
thank all her friends who called and sent
cards. Your wish is our command, so
thank you all for Dorothy...BETTY RUSSO
was hospitalized for a short while but is
back with us again and feeling fine. Betty
plans to take her pension soon and hopes to
leave by March 1 to make her home in
Sarasota, Fla...MYRTLE APITZ left on
Jan. 26 to spend two glorious weeks bask-
ing in the Florida sun...MONICA LAMKE left
on Feb. 2 for a Florida holiday also. Mon-
ica plans to don her shorts and halter and
relax in the sun while she visits with her
sister and family living there...It's so very
nice to hear the cheerful voice of Miss
LOMAX, assignment agent, once again.
She was off for awhile due to surgery and
then after her recovery she became ill
again with pneumonia. Welcome back and
please stay in good health. Take those
vitamins every day...ANN CINCETTI and
her husband, HUGO, spent four weeks in
Florida and hated to come back to our
Chicago weather. Florida seems to be a
favorite vacation spot for CTA people...
Congratulations to the fellows at Forest

Glen and Congress terminals who came out
tops in safety records for the last quarter
of 1974. We are especially proud of our
rapid transit crews, who had the safest
record ever in 1974. Congratulations!...
Myrtle Apitz is very proud of her 13-year-
old grandson, JOHN SZYZEPANIAK, who
played a drum solo with members of the
Palatine Hills Junior High school band at
the Woodfield Shopping Mall. He also
played an organ solo "Red roses for a blue
lady," which happens to be Grandma Myr-
tle's favorite song...Welcome to our world
to pretty THELMA DIANE CARRUTHERS.
This mini-citizen arrived on Jan. 1. Little
Thelma has two brothers and one sister.
Agent TED CARRUTHERS is the proud
daddy. Congratulations to him and mom,
too...Retired agent WILBUR STRASSER
and his wife, HAZEL, are enjoying retire-
ment immensely. Hazel recently underwent
eye surgery, but is recovering very well...
Congratulations to Bus Operator THOMAS
CONNELLY, Archer Garage, who went on
pension Jan. 1. Tom and his lovely wife,
SOPHIE, are planning to leave the hustle
and bustle and changing weather of our
city to spend their days someplace where
the sun shines all the time. That's all
Tom will tell us about their second honey-
moon home...MILDRED DOYLE has an ex-
citing new hobby to keep her busy. She has
65 different cactus plants. If you need any
information on growing these, give her a
call as she is becoming quite an expert on
the subject...Keep smiling!

- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wiest

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT -

Last month we said "Good bye" to Lee De-
Sutter, Purchasing, who retired. Now we
begin this month with saying "Good bye" to
MARGARET KELLS, Purchasing, who re-
tired Feb. 1. The department looks pretty
empty with these two gone. JOAN
THOMAS, Purchasing, will replace Mar-
garet at her post as contract clerk II.
SHIRANI GUNAWARDANE, typist I, Stores,
departed to take on another position else-
where. Good luck, Shirani...A big hello
goes out to TOM GOGGIN, specification
engineer, and RAY BITTNER, buyer, Pur-
chasing. Both are new faces here...CHES-
TER SKORA, Stores, took a one-week va-
cation going to Palm Springs for two days,
and spending some time in Los Angeles.
He said he is against summer vacations,
but is for winter vacations in warm places.
While in Los Angeles, he survived an
earthquake and some tremors...GEORGE
LINDEN, supervisor of Storerooms, north,
has been off sick and in the hospital. We
wish a speedy recovery his way...CHUCK
SCIMECA, fork lift operator in Storeroom
42, had been off sick and has returned to
work...MIKE KORZEN sent a letter saying
he would like to hear from some of the re-
tired CTA men living around San Diego.
His address is: 2175 Wightman, Apt. 4,
San Diego, Calif. 92104...Best wishes for a

NEW PENSIONERS

JOHN BILLINGS, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 9-26-40
JOSEPH BOLECH JR., Superintendent,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 1-8-36
LEONARD BREZEK, Traffic Supvr.,
District A, Emp. 1-11-47
ARNOLD E. CARLSTROM, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 11-9-36
THOMAS CONLEY, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 8-19-36
EMIL F. DERMA, Cashier II,
Treasury, Emp. 12-3-41
LENORE DESUTTER, Contract Clerk,
Purchasing, Emp. 9-17-40
CORNELIUS DILLON, Serv. Trk. Chauff.,
Utility, Emp. 12-11-40
JOE DWORTZ, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 8-11-47
GEORGE EPHGRAVE, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 7-26-48
LAWRENCE GENTRY, Janitor,
52nd Street, Emp. 1-25-45

DOUGLAS M. HEALY, Bus Repairer,
Beverly, Emp. 2-9-51
MARGARET KELLS, Contract Clerk II,
Purchasing, Emp. 5-26-47
RUSSELL KERSHAW, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 5-25-43
SALVATORE LAMARCA, Laborer,
Plant Maintenance, Emp. 6-12-43
RUSSELL LAWSON, Motorman,
North Section, Emp. 11-29-35
FRANCIS LEFEBVRE, Adjuster I,
Law & Claims, Emp. 12-5-40
WILLARD LYONS, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 8-5-41
JOSEPH MATSIS, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 3-9-46
WILLIAM J. MIEDEMA, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 9-2-41
FRANK MORAN, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 8-22-41
WILLIAM NEHLS, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 7-14-37
AUDREY PETERSON, Stenographer V,
Maintenance, Emp. 10-24-33
ORRIN H. RENTSCHLER, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 8-19-37
ROBERT SHELTON, Collector,
Archer, Emp. 1-9-43

MISSING FROM last
month's photo gallery of
retirees with 40-plus
service years was
ANTONIO ARNIERI.
Hired Sept. 20, 1928,
he retired as chief clerk
at Limits with over 46
years' service.



GEORGE THOMPSON, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 9-15-36
TONY D. YACOVACCI, Bus Cleaner,
Forest Glen, Emp. 10-12-44

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

DOROTHY ETSCHIED, Typist II,
Schedules, Emp. 2-17-64
DONALD FREY, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 7-8-43
FAMOUS HOOKS, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 10-15-53
ANTHONY SCIARA, Unit Exch. Clerk,
Vehicle Maintenance, Emp. 7-26-50

happy retirement are sent to ART
EGGERT, who went on pension Jan. 1, after
41 years of service. An open house was
held on Dec. 27, and many friends came to
bid him farewell. Art's daughter, MURIEL
SZYKOWNY, who works in the Claim De-
partment, threw a surprise retirement
party for her dad on Jan. 11...WALTER
JUGIN also retired. We hope many happy
retirement years are ahead for MARTHA
and Whitey...JACK GUBBINS transferred
from West Shops to replace Art Eggert.
Welcome back, Jack! STEVE ZAHORA
replaced Whitey as stock clerk II in Store-
room 58, and JOHN SPRINGER replaced H.
BRANDENBURG as stock clerk II in Store-
room 15...We would like to keep our New
Year's resolution of bringing in the news.
Let's hear from more of you.

- Priscilla Kamradt

MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

Hi! Here we are into the second month of
the new year--time is really flying! The
TED CARRUTHERS family started 1975 off
right with a baby daughter born New Year's
day. She weighed in at 7 pounds 7 ounces
and her name is THELMA DIANE...Mid-
night Agent MIKE MANSO's daughter,
ERMILDA, became engaged on Christmas
eve to a law student from Northwestern.
Ermilda is a student at the Circle Campus.
...HELEN GUTH, with whom I work at Jef-
ferson Park had a week's vacation. Also
JOHN CAROLAN was on a two-week vaca-
tion and while he was gone, LEONARD
KUKOWINSKI was chief clerk at Jeff. JOE
MARCUS also had a two-week vacation but
his whole family was ill and Joe had to be
chief cook and bottle washer. He even said
he was getting to like his own cooking.

ANN CINCETTI was on vacation and she
and her husband, HUGO, went to Florida
and on a Caribbean cruise from Port Ever-
glades which included San Juan, Puerto
Rico; St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, and Mon-
tego Bay in Jamaica. A giant ocean liner
was their home and supplied them with all
the comforts and entertainment. The chef
on board was Italian and Ann said the food
was superb. On their return to Port Ever-
glades, they visited friends in Lauderdale
Lakes, and the four of them drove to Disney
World, then back to Miami for dinner and
to see the beautiful Paris Revue at the
Americana hotel. A cruise always sounds
like a very nice way to spend a vacation,
but I'm afraid of water--deep water that
is...DOROTHY PARKER was home for
five weeks after she broke her ankle the
Friday before Christmas. So she had a
cast on her leg for the holidays...Well,
that's all the news I have for now. I am
back to work now at Jefferson Park No. 4
window if you have any news. I also make
the reliefs in the afternoon at all the B
stops to Damen avenue on the Kennedy.
Hope we have more news next month.

- Rita Daublin

NORTH AVENUE -

A great big HELLO to everyone!...As if
it's not cold enough here, Retired Clerk
TOM HICKEY took himself up to Alaska.
Knowing how he is about being cold, he
probably remains a human ice cube 24
hours a day...Pensioner AXEL WINDFELD
and his wife, ZORA, headed to Spain for a
six-week vacation. From Torremolinos,
Spain, they took a hydrofoil ship to Tan-
gier, Morocco. That's the land of camels,
snake charmers and narrow streets...Now

that Superintendent WARD CHAMBERLAIN
and his wife, MARGE, are back from a
week in Florida, their entire family, chil-
dren and grandchildren all decided to com-
down with the flu. After all, the doc-
tors want to go on a vacation, too, doesn't he
...My daughter, TOMI, was very disap-
pointed that she missed seeing Retiree
Forest Glen Operator TURPIN when the
both stopped by the office for a short visit
last week. When she was going to high
school he was her favorite operator...
Devon-Cicero. She said to give you her
best regards, Turp...Speaking of daughters,
yours truly is looking forward to becoming
a grandpa, again, about the middle of April
...To those of you who are celebrating
birthdays or anniversaries this month, we
extend our heartiest congratulations...With
this column I am going to leave this field
of amateur journalism and turn the whole
works over to my most efficient co-reporter,
AARON PRUITT. I know that he will be
able to continue doing a very capable
job of reporting the news for you every
month. I have more than enjoyed being the
station reporter for the last three years
but find it necessary to give it up at this
time. To all of you, thanks so much for
giving me something to write about each
month. I would still like to continue hear-
ing from you and will give Aaron any pos-
sible assistance, or news, that I can. So
goodbye for now, see you all purty soon.

- Walter Ellis & Aaron Pruitt

NORTH PARK -

The North Park Credit Union annual busi-
ness meeting was held on Friday, Jan.
10, at River Park Fieldhouse. Dividends of
7 percent were declared and refreshment

were served. Elected to the board of directors were JERRY BUDZICZ and EDWARD GOTTERT. HOMER REED, FRANK KOZIOL and MEL HORNING were elected to the credit committee. The following won prizes: THERESA SULLIVAN, JOAN SEINBERG, HELEN BAKER, BEVERLY KRZEWSKI, MARY STEINBEISS, ISABEL GOTTERT, BARBARA BRUNO, HAZEL RENTSCHLER, FLORENCE KOZIOL, MONICA AYOTTE, SUE HUTNIK, MARTIN SULLIVAN, DANNY SULLIVAN, ROBERT KESSLER, LEE CHERRY, WILLIAM KIEB, WILLIAM STEINSPRING, ROBERT VAN DIVER, LEO STERN, EDWARD SENZEL, LEONARD GIBBS, JEFF MORE, GERALD LOCKRIDGE, JAMES KARNEY, MARTIN BAKKA, WALTER SEINBEISS, WILLIAM LARSON, PETER WILMSEN, LEN BAEUCHLER, LEWIS JOHNSON, STANLEY ZALE, GEORGE SLOICKI, PAT DALEY, SEYMOUR HFFMAN, MARCELUS WILLIAMSON, JIM KARASEK, ALLEN WADE, ROBERT BROWN, PHIL TULLY, JULIUS MERTZ, L. MORRIS and TOM CHIVANO...Operator LE ROY CARR and his wife, LOUISE, blame grandparents for the second time when their son, THOMAS, and daughter-in-law, STEPHENIE, became parents of a daughter named MAIA KRISTINA, born on Nov. 25 at Northglenn, Co., hospital weighing 6 pounds 11 ounces...SAM POSNER has returned to work after being off for eye surgery and is now a foot collector at Union Station. IRVING SHER is now working as a ticket agent after returning to work following a period of inactivity...The North Park personnel wish a complete recovery to Scribe WILBUR HENRY of Forest Glen who is hospitalized at this writing...Pensioner WALTER LINDEMANN, whose address is: Rt. 2-412 Raintree St., Dunnellon, Fla. 3350, would like to hear from his Chicago friends. Stop by and greet him when you are traveling through Florida...Pensioner JOE GRASSI, whose address is: 1229 Tacker, Des Plaines, Ill. 60016, is now bedridden with arthritis and heart trouble as a card or visit would be appreciated...Pensioner WENRICK (Blackie) NELSON of Maitain Home, Ark., along with his wife, MYELLE, were the subject of a two-page article in the Rural Arkansas Magazine when Wenrick's many hobbies being displayed in color photos. The Nelsons have a thriving gift shop and driftwood business near Lake Norfolk...Pensioner JOHN GUZADO has a new address: 250 Parliament Ave, Mt. Prospect, Ill. 60056, and is comfortably settled in his new home, where he invites his many friends to stop by for a visit...The following gentlemen have begun retired life: Box Puller CHARLES DDOOK and Operators RALPH ILLION, WALTER UHLEMANN, HENRY SCHRAMM, JOHN BRIDMACH and BEN WENMANN. Everyone at North Park would like to take the opportunity to wish these fine fellows many long years of health and happiness...Our congratulations to JERRY BLAKE who

My Name Is Dan Perk--and this is how it was

"That's my father, Dan Palosh, otherwise known as No. 8 in this photo. And this is the system's 1927 football, no basketball, no... tug of war team. It won the championship, so it must have had good pull somewhere. The other members of the squad, left to right: M. Deljanin, now retired, who has a daughter working in CTA's South Shops; P. Brinitvic; G. Church; L. Sargo; G. Rancich; S. Ivich; M. Kamenjarin; P. Fielding. The coach, at front, was J. W. Hewitt. Most of these men grew old together and quit only when they could no longer pull a rope. My father was a member of the CTA family for 46 years." (Thanks to Dan Perk, treasurer, who is paraphrased, to some extent, above.)



is now chief clerk at North Park where he replaced RAY SIMON. Jerry is a very congenial person who keeps an open door for anyone with questions or problems that need solving...Our sympathy and condolences are extended to the families of Operator IGNACIO APONTE, Pensioner LOUIS SCHWARTZ, PATRICK SULLIVAN, Operator GEORGE HARRIS on the loss of his son, and to Operator HAROLD BASON on the loss of his mother-in-law, MRS. RUBINA THOMPSON...Supervisor ALLEN LICHTER will be an instructor beginning Feb. 3 and congratulations are extended to him on his new position.

Repair Department Chit Chat: Serviceman TOM CHIOVINO became a father for the first time when his wife, GLADYS, gave birth to a son they named THOMAS Jr., born Dec. 11 at Edgewater hospital, weighing 7 pounds 13 ounces...Repairman JOSE CARRION and his wife, JOAN, became parents of their third child when a daughter named JEANNETTE was born Jan. 10 at Northwest hospital weighing 6 pounds 2 ounces...Repairman FRANK SIBLEY retired on Jan. 1 and was honored with a bash at the garage with several gifts being presented to him...The welcome mat is extended to Serviceman JOE WEBER and Repairman ANDRES DEJESUS. . . Enjoying February vacations at this time are the following: PAUL SCHREVES, ROBERT VAN DER MIER, DONALD SPARKS, MARTY DAWSON, DAVID KOWALSKI and MIKE HIGGINS.

- Melvin Horning

OPERATIONS PLANNING (Schedules) -

We were well represented at the recent credit union party. Lucky winners included HARRY HIRSCH, RICHARD A. MITCHELL, JOE RITROVATO, KAY BATINA, WILLIE SCOTT and two pensioners, GEORGE HANUS and CHARLIE KEELER...DOROTHY ETSCHIED became a grandmother for the second time when her daughter-in-law gave birth to a baby boy. Congratulations to all...Sympathy of the department is extended to the family of GEORGE BRYAN, pensioner, who recently passed away. George lived in California for many years. Sympathy is also extended to the family of

BEN ALSTON, recently retired, who passed away.

(Routes & Systems) -

TOM PRENDERGAST, who worked part time this past summer in R & S, has returned as a full-time employee. Tom is a senior transit planner...FRANK MISEK attended a four-day Transportation Research Board meeting in Washington, D.C...We are sorry to say goodbye to BARBARA REED who is leaving the company. During her short time with us Barb added a spark to the office with her cheerfulness. Good luck in your new venture...HOWARD BENN is doing something else besides Roller Curtain Signs now. He is on jury duty for a couple of weeks.

(Passenger Controls) -

BOB SCHAGEMAN at this writing is recuperating at home from surgery...JOAN HARRISON believes in exciting weekends like going skiing in Lake Geneva for the first time. As Joan came down the hill you could hear her echo "HELP!"...RON SKOCZ is looking at new cars since he demolished his on top of a fire hydrant. One thing Ron learned is that hydrants are not cheap (neither are cars).

- Kay Batina & Betty Pazkowski

SKOKIE SHOPS -

As the old saying goes, "A good time was had by all," and although Jan. 24 was a rainy night the weather didn't keep anyone from attending the retirement dinner for JOSEPH BOLECH, superintendent of rail vehicle maintenance. Joe retired Feb. 1 after 39 years with CTA. His son, daughter-in-law, grandchildren, sisters and a host of friends were there to extend their best wishes to Joe and LOUVERNE for a very happy and healthy retirement. But, the nicest surprise of all--Joe's dad was there to witness the occasion of his son's retirement. Not every father is accorded that honor. JOSEPH BOLECH Sr. was carpenter shop foreman at the old West Shops until his retirement. We were also real pleased to see three of our retired superintendents from Skokie, GORDON ANDER-

SON, ED HENDRICKSON and LES REICHARD. And what a great pleasure to see some of our retired Shop men such as CLARENCE GOLZ, ED MAY, and LEO KAJPUST. We can't forget to mention GEORGE CLARK, DAVID FLYNN and PETER MENARDI who came out to extend their best wishes, too. A great big thanks to the committee who worked so diligently to make the party such a great success. So, to BEA SUSMAN, FRAN LOUWARD and EVERETT and MARCELLA ENGLAND, a big pat on the back from all of us. When's the next party?...Although it's farewell to Joe, we welcome JAMES PANKONEN, our new superintendent, and hope his years at Skokie Shop will be very enjoyable...Do you know what is the next best thing to being a proud new father? A proud new uncle, and that's just what JACK HRUBY of Production Supply Control is. Jack's sister, CAROL, and her husband, TOM ALLEN, became the proud parents of a bouncing baby boy on Jan. 25, weighing in at 7 pounds 11 ounces, answering to the name DAVID THOMAS. Of course, KATHY GRAYBIEL, Production Supply Control, who is little David's aunty-to-be, is just as excited about his arrival. I bet she can hardly wait to hold him and help take care of him. Congratulations to all of you... Congratulations and happy anniversary are in order for LITA CAUSEY, Production Supply Control, and her husband, COY, Signal Department, and your co-reporter MARY HENDRICKSON, Rail Vehicle Maintenance, and her husband, ED, Retired Superintendent of Skokie Shop, who all celebrated their 26th wedding anniversaries on Jan. 22... Congratulations to LOUIE KARIOLICH, Control Department, and his wife, RUBY, who also celebrated a wedding anniversary, but theirs was the 37th and the date was Jan. 12...Welcome back to DON VILLA who returned to Skokie Shop after working at Springfield Shop for many months...Would you believe the Control Department has a real magician, WILLIAM PIRNEJAD, better known as "the Camel." I have seen some of his magic, but his best trick is making food disappear. Welcome to the department, Bill...When you think of WALTER ONYSIO, Truck Shop, refer to him as the man of many talents. He not only is the veteran star shortstop for the Skokie Shop softball team, but he has added a new talent to the list--that of bandleader. Although a lot of us didn't hear the music or witness his performance, the story is that he led the Niles West High school band in playing the Notre Dame Fight Song, and he did a great job. The band was here for the State of the Art Car dedication on Jan. 23 and provided some beautiful music for the occasion... Well, guys and dolls, that's all for this month, and our call for this month isn't too much. So, how about bringing in the news as it occurs, so we're well represented in the magazine every month.

- Mary Hendrickson & Pat Hansen

SOUTH SECTION -

Wow, it's February. Spring can't be far behind...We had three men from Ashland take their pensions Jan. 1 and all the men at Ashland got together and we had a nice send-off with rolls and coffee for Motorman WILLIAM BROPHY, Switchman EDWARD MCGUIRE and Janitor MICHAEL CARUSO. A token of remembrance was



McGuire, Caruso, Christ and Brophy

presented to each man from their co-workers by Superintendent STAN CHRIST. All through the day many people came over to congratulate the new retirees. Also a couple of our pensioners came out--Retired Superintendent of Agents LEO BIEN, who wishes to say "hello" to all his old friends, and Retired Former President of Division 308 JOHN BURNS, who was his usual jolly self. Everyone is going to miss the three men. We wish them long, healthy and enjoyable retired lives...Our first women conductors to start motor training on the South Section are MARILYN JACKSON and SAUNDRA WATKINS. Good luck, gals. We all know you will do a good job...Much good luck is wished Motorman LOUIS GALIMORE, who had been on the sick list for many months and recently was transferred to janitor, Maintenance Department. Glad to see you back working...Conductor JOHN KALTSAS was beaming from ear to ear when he told us about becoming a grandpa for the second time when his daughter, JO ANN, had a little baby boy named BRADLEY J. MILLER on Jan. 17... Back to their posts and off the sick list--and we're sure glad to welcome them back--are: Conductors JOHN FELT and ROBERT SHARP, and Clerk ERVIN HARMON...Conductor MANUAL THOMAS decided to join the ranks of the married and he and DELORES HUDSON were united in holy wedlock at St. Dorothy's church on Dec. 28. Much happiness is wished the newlyweds...Agent SAUNDRA MITCHELL called and she is so happy and proud of her husband, ED, who recently received another promotion and now is superintendent of methods, standards, safety and inspection. Congratulations, Ed! Sandra and Ed made it a big celebration by combining his promotion with their 21st wedding anniversary by having a big party at Shanghai Lil's restaurant...Conductor DELORES QUINN, who went through a terrible ordeal when her apartment building

burned down and she lost everything wishes to thank the Pathfinder Social Club for their generous donation of \$100. She said that all the CTAers have such big hearts when someone has troubles...Received a nice letter from Mrs. ALFRE GRABE, widow of the late motorman, who lives in Mountain Home, Ark. She said that Retired Motorman VINCENT PRINSKI and his wife, who live down there, say "hello." Vincent had surgery recently, but is doing fine now and bowling again. Also she said Retired Motorman CHARLES McMORRO quite a bit and he is getting along good to Mrs. Grabe is planning to move back Chicago later this year because she has always loved Chicago...Our 95th Street men are proud as punch about breaking the commendation-complaint par by having more commendations than complaints as they all had free coffee on Feb. 5. Congratulations 95thers...At this writing Yaw Foreman JOSEPH PUGH was on the sick list for a few weeks. Hurry up and get well Joe...Good news--Mrs. RICHARD MEINER, who has been ill and in the hospital because of a broken hip, is now home recuperating. Her daughter, LOIS, told us she is doing just fine. Mrs. Meinert is the widow of our retired station superintendent...Passenger commendations keep rolling in--a sure sign our South Siders are doing a good job. Conductor CLINT HOLMES was commended for returning passenger's lost check; Conductor KNC REEVES was commended for his distinct and clear announcements, and Conductor MICHAEL HANDSON was commended for his quick action when a woman had her purse stolen and he pursued the offender. It was to no avail, but the woman commended him for his help...Received the nicest letter from Retired Towerman ELMER PIPKORN and his Missus who live in Leisure World Community, Laguna Hills, Cal. As you can see, Elmer looks just terrific and enjoys living in California. He and his Missus and his two sisters are going to take a trip to Hawaii shortly. Boy that pension life is really something!...Received a lovely call from Retired Conductor FRANK PONZIANO. He and his wife were in from their home in Grand Marsh, Wis., over the holidays to see some of their children. Frank says he feels pretty good now. "Hello" to our newly-hired conductors! all gals: FRANKIE SUMMERS, PATRICIA RHODEN, CHERYLE WASHINGTON, LORNA HARRIS and ELREE JONES...Retired Conductor PAUL DUCAR and his Missus said they just love California and have settled down in a mobile home in Lompoc and are very happy...Saw a couple of my old agent friends recently when



Elmer Pipkorn

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

JOSEPH ARNONE, 68, Campaign Area,
Emp. 1-1-41, Died 12-10-74
ETER J. BARRY, 82, 77th Street,
Emp. 9-2-13, Died 12-28-74
LARENCE BIRMINGHAM, 82, 61st St.,
Emp. 3-22-19, Died 12-30-74
EO A. BLAIN, 80, 77th Street,
Emp. 5-13-25, Died 12-25-74
ALPH BRAMLET, 72, Beverly,
Emp. 3-21-27, Died 12-25-74
ENRY BRANDENBERG, 58, Stores,
Emp. 8-27-51, Died 1-3-75
ESLIE BYRNES, 69, West Section,
Emp. 12-16-46, Died 11-23-74
ATRICK CARLIN, 92, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 11-6-05, Died 12-8-74
AMES W. CARROLL, 86, North Avenue,
Emp. 6-22-22, Died 12-9-74
JOSEPH CHROSTOSKI, 69, South Shops,
Emp. 7-8-47, Died 12-16-74
ILLIAM COLEMAN, 64, Utility,
Emp. 12-6-41, Died 12-14-74
UCIEN CONTANT, 65, 77th Street,
Emp. 8-11-41, Died 12-7-74
LARENCE CRAWLEY, 76, 77th Street,
Emp. 3-13-23, Died 12-2-74
ARY DOODY, 93, North Section,
Emp. 7-29-29, Died 12-9-74
CIL DUGAN, 74, 69th Street,
Emp. 6-6-44, Died 12-31-74

GEORGE EVANS, 66, Beverly,
Emp. 8-14-41, Died 11-25-74
WALTER E. FINNEGAN, 76, North Sec.,
Emp. 10-21-25, Died 11-2-74
LUCILLE E. FORDE, 82, North Section,
Emp. 6-24-37, Died 12-18-74
THOMAS GRIFFIN, 75, Lake Street,
Emp. 5-22-26, Died 12-20-74
EDWARD HOFF, 45, District D,
Emp. 1-23-58, Died 1-28-75
WALTER JASTREBSKI, 70, South Shops,
Emp. 3-13-23, Died 12-27-74
GEORGE JOHNSON, 75, Const. & Maint.,
Emp. 4-11-16, Died 12-13-74
MICHAEL KANLEY, 88, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 10-21-19, Died 11-27-74
RAY W. KEITH, 76, West Section,
Emp. 5-19-45, Died 12-21-74
PAUL KOLKAU, 88, Armitage,
Emp. 5-9-16, Died 12-21-74
FLORIAN KOZICKI, 56, Archer,
Emp. 9-9-42, Died 1-29-75
BERNARD KUPINSKI, 76, Forest Glen,
Emp. 1-6-23, Died 12-30-74
PHYLLISS MANSON, 31, South Section,
Emp. 7-14-71, Died 12-31-74
RAMON MARTINEZ, 24, Limits,
Emp. 10-16-72, Died 1-16-75
CLYDE MOBLEY, 87, South Section,
Emp. 7-31-47, Died 12-28-74

JOSEPH MULVANEY, 71, North Section,
Emp. 11-19-25, Died 12-20-74
WALTER NOWOSIELSKI, 71, Wilson,
Emp. 10-23-47, Died 12-8-74
PATRICK O'TOOLE, 79, Lawndale,
Emp. 1-26-26, Died 12-6-74
CHARLES RONEY, 80, West Section,
Emp. 8-16-20, Died 12-17-74
JAMES SANDS, 73, Track,
Emp. 10-4-29, Died 12-23-74
HARRY SCHOFIELD, 73, Beverly,
Emp. 4-18-27, Died 12-2-74
LOUIS SCHWARTZ, 67, North Park,
Emp. 5-19-43, Died 12-7-74
MARTIN SIZE, 81, 69th Street,
Emp. 4-24-17, Died 12-27-74
JOHN STEGEMANN, 68, 77th Street,
Emp. 3-29-34, Died 12-12-74
JOHN TAYLOR, 67, West Section,
Emp. 7-28-44, Died 12-28-74
LOUIS TIGNAC, 62, Forest Glen,
Emp. 12-22-42, Died 12-3-74
EDWARD TOWEY, 83, 77th Street,
Emp. 7-20-43, Died 12-24-74
JOSEPH VALENTA, 87, North Avenue,
Emp. 8-6-18, Died 12-17-74
GEORGE WALKER, 68, South Shops,
Emp. 3-13-51, Died 11-1-74
EDWARD ZELLINGER, 84, Chicago Ave.,
Emp. 9-24-19, Died 12-14-74

as voting day: BESSOLA JAMES, MIL-
VE BEATTY and VELMA HUSBAND. It
as like old home week for us. I don't see
much of my gal agent friends since
working at Ashland, so it was good to see
them...Heard from Retired Supervisor DON
and GEN MURPHY, who live in New Port
Chey, Fla. They were up here in Chicago
recently, but had just missed us at work.
They could only stay a short time, so they
promised next time they'll stick around to
see all their old friends.

- Verma Hartley

SOUTH SHOPS -

It me start off by apologizing to everyone
for not handing in January's news on time.
Here's the January and February together...
The annual South Shops Christmas party
was held at O'Connell's. Everyone had a
good time and we really will never forget
this party...The South Shops would like to
wish MARTHA JUGIN a very happy retirement.
Both Martha and her husband,
VITEY, retired on Jan. 1. A retirement
dinner was held on Friday, Dec. 27, in her
honor at Sharko's East. We wish you the
best...Congratulations to DENISE COX on
being godmother to STEVEN WILLIAM
LABAHN. Steven is the proud son of JOHN
and KATHY LABAHN. He weighed in at
pounds 3 ounces on Jan. 13. Kathy is
formerly of Plant Maintenance and her dad
is BILL MOSER, an area superintendent.
Congrats to JIM FELTZ and his bowling

team for being in first place at the end of
the half. On the team is LENNY WIEN-
CEK's brother, AMARILLO. And who else
would sponsor this team but a local lounge,
Jocko's...Happy 60th birthday to ERNIE
FELTZ, Jim's dad and a collector out of
Archer. His wife, FRAN, held a surprise
party for him and invited close friends and
relatives...TOM ALFRED will be leaving
soon for a vacation in Mexico. The word is
that he is looking for a partner to share the
expenses. Any volunteers?...We may have
a future recording artist in the office.
Lenny Wiencek is taking guitar lessons.
Just call him Lenny Lightfoot. His current
song is "Pop Goes the Weasel"...Congrats
to GAIL HATHAWAY on becoming an aunt
on Jan. 11. Her nephew is ROY CHARLES
HATHAWAY Jr. The proud parents are
ROY and BARB. Roy Junior's uncle,
GARY, works at Archer Garage...BILL
HAWORTH and his daughter, SANDY, were
the perfect father and daughter at Mother
McAuley High school's annual father and
daughter dance held on Jan. 22. I hear they
kept the Martini popping until the wee
hours of the morning...Our congratulations
to JOE BOLECH who retired Feb. 1. A re-
tirement party was held on Jan. 24, at Bob
and Allen's Regency Inn in his honor. We
wish you the best of luck Mr. Bolech. And
also your wife...LEWIS of the Paint Shop
should be proud of his children, BEVERLY
and STEVEN, who are members of the
Chicago children's choir. They appear on
Channel 11 and Channel 5 occasionally.
Also they will be featured in concert with

the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in Orches-
tra Hall on Feb. 11, March 4 and March 11.
Beverly is to be confirmed into the Lu-
theran faith on Palm Sunday. Congratu-
lations!...Congratulations also to WILLIE
PICKETT of the office on becoming a grand-
father on Jan. 26. His daughter and son-in-
law, DENISE and DANELL WILLIAMS, are
the proud parents of a 7½-pound son, TEL-
LIS DANELL. Willie sure doesn't look
old enough to be a granddad.

Congratulations go out to a very proud
grandfather, HAROLD KREUGER, whose
first grandchild arrived in January. The
baby, KENNETH MICHAEL PETERS,
weighed 6 pounds 2 ounces...Another proud
grandfather amongst our fellow workers
here is Painter ROBERT BURNS. Bobby
is used to it by now; his 9 pound 6 ounce
grandson, JIMMY, was his eighth grand-
child...All of us here at the South Shops
are wishing and praying for the speedy re-
covery of Carpenter PAUL BROTT. Paul
is in the intensive care unit at St. Francis
hospital...Get well wishes go out to JOE
SIRVID and CARL POST, both of the Brake
Department...It sure is nice to see the
smiling face of BUTCH ELLERBECK back
on the job after his recent illness...Con-
gratulations are in order for the following
men who joined the journeymen's ranks
recently: OSCAR LANDOR, DAVID MAL-
DEN and ROBERT BURNS...As I walked
into the Paint Shop recently, it struck me
what a beautiful job the fellows over there
are doing repainting our buses in the

"Spirit of 76" theme. What really impressed me was watching the talented KENNY POTT and LEE WILKINS lending their artistic touch to the buses. Keep up the good work, fellas...A little sport item was given to me as I was writing this. Anyone interested in joining FRANK KLINE's Bay 6 Olympics, contact Frank in the Electrical Department. The field of events includes garbage can jumping, wastebasket free throwing, milk carton punting, and shooting the bull...Electrician MIKE KEELE just returned from a week's vacation at the magic kingdom in Florida... Mechanic STANLEY PSZCZOLA, "better known as Pepsi-Cola," celebrates 30 years of service with the CTA this month...Congratulations go out to CTA employees JAMES J. ROCHE and JAMES H. HAYNIE on their recent promotions to the Cook County Council of AmVets. Mr. Roche is the new commander and Mr. Haynie is the new senior vice commander. This gives AmVets a great 1-2 punch in leadership for the local area...And in closing this month, Mechanic BILL PANEK found out the best way to avoid hitting his thumb with a hammer--Bill doesn't bother to use his hammer any more.

- Jeanne Diehl & Lawrence Bernas

TRANSPORTATION (Utility) -

Pensioner ALBERT SCHMIDT, who now makes his home in Trevor, Wis., paid us a visit here at Blue Island...JULIUS KUTA, with 38 years service, and ANTHONY CANDELA, with 33 years service, joined the ranks of the retired on Jan. 1. Pensioners WILLIAM MOOG, who spends his time baby sitting, CASEY DeBOER, who was enroute to Florida from Minnesota, and LARRY LINDNER were on hand to wish the new pensioners a happy and healthy retired life...PAT PORCELIUS and his wife vacationed in Phoenix and Las Vegas during the holiday season...Our deepest sympathy to the family of Pensioner WILLIAM G. COLEMAN who passed away in Miami, Fla., and was buried in Mt. Olive, Ill.

- Colette Szeghancak

WEST SECTION -

Here are a few lines from the old timer. I'm letting everyone in on a little secret, I dye my hair grey just so I can look like JIM LANE, MARK FIORE, ART NEWMAN and JIM HOOD. Now you take RUDY PTACIN, GEORGE WOODMORE and ROBERT CRAWFORD, they must use some other kind of color for they will never get grey...STEVEN JONES came to my house to tune my car up and he did a fine job. The next day he was telling everyone that I greeted him with a white sheet over my head and locked him in the garage so no one could see him. Even if he was right, he didn't have to tell...Oh how wrong we all were, When JOHN CIMMERER left,

we thought it would be so quiet. Well, C. SMYLYE hasn't stopped talking since and he is even louder...ARTHUR (Jerry) BOYLAN, one of our finest men, took his pension Jan. 1 and will be sorely missed. He headed the Lake Street Credit Union for years and what a wonderful man he was to do business with. When they called him Friendly Jerry they weren't kidding. So, Jerry, I do hope you and your wife, CATHERINE, have many more healthful and happy years together...LOU PAYNE, my writing partner, distorts the news once in a while and I want to put everyone straight about my near drowning. It was I who saved JOHN McCARTY and my wife, ROSE, from going down. Have you ever heard of any one with as much hot air as myself drowning. So, from now on, Lou, let's start telling the truth like I do...Saw JAMIE GORDON and "Sugar Bear" WILLIAMS switching on the South Side and by gosh it's doing them good for they look like twin Good Year blimps. It must be that good South Side cooking...When Jerry left, COLEMAN and ODOMS took over collecting money for the coffee. If you think CIMMERER and BOYLAN were bad, these two will surely put you in a cement kimono if you don't put money in the can...Heard that JOE GRIFFIN from the South Side is in the hospital and we all hope he has a fast recovery from his illness...Sorry to report to you on the death of LEROY HASLAM, one of our finest switchmen. And I'm sure we all agree that he was one of the nicest guys around. Everyone sends their condolences to his widow and family...Guess what I saw? One of our new lady conductors breaking in as a motorwoman. The only thing that gets me angry is that the CTA waited until I was too darn old to appreciate them...Now here is some good news to report. Lake Street Credit Union will now give 6 percent on your money. It is the best you can get for your dollar. And if you want to get old Grouchy McCARTY to smile, just bring in money. You young fellows especially should join and watch your money grow...To all you beautiful people who read this column, thank you and so long.

- Santo Sciallano & Lou Payne

69TH STREET -

The biggest news this month at 69th was when COLUMBUS GRAY bumped his best buddy, HOWARD MEANS, for his late run on 63rd Street. Gray said the reason he did it was that his wife wanted him home and in bed when she got there...I saw Pensioner WILLIE FAHEY, who has been on pension for 15 years, and he really looks great. He is now 80 years old...Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Pensioned Operator V.W. BELSKIS who passed away, and to the family of CHESTER M. BIRD who also passed away. Chester was a retired loader and former motorman at Cottage Grove... Superintendent VIC

COLEMAN served the fellows at the station a beautiful whipped cream cake celebration of his 30th year with CTA Dec. 18...SCOTTY HIGGINS said if MICKEY YOUNG would have bought a drink at the annual credit union meeting, he this year at the Rosewood Inn, had a water fountain been working. The turn this year was great. At one table the Irish had it with BOB WHEELER and his wife, Pensioner and Mrs. E. MULVANEY, P. LALLY, M. HENEHAN and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. T. MULVEY. At another table F. HIGGINS and his wife sat with JOHN HEAVEY and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. ED TIERNEY, STEVE CZERNIAK, JOE BUTLER, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, GEORGE LAPHAM, JOHN DUBINSKI with them just to get the feel of things...another beautiful table sat Mr. and Mrs. PAUL ALEXANDER, Mr. and Mrs. A. BERT HYMEL, Mr. and Mrs. CHARL HAYES, Mr. and Mrs. WALTER MONROE, and Mr. and Mrs. ARTHUR FRAZIER, wife and I sat with all the bad actors retired: JOE DENNESAITES, "Rubi Legs" COYLE, "Bad Eye" KELLEY, WILLIAM (Pappy) YEATMAN, H.C. (Howe) SANGER and JOHN MORNAR. All members of the credit committee and board of directors were re-elected: TOM COOK, MELVIN TURNER, JOE KOVATZ and TOM RILEY. Some of the raffish winners were: JOHN MORNAR, LEON MORRIS, Mrs. VICTOR (Winnie) COLEMAN, JAMES HOPKINS, DONALD JOHNSON, JEATH MORRIS, Instructor JOE JOHNSON, Pensioner PETE ALESSI, P. WILLIAMS, Pensioner MATT BAS, CAREY JOHNSON, ART JOE, EDWARD MEYER, ALONZO WINFREY, Mrs. P. LALLY. Everyone really enjoyed the meeting, especially the six percent interest now being given on savings...Please, if you can, drop your news in my mail box.

From the repair department we extend our deepest sympathy to the family of HENRY BRANDENBURG who passed away. He was formerly worked at 69th before going to South Shops...We wish Pensioner I. LEMERY down in Arkansas a speedy recovery from his recent illness, and to NEIL CROWLEY who is on the sick list... Heard from Pensioners THORPE and GUS PAVELKA who are doing great, and also from LUKE MORLEY and his lovely wife who are enjoying the retired life in Florida...We wish TONY VANDENBURG, HOWIE SANGER and ANNE KOHLSTEDT, who recently retired, many years of health and happiness...JIM CASEY and VINCE ONDRIAS are enjoying well deserved vacations at this time in southern Florida...JOHN HEAVEY is looking good and enjoying his retired life...We would like to wish Pensioner JOHN PAVELKA who is in the hospital a speedy recovery. John was formerly a clerk in the repair department at 69th and 77th Street.

- Art Bessing & Jimmy Alton

cta window

WHITE HOUSE AIDE Stanley C. Scott said he would "not take anything" for the experience he had as a CTA bus driver. Scott spoke about his CTA days on a recent Chicago visit to address a journalists group.

"Driving a bus gave me the opportunity to meet people close up - made me realize that people are basically people, whether they're black or white or belong to another ethnic group, they share the same human feelings. Being a driver has also given me an appreciation for transportation problems in 1975; specifically in inner cities."

Scott got his college degree in journalism and worked for the Memphis World and the Atlanta Daily World. He was the first black reporter hired by United Press International in New York and was a reporter with WINS, the all news Westinghouse station in New York from 1967-1971. He has worked in the White House since 1971.



FOR NO SMOKING: Milton Pikarsky (left), CTA Chairman, accepts the First Annual Award of Honor Citation of the Illinois Interagency Council on Smoking and Health from Rothwell C. Polk, Council president. The citation honors the CTA for its multi-lingual card campaign against smoking displayed on CTA buses and 'L' trains. The award was presented in Pikarsky's CTA office.



Backstage at the Drury Lane, Motorman Donny Reeves of Congress terminal (second from right) meets Actress Vera Miles, center, whom he and his guest, Betty Gatewood (right), had just seen in the play "Finishing Touches" - a proper finishing touch to Reeves' "Night On The Town For Two" won in our Interstation Safety Contest. Also present at the dinner/theatre were Bill Sholdice of Personnel Development, who directs the ISC, and his wife, Nancy, who also works for CTA - in our library.

New Bus Service (Continued)

with a doctor's visit at Northwestern Memorial hospital or need to make a business call at the John Hancock Center.

The manager of a furniture showroom in the Merchandise Mart said, "I think the idea is fantastic. Before, there was no way to get my business done without taking a cab."

An advertising executive en route from the John Hancock Center to the Merchandise Mart said, "The new route is considerably less expensive and is about as fast as a cab."

For the owner of a children's wear showroom, the bus provides door to door service from home to work.

"In the past I've had to take a roundabout way -- take the No. 151 Sheridan down to State street to catch the

No. 149 Stateliner. This saves 15 minutes," he said.

Then there are riders who make connections from the No. 151 Sheridan or No. 153 Wilson-Michigan at Michigan and Chicago avenue to get to and from the Merchandise Mart.

All in all, the new Water Tower bus route not only gives Chicagoans a chance to touch the history of Chicago but is also proving to be fun, fast, and inexpensive.

Serving Lower Michigan avenue between South Water street and Grand avenue, two more bus routes were instituted the same day as the No. 125.

Connecting commuter stations with the near north side in rush hours are the No. 120 North Western/Wacker Express and the No. 121 Union/Wacker Express.

what's news

New TA for Mr. P

-- The 'R' Becomes Official



"I'll be there by February 1," said Milton Pikarsky a month earlier when informed of his election as chairman of the Regional Transportation Authority. He made it on January 31 at a swearing-in ceremony during the RTA Board meeting. Administering the oath of office is Chief Judge John S. Boyle. Said Pikarsky: "... I am impressed with the ability and dedication of the members of this Board in their approach to the problems involved... I want to be judged by my performance, and I am confident of the verdict..."

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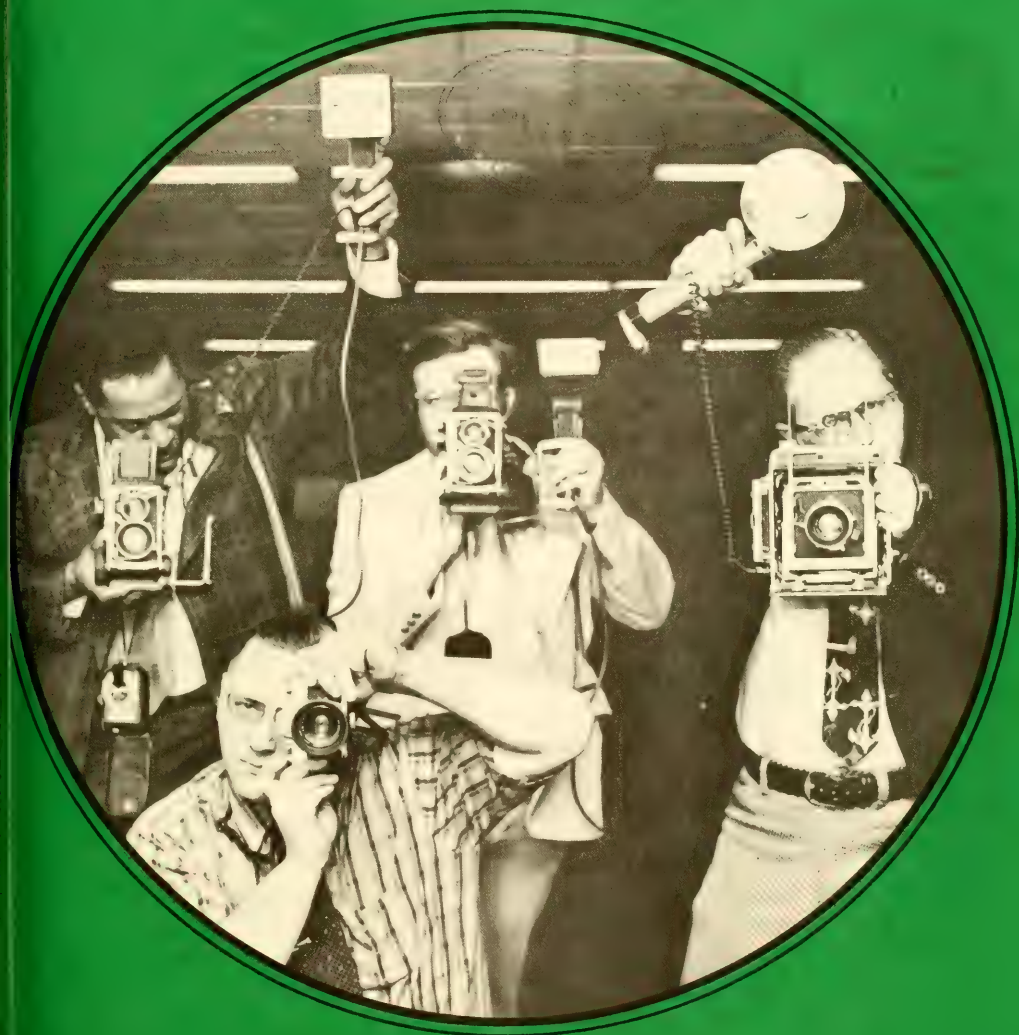


Four Soviet experts visited CTA in February during a U.S. information exchange tour on urban transportation. The Public Affairs Department conducted a program for the visitors including a helicopter flight over Chicago, dinner at the home of Board Member Wallace D. Johnson and inspection of CTA facilities. Shown here at the Jefferson Park Terminal are (from left) Leonid A. Yakovlev, computer division, Institute for Town Planning; Yuriy A. Stavnichiy, street traffic division, Institute for Town Planning; Anatoliy P. Romas', international relations administration, USSR State Committee, and Rotislav V. Gorbanev, urban transport section, Moscow Central Plan Committee.

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AND RETIREES

MARCH, 1975

Art Tonner and Associates Photography

Chicago, Illinois

By Anit Leppiks

Smile -- you may be on CTA camera.

For whatever the CTA is doing, you can count on seeing a CTA photographer up front, shooting a pictorial record of the event.

The CTA lensmen need the creative flair of an Edward Steichen and the historic accuracy of a Matthew B. Brady as their range of assignments cuts from snapping Queen Elizabeth to portraying the still life of a rivet.

Regular assignments include developing 21,000 riding passes a year and photographing over 18,000 incident locations a year.

All Kinds Of Pictures

Photographic Services also converts artwork into negatives for printing the CTA's maps, charts, reports, Transit News magazine, and Transitalk newsletter.

The department's daily fare consists of photographing the cracks and blisters on the paint job of a rapid transit car, depicting the raising of steel at one of the 'L' structures, and recording the vandalism done to new bus seats.

Art Tonner, supervisor of photographic services, says 25 per cent of his department's work is for the use of the Law and Claims Department.

Photos are used in the preparation of claims for purposes of evaluation and, when necessary, photos are used in court by CTA trial attorneys.

All Kinds Of Feats

Tonner believes industrial photography is more diversified than any other type of photography.

"We're asked to go any place, at any time, to do any type of photography.

"We have a safety problem -- we're out on the tracks with 600 volts, we've been in the towers over the tracks, and in the subway tubes between stations."

He continues, "We do more odd jobs than anything else.

"Maybe one day you're shooting a crack in the third rail to show an engineering problem. It's not the type of picture you'd put in your family album."

It's quite a job for the seven man staff, each of whom may shoot as many as 25 locations a day.

All Kinds Of Hours

In addition to keeping up a news photographer's pace, they also learn to adjust to doctor's hours.

That includes being called at 2 a.m. to get a shot. Just a couple of weeks ago, Eric Blakely set his alarm clock for 1 a.m. in time for him to capture the 3 a.m. concreting of the tube at Clinton Street along the Congress-Milwaukee rapid transit route.

Tonner remembers being called away from a Easter dinner at a relative's home so that the CTA could have a picture of a bus accident.

Back in the studio, Tonner and his staff shoot quite a number of portraits.

While each photographer has his favorite photographic CTA employee, they agree women are the hardest to shoot.

"Women are never satisfied," says Michael Hoffert.

Of course, some of the photographer's subjects couldn't get less excited about having a picture taken.

Tonner was once assigned to take the standard portrait picture of a retiree.

After walking behind the man to adjust the lights, Tonner turned around to take the picture.

The man was sound asleep. He was 85 years old.

On the cover, left to right, are photographers Bert Cadney, Rich Stanton, Carl Hansen, and Art Tonner. Also active in the photographic services unit are Eric Blakely, John Granahan, and Mike Hoffert.

The Ten Best Pictures of 1954-1975

As Selected by the Men Who Made Them
(CTA's Photographic Services Unit)



1958: The Green Hornet, last of the CTA streetcars, leaves Kinzie and Clark on its last southbound run. It was 5:30 in the morning, June 21.



1964: When Walter J. McCarter retired as general manager.



1965: The CTA takes all kinds of riders. This is the champion publicity shot -- for an art gallery in Michigan.

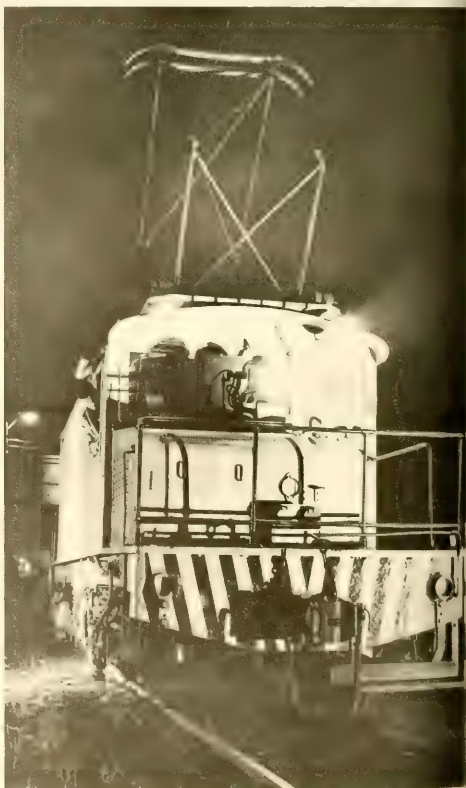


1970: Breakthrough. The Kennedy rapid transit route opens.



1959: Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, reigns on the "magnificent mile."

1954: World's record for bus chartering. 800 buses carried 38,400 riders to the Marian Year observance at Soldier Field.



1965: When the CTA was running nightly freight service for the Milwaukee Road.



65: But could be in any year. One of Tonner's many attract-the-tourist shots. If you want to get lost, here's a good place to start.



1961: What a way to go! Judith Kasman, payroll clerk in Accounting, will remember that the date was April 8.

1963: The last ride for the No. 1 South Side Rapid Transit car. This picture was carried by the Chicago Daily News, full page width.



First CTA Motorwoman's First Day

By Betty Edwards

WEATHERING THE storm was a delight for Miss Lena May Phillips on Friday, March 7, as she reported to work at the Chicago Transit Authority's 63rd and Ashland station amid slush and snow.

Although Miss Phillips had been working as a conductor for almost six months, her elevation to motorwoman presented a real challenge for her.

However, that morning, the constant snowfall presented an additional challenge for Miss Phillips, along with a surprise appearance of early morning television crews, radio and newspaper reporters, and photographers who were waiting for a celebrity.

Miss Phillips became a celebrity in her own right as she became the first motorwoman in Chicago's 82-year history of rapid transit operations.

In spite of the weather, the media turned out in full force to question Miss Phillips as she began to take her first solo run on the North-South route of the Howard-Englewood train run #708.

Scheduled to leave the station at 8:23½ a.m., Miss Phillips looked at the clock, in spite of reporters asking the common question "why did you decide to become a motorwoman?" and at 8 a.m. sharp picked up her train phone in a calm manner and began walking toward the door.

As she approached the door, a group of her male colleagues wished her well on her first jaunt down the tracks. Following right on her heels were a number of media representatives, who were making every effort possible to make Chicago's first motorwoman the "star of the day."

Upon entering the train she placed the train phone on the door, adjusted her equipment in the compartment and turned on the windshield wipers to clear the windows of the snow which was constantly falling.

At 8:23½ a.m. on the dot, Miss Phillips pulled the train out of the station and the passengers seeing all of the lights beaming began asking a public affairs staff representative, aboard the train, "what was going on?"

"We have our first motorwoman in the history of CTA," replied the representative.

Concentrating intently on getting the hundreds of passengers to their destinations, Miss Phillips was quiet and appeared to be totally unaffected by the bright lights and reporters until she reached the end of the line at Howard Street on time at 9:15 a.m., where she alighted from the compartment. It was here that Miss Phillips smiled graciously for the cameramen and talked with reporters.

Miss Phillips, who holds a bachelor of arts degree in sociology from the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle, said she took her job last Sept. 20 as a con-



With gloves and controller key close by, Lena Phillips copied running time for the run she will work as CTA's first motorwoman. Conductor with CTA because it offered more opportunities financially than any other job offers she had upon completion of her schooling.

"I hope to move up in the company," Miss Phillips told the reporters.

One of the reporters turned to a male passenger and asked him how he felt about having a motorwoman. He replied, "I have no problems with it. As long as she is good and knows what she is doing, I think it is a good job for a woman." He ended by saying, "I really enjoyed my ride with her this morning."

Another passenger, a woman, commented, "She sure is a good motorwoman." Then she said, "I admire her for having enough nerve to get out and handle this big train."

Under the long-standing procedures, an operating employee for Chicago rapid transit service qualifies for three different jobs—conductor, motorman, and switchman or towerman.

For the third job classification, rapid transit employees have a choice between qualifying for switchman or towerman. Miss Phillips selected the switchwoman, for which she is currently in the process of qualifying for.

After qualifying as a switchwoman, Miss Phillips for the next year will be on rotation for work as conductor, motorwoman, or switchwoman.

Then, once the year of rotation is over, she will choose a permanent assignment from among three job classifications.

At the time Miss Phillips became the first motorwoman, there were 14 other women conductors, five of whom were in training to join Miss Phillips as qualified motorwomen of rapid transit trains. Later that day, Mrs. Marilyn Jackson, the first woman conductor hired, qualified for the motorwoman position.

There are now 104 women serving as bus drivers and 210 women awaiting openings as bus drivers while 206 women are awaiting openings as conductors.

Suggestion, Please—Warnstedt Has Weighed Hundreds Of Them

TRAVEL SUGGESTED ITSELF to Russ Warnstedt. Work around the house was suggested to him by Mrs. Warnstedt.

So he retired from the suggestion business--at 62. And CTA lost its champion evaluator of "hey, I gotta" ideas.

Warnstedt was employee suggestion coordinator at CTA and president of the Chicago chapter of the National Association of Suggestion Systems.

N.A.S.S. is an international organization of 227 companies dedicated to improving the worth, contributions, and benefits of employee suggestion systems.

In 1973, these firms processed 8,901,800 suggestions. Some companies, such as United Air Lines, have had so much success with employee suggestions that they have computerized their systems.

The CTA started its suggestion system in 1945. Warnstedt, who has been affiliated with the transit industry since 1936, joined the suggestion department in 1957.

In 18 years, he heard just about everything from employees who want to change the CTA.

"There was a foreman, James Forrestal, who thought we didn't spread salt on city streets the right way. So he gave us an idea of how we could do a better job.

"His idea worked so well that he was awarded \$5,000, a percentage of the money that his proposal saved the CTA," Warnstedt said.

Another employee, Nicholas K. Simonetti, suggested that instead of the CTA paying a company to rewind the stators (oil cooled alternators) for its buses, the CTA should do the job itself, at a 50 per cent saving. Warnstedt said Simonetti earned \$2,285 for his suggestion.

Simonetti's idea also was cited by Passenger Transport magazine as contributing to the entire transit industry.

However, not all suggestions are winners.

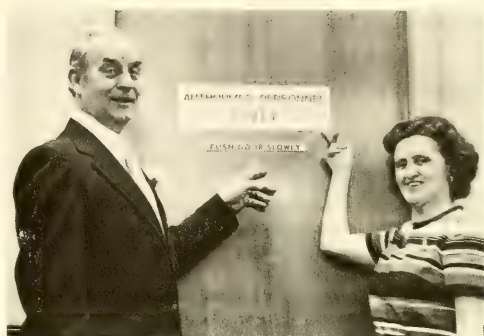
"I A suggestion that coffee and rolls be served on the Evanston Express train fell flat when we couldn't interest anyone in running the concession," said Warnstedt.

Other unusual suggestions included a proposal that the CTA convert the 52nd Street garage into a gymnasium with sauna baths and a pool hall for the physical exercise of drivers on split shifts.

Warnstedt said, however, that most suggestions are practical improvements--"the kind you wonder why no one has thought of them before, such as a sign warning people of a swinging door that could hit them."

Mrs. Regina Daren of the CTA's medical department has set the record for getting her suggestions implemented.

Since 1971, Mrs. Daren has offered 101 suggestions.



One last stop before retiring -- Russ Warnstedt checks out the latest suggestion of CTA's No. 1 suggestor, Mrs. Regina Daren. The suggestion has saved many spilled papers and a few sore heads from the swinging door in Room 746.

"In that time, she has had 25 suggestions accepted. That's good no matter whether you're in private industry or public service," said Warnstedt.

He explained that for a suggestion to be adopted, it must first be reviewed by the coordinator's office before being sent to the appropriate department.

"If the suggestion is feasible as a technical improvement, it will have to undergo six months of testing. Otherwise, acceptable suggestions concerning office procedures are normally implemented within 60 days, which is standard in industry," he said.

Winners receive certificates plus a percentage of any savings resulting from the implementation of their suggestions.

Did Warnstedt ever offer any suggestions himself?

"Just a couple of ideas before I got the coordinator job," he said.

The best personal suggestion Warnstedt heard lately came from his wife, Ruth.

"She suggested I retire--to get some work done around the house and do some traveling.

"I evaluated that quickly and put it to work right away. And you know, this time I'm going to be a winner," Warnstedt said.

IDEAS PAY DIVIDENDS

In these days when the stock market is so uncertain, you may wonder where you can get a decent return on investment.

One place where you can still get a fabulous return is right here at CTA. And you can't beat the cost -- nothing down and nothing to pay in 60 days. It's called CTA's Employee Suggestion Plan.

To qualify for up to \$10,000 all you need is an idea on how to improve CTA or make it more efficient. Next, fill out a CTA suggestion blank and mail it in the postpaid envelope. And don't forget to tear off and keep the stubs.

To follow the status of your idea, watch the suggestion bulletin board where you work. When your suggestion is adopted turn in the stub and collect your award.

It's as simple as one, two, three. So start counting.



CTA Sports News

MEL ALEXANDER, Sports Editor



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Wolfan's Winter Warning For CTA Armchair QB's

By W. B. Wolfan

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THE TELEVISION tube represents many things to many people.

For the sports fan, it means a pleasant grandstand seat at every kind of athletic event. The result of this addiction to the tube has been the development in our society of a nation of Monday morning quarterbacks par excellence.

As one pro football coach commented sourly:

"The Monday morning experts know exactly what I should have done in that situation. But where were those guys when I needed them on third down and seven yesterday afternoon?"

There is a tendency among the TV quarterbacks to confuse professional and college abilities. A Unitas or Namath can move a team downfield in a matter of 20 or 30 seconds. However, completing those sideline passes to stop the clock isn't as simple as it seems. Pin point accuracy and split second timing come only after years of seasoning in both pro and collegiate ranks. Do not expect the freshman or sophomore quarterbacks to develop this talent in one season. NO WAY.

For instance, let's look back at that famous Notre Dame-Michigan State 10-10 tie game of 1966. Irish quarterback Terry Hanratty was hurt. A substitute quarterback was sent in as his replacement. He had very little game experience that season.

The score is tied, with only a few minutes left to

play in the final period. Notre Dame has possession deep in its own territory.

A source close to the Irish coach told this story to us (we are omitting his name for obvious reasons):

"Ara tells the kid to be careful. Call a few running plays to keep it on the ground until we get field position. Don't try anything fancy, and above all don't throw the ball because if Michigan State intercepts it comes that big barefoot Hawaiian placekicker and he can split the goal posts for a field goal from 50 yards out. That means we blow the ball game and the national championship.

"So the Irish play it safe, and the game ends in a tie. Everybody starts screaming. They charge the Irish were afraid to open up, unwilling to gamble on passes. The mail pours in. Most of it is very critical of the co-champions of college football.

"But remember this--a 3 point loss, 13 to 10 would have merited only a slight mention in the record books. Meanwhile Michigan State would have been posted in big black letters as No. 1 college football team. The fans only remember who WON or Lost, don't forget that.

"So which is preferable--a tie for the national championship or losing everything on a gamble and a second string quarterback? You tell me."

We couldn't agree more.

The Monday morning quarterbacks are quick to criticize, but playing football and second guessing have no relationship whatsoever.

The decisions are split second, the mistakes are plentiful and the old adage of "One day you're a hero and the next day you're a bum" is still as true as it ever was.

Television has brought sports into the home, but football is still a game of run, pass, block and tackle with Lady Luck leading the interference.

NCAA AAU Tournament Plans Are Cancelled

IN OUR February issue we stated that the CTA Basketball League would enter a team in the NCAA-AAU regional basketball tournament playoffs. It is with deep regret that we must report that the league will be unable to participate this season.

Cost of outfitting a team is prohibitive, so for that reason the proposal has been delayed for a year.

Plans are now being formulated to enter a team in the regional tournament in the 1975-76 season and we are hopeful that the necessary funds will be available for participation, according to Thomas M. Stiglic, CTA representative for the sports program.

Mart Bowlers Holding Their Own

THE MART bowling team is steadily holding its own in the City of Chicago, Bureau of Engineering Bowling League at Spencer's Bowl, Marina Towers.

Solidly established in the third place spot, they are fighting hard to catch the first place team, Operators, which is only nine games in front.

With nine more weeks of bowling, the Mart bowlers are determined to do their best to take it all and bring the first place trophy home to CTA.

Archer Bandits Still Holding Bowling Lead

IT LOOKS like the Archer Bandits will be the ultimate winners in the race for the championship of the 77th Street Operators Bowling League.

Holding a four game lead over their nearest rival, the Pin Busters, they seem to have it all together with the steady bowling of T. Ireland, J. Motton, H. Hodge, J. Kemp, J. Coleman and L. C. Taylor.



The league leading Archer Bandits - from left, standing: Ireland, J. Motton, H. Hodge and H. Kemp. Kneeling: Coleman and L. C. Taylor.

The race for the most improved bowler is really bowing tight, but Walt Brown of the Baggers is still the leader, by one pin, over his teammate, Cornelius Bays. Following closely is Elvin Simpson of the Poppers who is only three pins back after rolling a 49 scratch series. This also puts Simpson in the lead for high series, with handicap, with a 694.

77TH STREET OPERATORS BOWLING LEAGUE

Teams	W	L	Pct.
Archer Bandits	59	28	.678
Pin Busters	55	32	.632
Baggers	54½	32½	.630
George's Arco	53	34	.609
Clippers	48½	38½	.553
Late Comers	48	39	.552
Golden Arms	46	41	.528
Centurions	44	43	.506
Boozers	42	45	.482
Spartans	42	45	.482
Thunderballs	40	47	.460
Poppers	38	49	.437
Road Runners	34	53	.383
Toppers	34	53	.383
Tranquilizers	30	57	.336
Rotators	28	59	.314

Grant Park Announces Activities For 1975

THE GRANT PARK Recreation Association, through which we stage many of our own CTA sports events, recently announced its activities schedule for 1975.

The program is open to anyone who wishes to participate. The schedule of activities is as follows:

April 18	Pinochle Tournament Continental Companies 55 E. Jackson Boulevard Employees Recreation Room Time: 7:00 P.M.
May	Bridge Tournament
June 3	Industrial Womens Softball
June 26	Tennis Instruction Classes Grant Park Tennis Courts Time: 5:30 P.M.
June 4 through August 6	Volleyball Clinic and Tournament - Grant Park Tennis Courts Time: 5:30 P.M.
August	Golf Tournament White Pines Country Club

For further information pertaining to the Grant Park recreation program, employees may contact John Eckel, CTA Datacenter, Extension 2335, General Office, or Bud Swift, Park District supervisor of physical activities, at 294-2307.

Cab Signaling Program Moves Forward Fast

CAB SIGNALING--the new electronic safety system that controls both the spacing and speed of trains--has been completed on the heavily traveled North-South elevated route.

Meanwhile, the CTA is pressing forward with a \$12-million project for installing cab signaling by next January on three remaining rapid transit routes--Ravenswood, Evanston-Wilmette and the Skokie Swift.

Completion of work on these three remaining routes will mean that the CTA's entire 192 miles of rapid transit tracks will be protected by safe and reliable signaling.

Insures Train Spacing

An accelerated program for installing cab signaling on the North-South 'L' route, as well as on the three remaining routes, was instituted last summer at the direction of Milton Pikarsky, then CTA Chairman and now Chairman of the Regional Transportation Authority.

Cab signaling protection is accomplished by car-carried equipment and by track wayside equipment which work together to keep trains safely apart and to restrict trains to posted speed limits, particularly at curves and switches.

The motorman's cab of each train is equipped with two visual indicators--namely, three-color (red, yellow and green) signals and a speedometer which displays allowable speed in addition to actual speed.

Sounds An Alarm

A beep-beep-beep sound on the lead car of a train is the audible alarm alerting the motorman to a command reduction in speed. The system is designed to stop automatically any train approaching another train or if a motorman fails to adhere to a speed limit.

The system determines the position of each train, and relays that information to wayside "logic" equipment (a series of relays which produces a command signal), which in turn transmits control information to an approaching train by sending coded electrical pulses through the running rail.

The approaching train receives

this coded instruction from the running rail, and passes it through "logic" equipment to give the motorman visual and audio commands. The motorman receives data on his actual speed as well as allowable speed, and is required to bring his train to allowable speed within $2\frac{1}{2}$ seconds or the train will be brought to an emergency stop.

Watches Speed, Too

The car-borne equipment constantly observes the train speed and its compliance to fixed reduced speeds which may be in effect at certain curves.

The State and Dearborn street subways have always been protected with a traditional and highly reliable system of wayside signals with train stop trips. This traditional system also is used for the rapid transit route in the Eisenhower expressway. The subway and elevated route to Logan Square has partly the traditional system and partly cab signaling.

The Lake street elevated route was the first to get the electronic cab signaling system in 1967. It has also been in use on the Dan Ryan rapid transit route since its opening in September, 1969, and the Kennedy subway and median strip route completed in February 1970, as an extension to the Logan Square route.

Service anniversaries in March

40 years

B. A. Jauman, Electrical Maint.

35 years

C. DeWine, North Section
R. M. Hartney, South Section
J. F. Sanhamel, North Park

30 years

E. Banks, Beverly
E. L. Brzeczek, Forest Glen
F. A. Gardner, Skokie Shop
J. J. Lacki, Electrical Maint.
M. E. Turner, Beverly
W. Walcott, 77th Street

25 years

A. T. Anthony, Skokie Shop
J. H. Austin, Vehicle Maint.-TABEC
J. R. Barber, District D
M. L. Coarl, Accounting
G. E. Drey, South Shops
H. T. Dukes, South Section
J. Hennelly, Wilson Maint. Terminal
A. Hadowanic, Skokie Shop
A. J. Joe, 69th Street
H. J. Kohler, Instruction-77th Street
W. M. Larsen, South Shops
J. W. Matthews, South Section
S. J. Milazzo, Foster Maint. Terminal
C. A. Myers, Harlem Maint. Terminal
A. N. Rakestraw, South Section
L. B. Ross, Instruction-77th Street
P. J. Sabadosa, 54th Maint. Terminal
P. J. Shackley, North Section
M. Walker, Accounting
J. J. Wirth, Plant Maint.
H. L. Woods, Utility
G. Wright, Accounting
J. A. Zdunek, Skokie Shop

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACHER -
ain appeal to the operators at Archer.
Pase, donate a pint of blood to the Chi-
coland Blood Center. There is a great
nd for it. Who knows, the life you save
my be your own. Give...We wish speedy
roveries to Superintendent JOHN LYNCH
a Pensioner EARL LARSEN, both con-
valescing from recent illnesses. Hope
y are up and about by the time we go to
ss...It was nice seeing Pensioners L.
BRNES and B. NELSON. They are en-
ding their retirements to the fullest.
Pensioner MIKE ROVELLA was in the
station visiting some of the operators and
y sporting a handlebar moustache...I
ld like to wish ISHAN D. HANLEY,
JL, 27, DEWITT COLEMAN, Feb. 27, and
WILLIAM WALKER, Feb. 23, a belated
happy birthday. Sorry I was late getting it
to fellows. Happy birthday to Superin-
tendent MACK PORTER, March 30. A
very happy birthday to GERALDINE, the
wife of Operator JOSEPH DuCREE, who
was ?? on March 24...Our belated sym-
pathy is extended to the family of the late
FORIAN KOZICKI, and to Pensioner
FUL REID in the passing of his wife...
Congratulations to JOHN MCCREA who was
promoted to assistant instructor of the
5th Side. Welcome to Archer Line In-
spector HENRY KOHLER...I wish to thank
NEST HILL, ROBERT HOLMES and
TLER PHILPOTT for inviting me to the
1st annual meeting of the 52nd Street
edit union. Other guests were Division
2 President JOHN F. O'BRIEN and
Treasurer JAMES A. PATE...Congratulations
to Pensioner and Mrs. MICHAEL
RVELLA who will celebrate their 40th
wedding anniversary on April 27...I can't
report what you don't give me--those an-
niversaries, birthdays, and pictures will
hp. Thanks.

- Owen Rosenzweig

CA SECURITY -
The Polish Prince, MICHAEL TAD MA-
ZURKIEWICZ, the new son of JO and
CET MAZURKIEWICZ, arrived weighing
8 pounds and was 19 inches long. Con-
gratulations and best wishes on your new
bundle of blue...The JIM LAFOLLETTES
are the proud parents of a baby girl named
TALIE MARIE weighing in at 7 pounds.
Congratulations to both of you...Good luck
to MARGUERITE LONGO who is now the
secretary to E. M. JORDAN, manager of
CA Security. PAUL WALLACE has been
appointed to the staff of Mr. Jordan. Hold-
ing a bachelor of arts degree in criminal
justice, Paul will shortly receive a master
arts degree in the administration of

criminal justice. Paul has been with the
Security Department for 12 years and has,
through his affiliation with the University
of Illinois as a research associate in the
criminal justice department, done exten-
sive research in the area of urban mass
transit security.

- Pat Glynn

DATACENTER -

We would like to welcome our new mem-
bers of the Datacenter staff: PAUL RO-
ZEK, ARTURO BACA-ARUS, WALTER
FRIEDER and DONNA GRIFF of our Op-
erations Section; LEON BRUDNICKI of our
Data Base Section, and KRISTINE HANLON
of our Administrative Section...Our con-
gratulations to VIC JOHNSON who was
promoted to unit supervisor of stores pro-
cedures. We will miss Vic, but wish him
much success in his new position...We
would also like to congratulate TOM WO-
DARSKI and MARY ANN BANDUR who
were promoted last month. Tom is our
new supervisor of GE-415, I/O control and
program maintenance. Mary Ann is a
member of our professional staff in her
new position as senior programmer I.
Both deserve the recognition and pro-
motion due to their past efforts in behalf
of CTA...Congratulations to J. PAUL INDA
and his wife, SHIRLEY, on the birth of a
baby girl, MICHELE AWMA, on Dec. 4.
Paul is director of the data base and tech-
nical support area...Our thanks to JANE
McGUAN for assisting your reporter in
gathering the news for Datacenter.

- Evelyn Liu

BEVERLY -

Superintendents H. BRAUN and F. ZEIGER
have launched an all-out safety campaign
to reduce accidents. The quotation signs
posted in the depot are very good, so let's
wake up and get back into first place. We
can do it if we all work together. Instruc-
tor CLARENCE HEILBRONNER says all
we have to do is create a "buffer zone"
around our bus, especially on Michigan
avenue where most of our accidents occur.
The coffee and rolls will taste good, so
let's give our passengers a safe, smooth
ride...Clerk BILL GOURNOE is leaving us
to go to 77th Street Garage. Sorry to see
you go, Bill, as good clerks are hard to
replace...ATEF MORRIS is our new clerk
and is from Palestine. Atef is trying to
get our oil prices down...Clerk ISIAH
THOMAS is in training and will try to
get the bus drivers out of the depot on time...
We wish a speedy recovery to Operator

JOHN MAHONEY's wife; to Operator
CARL PEPLOW in Mercy hospital, and to
my Co-reporter AMOS FOSTER who is on
the sick list...We express our sincere
sympathy to Operator CHARLIE MATHEWS
in the loss of his wife...We finally heard
from the voice of the pits and have some
garage news. We tip our hat to our new
garage foreman, a smiling Irishman by the
name of JIM GLYNN. Jim is doing a fine
job of keeping our buses rolling and will
try to place some new buses on Kedzie
avenue. The spirit of cooperation is
needed, and the operators can do their
part by signing in defective buses so an-
other operator will not pull it back out.
Street calls not only aggravate the driver,
but disrupt service and cause our passen-
gers to complain. We know Jim will do his
part along with his fine crew, so let's do
ours...DOUG HEALY has retired and we
wish him good health in his golden years...
Get well wishes go to F. MICETICH who is
still on the sick list...TOM CANNING is on
a liquid diet, but can't get down to tie his
shoe laces.

- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster

ELECTRICAL (Chicago Avenue) -

Pensioner PETE (Van Dyke) FARBER
dropped in for a visit. He looks great and
sends his regards to all his old friends...
BOB BOSCHERT and JOHN ANGEL were
both vacationing in Florida at the same
time. I didn't hear of any unusual occur-
rences down there...Sorry to have neglect-
ed my reporting duties by forgetting that
HOWIE GOBERNATZ has been on the sick
list since Jan. 13. I talked to Howie the
other day and he hopes to be back to work
in a couple of weeks...Local No. 9, IBEW,
held its annual old-timers dinner on Jan.
31 and it must have been a record crowd
that night. The dinner was corned beef
and cabbage with ample liquid refresh-
ments to go with it. I know that I ate my
share of Harrington's delicious corned

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AMONG THOSE retiring March 1 was JACK R. WILSON who had 41 years of service with CTA and CSL.

NEW PENSIONERS

GEORGE BENSHISH, Audit Clerk III, Internal Auditing, Emp. 4-22-37
HAROLD F. BURDA, Valuation Tech, II, Property Acctg., Emp. 2-2-37
HAROLD D. COFFEY, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 2-4-36
MELBOURNE W. DASHER, Operator, Kedzie, Emp. 1-25-46
LEONARD F. DUPONT, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 2-27-45
HAROLD F. FORSTER, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 8-27-42
SIMON H. GOLDMAN, Janitor, North Park, Emp. 2-2-44
CHESTER KRAJEWSKI, Operator, Archer, Emp. 11-26-45
HOWARD L. LOWING, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 8-19-36
EDWARD A. MANNION, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 11-29-43
LEROY J. MARTENS, Supervisor, District A, Emp. 9-8-36
GEORGE T. MARTIN, Operator, Beverly, Emp. 6-27-44
PEDRO PALOMAR, Trackman I, Plant Maintenance, Emp. 3-24-47
EINAR G. PARSON, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 4-21-42
HARRY R. POCES, Bus & Truck Mech., South Shops, Emp. 9-20-29
ARTHUR S. RUDD, Rental Agent, Real Estate, Emp. 12-19-50
RUSSELL T. WARNSTEDT, Sugg. Coord., Personnel, Emp. 11-17-36
JACK R. WILSON, Operator, 69th Street, Emp. 2-28-34
ADAM ZASIMOWICH, Money Handler, Transportation, Emp. 9-25-42

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

GORDON S. BITTOURNA, Lineman, Plant Maintenance, Emp. 5-28-42
LEMUEL F. COOK, Janitor, Limits, Emp. 1-15-49
LEON M. MINOR, Operator, Beverly, Emp. 4-14-53
JULIO RIVERA, Bus Serviceman, 52nd Street, Emp. 10-13-53

beef. The dinner was held at the Plumbers Hall to honor the old timers that had retired during the past year. Among the old timers I saw personally were BILL WATERS, CHICON, GABAUER and SCHU-

MACHER. There were many more I didn't see, and I apologize for not mentioning them here...JIM NASTI, the father of JOE NASTI, has undergone heart surgery, and as yet we have no progress report...LISA CZURYLO, the baby daughter of RON CZURYLO, was in the hospital for a short while, but we are glad to report that all is well now...ANTHONY ENGLISH, the son of FRANK ENGLISH, was also in the hospital but is now home and doing nicely...WALLY DROBENA is home with a sick finger. He tangled with a switch box and came off second best...It is with a sad heart that I report this last news item. On March 5 we received a call that GORDON (Mike) BITTOURNA passed away in his sleep. Mike had been off since last July and had started disability pension on March 1. Our sincere condolences to his family. 73

- Ben Nelson

(Rapid Transit Signal Division)

JIMMY NESBIT recently played host to some of his out-of-town relatives. As part of the in-town sights, they spent an evening at the Playboy Club. Everything was going fine, but Jimmy had to top it off by dancing with one of the Playboy bunnies. You are too old for that stuff, Jim...EDDIE MCCLINTON was seen at the Auto Show in McCormick Place having his picture taken standing next to a Thunderbird. Ed is shopping around for his first car, and requests any valuable information or deals from his friends. Ed wants to contribute his share to the President's WIN program and our sagging economy, so hurry with your information. We all appreciate your thoughtfulness, Ed...Is there an electrician in the house? You better believe it. The maintainers housed at 61st Street is full of electricians. The talent in that broken down shanty is unbelievable. DAVE BATTERSON has built a color TV set which is now working in his living room. Dave said, in his modest way, that the project took knowledge, time and patience. Come on, Dave, time and knowledge we will go along with—but patience? ..LEON WILSON was absent from the job for a few days due to a minor illness and we're glad to have him back on the job. A pat on the back is in order for Leon—it took three guys to replace him...I recently heard from CHARLES A. BUTTS, retired signal engineer and former head of the signal department. I understand he is now spending his winters in Florida and his summers at his home in Libertyville, Ill. It is always nice to hear from you Charlie, please keep in touch...Signal Helper MICHAEL PEDERSOLI has money in hand and said he will buy either a boat or a recreational vehicle. Michael is a sportsman at heart. When he isn't hunting or fishing, he is dreaming about it or tearing through sports magazines. Any day now, his wife will tell him how to spend that fist full of money...C. L. WIKSTEN, formerly with the CTA signal division, was

recently hospitalized with a bronchial attack. Lenny, all the fellows send the best wishes for a speedy recovery...BILLY (The Gypsy) BAKER was busy as ever while I checked with him recently. His doc said keeping active was good for him. Come home early some evenings, Billy. Your wife wants to talk to you sometime. FRANK BONK became seriously ill with stomach ailment, and for awhile his condition looked bleak. He collapsed at home and was rushed to the hospital for emergency surgery. At the time of this writing he said he was weak but recuperated nicely...Signal Foreman VIC ZASTERA has returned from a two-week vacation in Phoenix, Ariz., and two weeks in El Springs, Ark. I don't know what he did while he saw in Phoenix (I was afraid to ask) but I do know he is big enough and energetic enough to do whatever he wants—as keeps going back every year. In El Springs he hit the main attraction there, horse racing at Oak Lawn Park. Vushers in the season down there as he is horse racing fan of many years...At this time I must express my sincere thanks and appreciation to my partner, DONALD HAWKINS. He has been a great help to me in getting this column together and even writes a story or two now and then. If you really want to know which stories I write, as opposed to the ones I write, he are the only ones that make any sense, don't know what I would do without him but as soon as I can, I will find out.

- Tommie Lowery

FOREST GLEN

So sorry, fellows. Yours truly is still on the sick list and is unable to gather much news...Our profound sympathy is extended to Mrs. PAT HOFF, the widow of Supervisor EDWARD HOFF, and to Mr. PEARL EVARTS, the widow of Retiree Operator BOB EVARTS, in the loss of their husbands...Men, please bear with me during my time off. Please mail with you have to me, WILBUR, at 5048 N. Mcbille, Chicago, 60630. Thanks.

- W A Henry

GENERAL OFFICE (Insurance & Pensions)

Condolences were expressed to JIM BURK LOW in the death of his mother, MARY, who was buried in her hometown in Kentucky...On behalf of PATRICIA HOFF and her family, we would like to thank all employees and pensioners who shared in the sorrow in the death of her husband, EDWARD, supervisor in District D...The welcome mat was extended to MAUREE PALMER who transferred from Market ing.

(Medical)

Dr. STEPHEN MOSNY and his wife flew to Boston to enjoy a two-week vacation with

her daughter, KAREN, and son-in-law, as well as seeing their new granddaughter and grandson, STEVE.

(Tasury) -

DANNY POPE vacationed in Florida for the weeks and is sporting a beautiful tan. The welcome mat was extended to ALLEN S/O, turnstile collector, who formerly worked as a ticket agent. His father is JEPH SABOL of Schedules. Allen replaced MARK FITZGERALD who transferred to Stores Department, South Shops.

(Administrative Services) -

Congratulations were in order for ADELE MONSON who became Mrs. EDWIN MONSON on Jan. 24...JOAN FITZGERALD, her mother, niece and nephew flew to sunny Florida to visit Disney World and had a marvelous time.

(Personnel) -

STU MAGINNIS, director of Personnel Development, is happy to announce the addition of four training coordinators to the section in recent weeks. The best part of all says Stu, is that they all come from CA. BARBARA COLWELL and PATRICK MANNERNEY from the Transportation Department, MIKE LESNIAK from Plant Maintenance, and RICHARD TRAVERSA from Vehicle Maintenance... The first phase of Personnel Development's "Bus Operator Brainstorming Session" is coming to an end. The survey dealt with possible courses of action available to our operators in dangerous situations. If you have any comment or if we missed you at the last time around, jot down your "brainstorms" and send them to Personnel Development, Room 752... It was with great happiness that PAT DUNEK told us of the marriage of her brother, JIM, to LINDA on March 8. For them it is a ready-made family, with Jim's two sons and Linda's daughter. After having four nephews for a very long time, Pat says it will indeed be great to welcome a niece into the fold... PAT HUBACZ's son, ARTY, is leaving for the 10th year of sea duty aboard the U.S. Navy destroyer H. Lang. Arty's wife and son will live in San Diego, Cal., while he is in the States... JOSEPHINE FELDMAN would like to extend her sincerest thanks to all her friends and co-workers for their kindness and thoughtfulness while she was recuperating from her accident. Josephine is back to work now and getting along just fine.

(Marketing) -

DICK GILL, director, marketing research planning, and his lovely wife, LAURA, hosted a get-together for everyone in marketing research on Feb. 22. A fun time was had by all, especially watching Dick "toying" with a car parked in his parking space. We'll all have to get together again for an apartment warming when they move in April.

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neumann

LIMITS -

Greetings, fellows! I guess you are saying it's about time you saw something in print from me. Well, I'm sorry about missing last month's edition, but I'll try and make them all from now on. So on with the news... First of all, congratulations to GEORGE VOGT of the repair department on his retirement Jan. 1 after more than 23 years of service. Your knowledge of bus assignments will be missed, but all the fellows wish you many long and happy, healthy years of pensioned life... Our sincere condolences are extended to Operator R. FLEMING in the death of his father; to Superintendent J. HENDERSON in the death of his father-in-law; to Operator E. CARAVETTA in the passing of his mother; also to the family of Operator GEORGE VLASS who passed away. George was well liked around the station and will really be missed... On the pleasant side of things, I had the pleasure of meeting the grandmother of Operator McDANIEL of our credit union, who is 96 years young. She was a very delightful person to talk to... Speaking of delightful things, most of our lady drivers will be staying with us on the new system pick. How about that! Well, if any of you fellows have any news, let me know and I'll make sure that it gets into our column. I'll try not to miss anymore editions... Don't forget, save a little each payday in our credit union.

- Charles Turner

KEDZIE -

To all the operators leaving Kedzie on the system pick we wish you well at your new garage. To all the operators coming to Kedzie from other garages, we welcome you... Congratulations to C.D. WAGGONER, the son of Operator C. WAGGONER, who was married to Miss MARY LOU SCHROEDER on Feb. 15 at Grace Lutheran church in Lombard, Ill. The happy couple honeymooned in Florida... Congratulations to HARVEY BEY, assistant treasurer of Kedzie credit union, who was elected president of the West Side Chapter of the Illinois Credit Union League, which consists of 58 credit unions. His job is to help them with all new operating material. With the league chapter meeting once a month for program planning and communication seminars, it sure keeps Harvey busy... Congratulations to Operator GUY DIMEO and his lovely wife, DORA, who became grandparents for the second time when their daughter-in-law, JANET, and son, FRED, had an addition to the family, a baby girl named AMY JEAN born Feb. 19 at St. Anne hospital weighing 8 pounds 6 ounces... The Kedzie credit union held their annual meeting on Saturday, March 1, at Lorraine Hall, 2801 S. Hamlin. The meeting was just great; reports were read and voted on, and election of officers was held. The food was delicious and everything was just fine... Operator RICHARDSON's wife is now

home from the hospital after undergoing surgery on her eyes. They also recently celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary. Congratulations... Loader R. ROSE and his lovely wife celebrated 34 years of marital bliss on March 9... Retired Superintendent M. HARRINGTON got his St. Patrick day gift early -- a new 1975 Cadillac. Here's wishing you loads of luck and fun with your new car... Pensioner WILLIAM LARSEN was really surprised on Feb. 1 when some of his friends held a retirement party in his honor. His lovely wife, JO, did a good job keeping it from him. Their daughter and son-in-law and their children came in from Washington, D.C., for the occasion. This was more than Bill expected. The food was superb and the drinks flowed like water. Bill wishes to thank all who were there... Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Pensioner BURT COLLIER who recently passed away; to Operator DICKERSON in the passing of his mother, PERNELLA DICKERSON, in Little Rock, Ark., and to Operator HARVEY BEY and his wife, NAOMI, in the passing of her uncle, O. BLAYLOCK, in Toledo, Ohio... To everyone celebrating birthdays this month, happy birthday; to those having anniversaries, we wish you many, many more, and to everyone on the sick book, here's wishing you a speedy recovery.

- Raymond Graham

LOOP -

Congratulations are in order for Agent JOHN BAKER and his wife on the birth of their first child, pretty little SHANNON LYNN, on Saturday, Feb. 8 weighing an even 6 pounds. John is popping his buttons with pride and says he can use some overtime work now... Congratulations to Agent ELEANOR HASBROUCK who was a \$500 winner in the Illinois Grand Slam lottery. We are all so happy for her... Congratulations to MARY ANN HUNT who is now an assignment agent... A pat on the back to "Mac" McPHEE who is doing a great job as extra assignment agent. We know Mac has a given name, but can't find anyone who knows it... We are very sad to be losing four of our favorite agents on the Kennedy Line: CHARLES LACHNER will be taking his pension on April 1; BETTY RUSSO will also leave on April 1 and head for her retirement home in Florida; BILL PIEFFER will retire on May 1 and he too plans to spend his retirement days in Florida, and DAVE GRAFMAN will retire on May 1 although his plans for the future are not definite at this time. We will miss all of you and hope you will keep in touch... MONICA LAMPKE is not ready to leave us yet, but she has made arrangements to start building her retirement home in Holiday, Fla., where she will be a neighbor of former agent DOROTHY ADLER. Monica just returned from a two-week vacation there and is mighty impatient about making it her permanent abode... Welcome back

to CECILIA ROPA who is back in the central assignment office as chief clerk... OPAL WOZNIAK returned to work for a short while, but we guess she was not quite ready as we heard she is back in the sick book again. Hurry and get well!...SAM STIPATI celebrated his 12th anniversary with CTA on Feb. 23. Hope you enjoyed your free day...MARY STANCZYK has signed out of the sick book and is back on the job. Welcome back!...DOROTHY PARKER is back in good form and has asked me to thank everyone for the cards and calls she received while she was recovering from her accident...Pensioner GRACE MOUNTS and her husband are vacationing in Florida at this writing...MARGE and SAM STIPATI had a one-week vacation in Florida and hated to return to our cold city...SHEILA MURPHY spent two weeks in Florida where she visited former agent AGGIE CARLSON and had a wonderful time...Pensioner MARGE WHITE wrote from Ireland to say that she enjoyed her recent visit to our city and has asked us to express her grateful thanks to her CTA friends for the hospitality they extended to her in their homes...Retired agent and former Loop Co-reporter MILDRED DOYLE and her hubby, DAN, are getting ready to travel again. Yes, Florida is their destination...Your reporter could sure use some help from all you nice people. It's not easy gathering news when working a midnight track. Drop off any news items you have at Irving Park on the Kennedy and I'll get them when I come out duty...Hey, we're moving! Moving to a new column in Transit News. Starting next month ZITA DOUBLIN and I will be co-reporters of the new West Section column for agents. All West Siders are invited to send news items to us. We hope to see many more names in print...Keep smiling!

- Mary Wixted

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT -

Get well wishes are sent to JOHN SIEBERT, South Shops, who underwent surgery. Hurry and get well, John...Glad to see GRANVILLE CHEATHAM and ROBERT HOLTAM, South Shops, are off the sick list and rarin' to go...Congratulations to DAVE MURRAY on his promotion to stock clerk II. Happy to have him back out South...Everyone out South would like to extend congratulations to JACK HARTY and ED TOBIN on their recent promotions. We're really proud of our bosses...Welcome back to GEORGE LINDEN, who is now off the sick list. Glad to have you back at Storeroom 42. George is also happy to announce that he became a proud grandfather for the second time when a bouncing baby girl, KIMBERLY LYNNE, was born on Feb. 9 weighing 5 pounds 15 ounces. Mrs. ALLEN LINDEN, the mother, was the former LYNNE KLOPPE who worked as a typist for the Stores Department and also in the Insurance Department.

...NICK LACORCIA, Stores, North, announced he is the happy grandfather of a little boy, DOMINIC JOSEPH, born on Feb. 15 weighing 7 pounds 8 ounces. This makes Nick a proud grandfather for the fourth time...VINCENT (Chuck) SCIMECA has returned to work after undergoing an operation. Glad to see you back and well...Mrs. HELEN SLATTERY, Storeroom 42, and her husband spent a weekend touring Door County in Wisconsin watching the snowmobilers...ANN GARRITY, Stores, went to South Carolina where she visited her aunt and saw cousins she doesn't see very often. She says that part of the country is absolutely beautiful...IRENE PETERSON, Stores, went on vacation in sunny Florida for a week and visited LEE DESUTTER who retired earlier this year...FRANK MAGUIRE, specifications engineer, reports he was a loser as usual after his annual trip to Las Vegas. His next trip was to Palm Springs, Cal., for ten days which began on March 11...FRANK JOHNSON, Purchasing, took a vacation to Florida where he visited Cape Canaveral, Disney World, and reports that the weather was 70 degrees there while we were suffering with zero weather...A big welcome goes out to IRMA PRYOR, typist in the Stores Department. Glad to have you aboard. At the same time we say goodbye to DIANE WEIR who transferred to another department...Another big hello is sent out to BOB CASSIDY, material handling specialist, Stores...Congratulations to REBECCA COUSIN who is now in the contracts section as principal contract clerk. Also to AL MARTIN who was promoted to supervisor of purchasing contract negotiations...HAROLD ENWRIGHT paid us a visit and he is looking much better. Keep it up, Harold...Last of all, we have some sad news to report. Pensioners JOHN DUNNE and AUGUST BIEVERS passed away. Our sincere condolences to their families.

- Priscilla Kowrati

MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

First we would like to say happy birthday and extend anniversary greetings to everyone celebrating in the month of March. Janitor ORA MILLER celebrated 14 years with the company on Feb. 20. CHARLES SNYDER celebrated 39 years with the company on Feb. 7. He only looks about 39 himself. Congratulations to both of these fine gentlemen...DOROTHY PARKER had a week's vacation which she spent at home...MONICA LAMPKE had a two-week vacation...BETTY RUSSO will be taking her pension on April 1 after 28 years of service. Her last day was March 12. We all wish you good luck and good health in your retirement years. Please keep in touch...SAM and MARGE STIPATI vacationed in Florida for a week while we were suffering with near zero weather here. Marge said it wasn't too warm

there...Superintendent ART RABEN and his wife are planning a three-week vacation to Sao Paulo, Brazil, where they will visit with their daughter and son-in-law who reside there. This is their first trip to South America and we wish them a safe and enjoyable trip...ELEANOR H. BROUCK won \$500 in the Grand Slam lottery and enjoyed a week's vacation. Congratulations, Eleanor...Janitor MIGUEL COLON is the proud father of a baby boy named ANTONIO, weighing 8 pounds. Mother and baby are doing fine...JAN JUAN MONGE and his wife, CARMEN, are expecting a baby in June. After the arrival of this baby, Juan will have to add another room out the house as this will make number three for them...Motorman RICHARD SENO wishes to thank all his friends for their kindness after fire destroyed their home. Ron and his family are staying with their in-laws while waiting to move into the new home they are buying...There is a new ping pong table at Jefferson Park. You will have to let me know who the champion player is...MARY STANCZYK was off for awhile with a bad case of the flu which almost hospitalized her. She is now back at work and we were glad to hear her...Question: What agent dragged those sore bones into Jefferson Park after a weekend of skiing for the first time? It's sides all the bruises, she didn't know we had so many places on her body that could hurt all at the same time...We would like to welcome Agent RICHARD KANE and the other new agents to our section...soon to be No. 51 for the Prazaks, so let's get things in the proper order and report their 50th anniversary first--last May...FRANK and LILLIAN PRAZAK were married



Frank and Lillian Prazak... 1924 and 1974

in 1924 and were feted at a golden anniversary celebration by three members of the original wedding party, their son and family, and many guests. Frank worked the West Section as a conductor for years and retired in 1967...See you next month under a different heading. A new West Section column for agents will be written by MARY WIXTED and myself. It's your column, so write us care Jefferson Park with your news items.

- Zita Dublin

NORTH AVENUE -

On this my maiden solo column, I am without literary or moral support from

and former co-reporter, WALTER K. Walter is on the sick list at this time, and I, along with his many other friends, wish him a very speedy recovery. Operator HOLLIS LEWIS is back to work after a brief illness...Many happy returns of the day to Repairman JOHN RUDDLE who celebrated his birthday on Feb. 27. LIAUNNE, the daughter of the Ruddles, served the Felician Convent the latter part of January. Many thanks, John, for your contributions to the column...Repairman HENRY JARECKI and his wife were surprised with a visit from Pensioner ERGE HAHN of Arkansas on their 40th wedding anniversary, Feb. 9...Congratulations are in order for Former Repairman BERT COSTLEY who made a very high grade on the CTA Security exam...The welcome mat is out for all the new employees at our station; to name a few, RICHARD MEYERS and WILLIAM ARSENEAU of North Park and Limits, respectively. For moments of commiseration are for Pensioner JOHN (Ducky) O'DONNELL in the death of his father; Repairman RICHARD CREAL and his wife in the death of their son-in-law, and the family of FRED JASON, retired supervisor...Operator JUS TEDESCHI is sporting a nice tan after a long stay in the sunshine of Florida. The Tedeschis went along with Pensioner PETER DOWDALL and his wife, ELENICE...Last month we stated that Pensioner AXEL WINDFELD and his wife, LUCIA, were vacationing in Spain. Their name should have been VIGGO. Axel's name of his late brother. Sorry about that...Keep the news coming and I will see you in print.

- Aaron Pruitt

CELEBRATIONS PLANNING (Schedules) -

Congratulations to NICK ZAHN who was promoted to schedule clerk...Happy to see GOTHY ETSCHIED back to work after being on disability due to illness. We are glad to have you back, Dorothy...BERNIE LAMANN, who was hospitalized after suffering a heart attack, is coming along fine...We are very proud of the Mart baseball team. GEORGE WEST, Schedule Department, got the team together, and HAROLD MITCHELL is the coach. However, you have to do a lot better than two wins and five losses...We welcome MARTIN LADAM to the Schedule Department. Welcome from Transportation...Happy New Year to all.

- Kay Batina & Betty Paszkowski

NORTH PARK -

A date for the election of officers of Division 241 will be announced soon. A large number of active and pensioned members will be appreciated to vote for the candidates of your choice...Operator LEN BAUCHLER spent two weeks in Belen,

N.M., visiting his daughter and son-in-law, LYNN and ROBERT WILLARD. Len's next stop was for three weeks at Phoenix, Ariz., where he stayed with his brother, EDWARD, and his wife, ELEANOR. They enjoyed several rounds of golf and a few visits to the races...Operator JAMES DOLAN and his wife, RITA, vacationed in and around Clearwater, Fla., where they stayed at the home of his brother-in-law, ANDY MCGAUGHN. Also on the agenda were visits with Pensioners JOE EIFFES, JOHN MAHONEY and JOE RYAN. The Dolans enjoyed several fish dinners fresh from the Gulf of Mexico...Congratulations to L. A. ISAACSON who was appointed supervisor in the Transportation Department on his birthday, Jan. 16...Received a nice note from Pensioner WILLIS SNODGRASS and his wife, EVELYN, whose address is: 5091 Flamingo Circle, Huntington Beach, Cal. 92649. They extend an invitation to anyone in the area to stop by for a visit...Pensioner RAY DONESKI and his son-in-law, BERNARD WOLLWINE, are the operators of the Tucker Hollow boat dock and marina on Lake Bull Shoals in Arkansas. The mailing address is Route 4, Harrison, Ark. 72601, or phone (501)436-5564. The trout and bass fishing are excellent with everything available for the fisherman...The medical bus is stationed at North Park for the months of March and April. Dr. BOLES PIERZYNSKI and Medical Examiner HARRY SOREGHEN are to be commended for their part in the examinations. The two gentlemen would like to take this opportunity to thank the personnel at North Park for their cooperation and promptness...The Evanston bus operators extend their thanks to Supervisor PETER O'SULLIVAN for his fine efficiency on his assignment in Evanston. Peter's next goal is to engage Assistant Superintendent DON GILLIGAN in their regular golfing matches, where Don holds a decided edge...Operator CHARLES SAUER and his wife, JEAN, had parts in a play held at Eugene Park fieldhouse named "Once In A Lifetime," a comedy by Moss Hart and George Kaufman. Charles was appointed organist at the Humboldt Park Methodist church where English and Spanish services are held. Our best wishes to Charles on his versatility...Superintendent ALEX JOHNSON, who is an elder at St. Peter's church in Schaumburg, will serve at the baptism of Area Superintendent WILLIAM MOSER's grandson. A reception will follow with the family attending...At this writing Operator DALE PETERS has undergone eye surgery at a hospital in Boston, Mass., and our prayers are with Dale for a rapid recovery...Sanitary Engineer SY GOLDMAN began pensioned life as of March 1. He will be at home in Columbus, Ind. Sy expects to do considerable gardening in his leisure time...Pensioner GARRETT FOY, who has been hospitalized at various times this past winter, is now back to normal and is busy with his gardening activities in Ja-

sonville, Ind., where he lives...Operator GENE SCHIAZZA is an active American Legion member donating his free time at the Downey hospital for veterans. Any reading material such as books and magazines would make life a bit more bearable for the vets. Contact Gene at 724-6766...Our sympathy and condolences are extended to Operator PAUL KLUG in the loss of his son, GERALD; to Pensioner EDWARD NEWTON in the loss of his wife, FRANCES, and to the family of Operator LEVY RICHARDSON...The annual St. Joseph spring mass and communion breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 20, with a time and place to be announced at a later date.

- Melvin Forning

SKOKIE SHOPS -

There's a new member in our Grandfathers Club--TONY PORCARO--supervisor of rail vehicle terminals. He made his debut into the club on Feb. 5 when his daughter and son-in-law, ARLENE and PETER BARKER, presented Tony and his wife, DOROTHY, with their first grandchild, a 6 pound 2 ounce baby boy who will answer to the name of KYLE CHRISTOPHER. Of course we can't forget Uncle JERRY PORCARO, laborer, Skokie Shop, who smiles from ear to ear when he talks about his new nephew...Another grandfather, PAUL VENTICINQUE, general foreman, is an old hand at bouncing grandchildren on his knee. Grandson No. 2 was presented to him by his daughter, MARIA, and her husband, MIKE DECORE, Harlem Terminal. MICHAEL ANTHONY was born on Feb. 16 and tipped the scale at 7 pounds 3 ounces. Granddaughter No. 2, BRIDGET ANN, is the new baby daughter of MARTIN and DEBBIE VENTICINQUE, and her birth weight was 7 pounds 1 ounce when she arrived on Feb. 21. Martin also works at Harlem Terminal. So, to all you happy parents and grandparents, loads of happiness for years to come...TONY SHALLMOSER, Kimball Terminal, has been holding down the fort for RAY BRZECZEK, terminal clerk at Skokie Shop, while Ray is enjoying the sunshine and ocean breezes in Hawaii with his wife, BETTY, and their daughter, PHYLLIS, and granddaughter...The welcome mat was rolled out for RICHARD FELDMANN, motor line, and JIMMY WILLIAMS, truck shop, who finally returned to Skokie Shop after a long stretch of working at Springfield Shop...To WALLY WIDINSKI, axle department, and LEO KREMER, motor line, we extend our best wishes for a very speedy recovery. A hearty welcome back to JOHN DJONLICH, truck shop, who was absent from work recovering from surgery...DENNY WINNICK, truck shop, and LEON WELLNER, motor line, had a bet going during the month of February to see who could lose the most weight. To make a long story short, Denny was the winner. Congratulations, Denny...That's about all we have for you this

month, but keep us posted so we can continue to be represented in the Transit News each month.

- Mary Hendrickson & Pat Hannett

SOUTH SECTION -

Lots of news this time, so let's go...It's wonderful to be able to report this item--Switchman RAYMOND LaFAIRE's parents, Retired Switchman GEORGE and MARGARET LaFAIRE, celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary and were interviewed on Channel 7 on Feb. 28 by reporter Rosemary Gulley. He's 94 and has been on pension 28 years. She is 91. They were also honored with a testimonial in the City Council chambers with Mayor Daley and all the council members. The LaFaires have eight children, 27 grandchildren, and 47 great-grandchildren. Rosemary Gulley asked George how they were able to stay married that long and he said that when they had a quarrel he would just walk out. She said that today people just don't try hard enough to make their marriage work. They live in Chicago, but usually spend the winter in Florida. This year they didn't go as they both had the flu. Congratulations on your anniversary, George and Margaret...Conductor RICK MOORHEE was happier than happy when he told us about the birth of his second boy, FRANK, born Jan. 25. Congratulations to the happy Moorhees... "Hi" to our newly-hired conductors: WAYNE SHEPPARD, REGINALD JOHNSON, MARVIN KELSEY, BRAMONDE WILLIAMS and JAMES SAPPINGTON...Chief Collector GEORGE DeYOUNG was very proud of his two sons, MARK and TODD, when their boy scout troop in Alsip won the scout contest among 26 other troops for excellency in safety aid...Motorman TONY JAGLA and his wife have been traveling again. This winter they went back to Hawaii. They said that's one of their favorite vacation spots, with the lovely weather and beautiful beaches when all the bikini-clad gals were sunning. Hawaii is really living, Tony said... We welcome Janitor CLARENCE HALBERT to Ashland Avenue...Along with happiness we always have sadness; that I guess is life. Two of our pensioners passed away: Retired Conductor EDWARD REIDY who lived in Florida, and Retired Agent BLOYCE SPARKS. Our sincere condolences to their families...Back to their posts and off the sick list are Motorman HENRY HARRIS, EDWARD MEANS and FRED GREGORY...Motorman HERMAN DUKES was commended by Superintendent STAN CHRIST for stopping his train in time before striking a man who had jumped onto the track at 55th Street...Received a card from PHAROAH (Mother-in-Law) CAIN who went down to New Orleans to see the Mardi Gras. Retired Conductor MOSES GILES and his wife, who live in New Orleans, joined Pharoah in the celebration...Retired Agent RUTH LOVELL called to thank the co-

workers who sent her a beautiful plant when she returned from Colorado where she visited her daughter. She would also like to thank them for the many pension cards and calls...Motorman JOSEPH GRIF-FIN is on the sick list at this writing in Hines hospital, Maywood, Ill. Supervisor THOMAS KILL and Retired Yard Foreman JOHN LEMKE went up to see him. Joe says hello to all his co-workers and he would like to hear from them. He is in room 922-E, bed 32. You can check with 95th Street Terminal or me to find out if he's still there or at home...Conductor ALAN DEVER was jumping up and down with joy when he heard that he was in the millionaire's drawing of the Illinois lottery. He is assured of winning \$1,500. Everyone is happy for him. Alan transferred on Feb. 17 to the Maintenance Department as a trackman. Good luck on your new job...Our employees are really in the news. In the Sunday Tribune on Feb. 9, they had a big article and pictures of Conductor MARILYN JACKSON breaking in as a motorwoman. The article also had comments by Instructor MYRON WOODS on the training of women conductors and motorwomen. "Women are easier to train than men because they try harder 'cause they don't want anybody to say they can't handle the job," said Myron...My hubby, RON, and myself were invited and attended the North Side 'L' Federal Credit Union meeting and party at Johnnie Weigelt's hall. Also present were our South Side 'L' Credit Union president, CHARLES SPEARS and his wife, and EARL JONES, treasurer, and Earl's son and daughter-in-law. We sure had a good time. A buffet luncheon was served which was delicious. We saw and talked to many of our friends we haven't seen in a long time, and are now working on other sections. Talked to Treasurer HAL STAATS, who is on pension, and he looks good. Met and talked to former Transit News reporter from the West Section GRACE MOUNTS, now on pension, and her husband. She said she had been sick but is feeling good now. Our hats are off to Hal Staats, President HUGH HEGARTY and MAE CRONIN, who worked in the credit union, and all the officers for putting on such a nice affair...Our first woman conductor to qualify as motorwoman was LENA PHILLIPS. Congratulations to you, Lena, on doing such a good job and being the first...Received a letter from Retired Motorman FRED GRONE-MEYER and his missus who live in Venice, Fla. Fred has lost about 30 pounds and is very slim and tan from riding his bike and swimming in the Gulf. They have had lots of company visiting them so they keep very busy...Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Our South Side 'L' Federal Credit Union will hold its annual meeting and party on Sunday, April 6, at Roberts motel, 333 E. 63rd Street, Room 501, at 1 p.m. Please try to attend and meet your credit union board of directors and all the committee-men, new and old, including me. A nice

buffet luncheon will be served. We to get to know all the members members-to-be personally. So if you any problems you can contact any of Another New Orleans vacationer was CED GREEN who rode the train down to his mom who lives there...On the sick at this writing are: Conductor WAL LOFTLIN and Motorman JOE RAYBI Hope you two will be back to work sho...Also heard that Retired Towerman FRICK HICKEY is ill and was in the hospital for three weeks but is now home recuperating. Hope you rapidly regain health, Pat...We are sure proud of our who made the new supervisor's trail school: Motormen LEON FEAGINS, DID CURRIN, WILLIE SMITH and NATH IAL MOORE, and Switchmen CLEVEL JACKSON and BERNARD TOWNSEN Received a letter from Retired Conductor PAUL DUCAR and his wife, SADIE, of Lompoc, Cal. They are glad they decided to settle there, and said the weather is perfect. They spent the holidays in Dallas, Texas, with their daughter and family. They have had lots of relatives and friends visiting them, too, as they joy having lots of company. They have been traveling all over the State of California seeing all the sights. Our pensioners sure know how to live...An added note--as of March 1, the South Side credit union will be open on Mondays and Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. if you have any business or questions other days, please contact one of the members or committeemen and they will see that your message gets to our treasurer, EARL JONES.

- Vera Hartney

SOUTH SHOPS -

This column just has to start with new Timekeeper ELAINE McGREGORY winning \$100,000 in the Grand Slam lottery drawing on Friday, March 7. With all the excitement the office will never be the same again. Congratulations, Elaine! We extend our sympathy to ELLEN ROSS in death of his mother, EDITH, who passed away on Feb. 27...The South Shops won safety award for the last quarter of 1976. Certificates good for \$10 were given to all of the men. Let's keep up the good work. Even the mini-bus is undergoing some changes. It has been painted and given the title, "0.1776 - Yankee Doodle." You can say it isn't patriotic now...Good luck HARRY POCES, Area 342, on his March retirement. Harry has been off sick for a long while. We wish him much happiness and luck in his pensioned life...If you see JIM FELTZ with a smile on his face, it's only because of his new position. Jim now a charter and record clerk. Congrats Jim...Congratulations to DENNY ROHE becoming a "daddy" for the second time when little GLENN ROBERT was born March 1. He weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces

measured 20 inches long. Glenn's MARY, is formerly of the South office. Glenn also made this scribe, NE DIEHL, an aunt for the fourth

hop news is that Sheet Metal Worker RICK NALLY and his wife, KATHY, recently returned from a two-week vacation in Las Vegas. Pat says he lost a bit of money one evening on just a roll of the dice, and has been looking more overtime ever since his return... Under MAX KUCHAN gave his daughter NANCY's, hand in marriage Feb. 8. Lucky guy is GEORGE URBAN and they were married at St. Paul's Catholic Church... Brake Department Foreman BOB GOODE tells me that the Dyer, Ind., League Association is waking up for its winter nap and is starting to recruit players for their upcoming season... FRANK MAY is starting an all-girls softball league this summer. The girls will be in age from 9 to 17 years. Any girls whose daughters might be interested and who live in Frank's neck of the woods should contact him in the Brake Department... Best wishes to get well go out to machinists FRANK SOBZAK and JOHN SIRVID. Hopefully both will be out of the hospital by the time this article is published... Mr. and Mrs. JERRY MORITZ recently vacationed in Hawaii. Their son makes his home there and his parents the royal Hawaiian treat during their two-week stay... To commemorate their 25th wedding anniversary, machinist HOWARD BURRIS and his wife, JOY (who works at the Mart in Employment Placement), recently vacationed in Southern California and Mexico. Their trip served a dual purpose when they visited their daughter and son-in-law in Los Angeles. Howard tells me that he is truly a Budweiser man after tasting that beer out there... A big hearty welcome goes out to Electrical Apprentice PHIL BINKINS, formerly of Wilson Avenue. Welcome aboard, Joe.

- Jeanne Diehl & Lawrence Bernas

IN STREET - Operator LARRY GENTRY has paid his associative dues. He retired on Feb. 1 with 15 years of service. Larry was given a send-off by his co-workers, and a big party goes to LAWRENCE PAGE for word that his leaving was not without note... Former 52nd Street Receiver ERIC POTENBERG is enjoying his long-awaited visit to Florida. We understand his stay will be for about three weeks... Our newest sanitary engineer is DON BISHOP. He was No. 4 on our sensory list, and is fast learning the art of bookkeeping. Here's hoping he can pick up 52nd Street when the time comes... It was a joy to see that some of our ladies (lady operators mind you) were able to stay at

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

BENJAMIN B. ALSTON, 62, Schedules, Emp. 6-24-42, Died 1-12-75
VINCENT W. BELSKIS, 72, 69th Street, Emp. 11-24-25, Died 1-4-75
CHESTER M. BIRD, 64, 77th Street, Emp. 7-15-37, Died 1-19-75
ALEXANDER J. BISSING, 65, Forest Glen, Emp. 9-17-45, Died 1-30-75
GEORGE R. BRYAN, 74, Schedules, Emp. 9-21-23, Died 1-18-75
FREDERICK BUCKMAN, 89, Way & Struct., Emp. 9-25-11, Died 1-11-75
JOSEPH CARNEY, 76, District A, Emp. 10-18-22, Died 1-16-75
FRANK CIEZADLO, 83, West Shops, Emp. 4-16-20, Died 1-31-75
THOMAS CONNELL, 79, 77th Street, Emp. 5-10-23, Died 1-26-75
JOSEPH DUGO, 65, Engineering, Emp. 7-10-25, Died 1-20-75
JOHN FAHEY, 76, South Section, Emp. 12-31-24, Died 1-20-75
LEONARD GALLE, 60, Utility, Emp. 5-22-45, Died 1-13-75
JOSEPH CASSER, 86, South Shops, Emp. 9-9-11, Died 1-31-75
CORNELIUS GROEN, 84, Kimball, Emp. 11-1-44, Died 1-31-75
ERNEST HAMILTON, 63, Forest Glen, Emp. 6-7-46, Died 1-10-75
ISAAC HARRIS, 65, Engineering, Emp. 5-26-48, Died 1-17-75
LEROY HASLAM, 57, Forest Park, Emp. 1-2-45, Died 1-20-75
HAROLD JOHNSON, 74, West Section, Emp. 4-18-44, Died 1-18-75
MICHAEL KEANE, 72, North Section, Emp. 1-9-28, Died 12-22-74
MARIE KRAUSMAN, 82, Transportation, Emp. 5-14-20, Died 1-2-75
FRANK KRPAL, 75, South Shops, Emp. 11-12-23, Died 1-10-75
ERIC LAUSCH, 77, Stores, Emp. 9-8-19, Died 12-4-74
RAYMOND MATERN, 76, Forest Glen, Emp. 1-15-23, Died 1-23-75

JOHN McTIGUE, 74, 77th Street, Emp. 12-16-24, Died 12-25-74
GEORGE MILLER, 72, Lawndale, Emp. 9-9-25, Died 1-25-75
WILLIAM MURRAY, 75, Const. & Maint., Emp. 10-15-20, Died 1-16-75
JOHN NEFELD, 87, 69th Street, Emp. 10-6-26, Died 1-24-75
ARTHUR NELSON, 85, North Avenue, Emp. 9-28-21, Died 11-27-74
JOHN O'DONNELL, 90, Kedzie, Emp. 11-10-25, Died 2-2-75
FRANCIS PHILBIN, 86, Kedzie, Emp. 12-23-19, Died 1-19-75
ALBERT POLENDER, 78, North Section, Emp. 7-18-44, Died 1-31-75
LEROY RICHARDSON, 26, North Park, Emp. 8-11-62, Died 2-10-75
CLAIR M. RODDEWIG, 71, Transit Board, Emp. 9-3-70, Died 2-23-75
MYRON ROUBINEK, 79, 77th Street, Emp. 3-13-17, Died 1-6-75
JOHN SOUTHWORTH, 80, Wilson Term., Emp. 4-4-24, Died 1-18-75
MELVIN STOKES, 40, 77th Street, Emp. 4-14-60, Died 3-8-75
JOHN STRAKA, 55, West Shops, Emp. 5-22-46, Died 1-4-75
MILES STRICKLIN, 76, West Section, Emp. 6-7-26, Died 12-12-74
DANIEL SULLIVAN, 82, 77th Street, Emp. 1-11-27, Died 1-28-75
PATRICK SULLIVAN, 74, North Park, Emp. 6-24-29, Died 1-17-75
HELGE SYVERTSEN, 94, Armitage, Emp. 7-24-19, Died 1-1-75
GEORGE TOMS, 51, West Shops, Emp. 8-25-49, Died 1-21-75
JOHN TURANO, 89, Way & Structures, Emp. 4-17-24, Died 1-24-75
GEORGE VLASS, 53, Limits, Emp. 10-5-53, Died 2-17-75
PATRICK WALSH, 86, Devon, Emp. 9-18-19, Died 12-30-74
AXEL WENNERBERG, 72, North Section, Emp. 3-15-26, Died 12-30-74

52nd on the system pick, even though we lost some of our old timers. Operator STEPTOE went to Beverly as did Operator THEUSE who is a short timer; and Operators ALLEN and BATUPS went to 69th Street... At this writing our former station superintendent, JOHN LYNCH, is confined to Hinsdale hospital. Here's hoping for a speedy recovery and seeing you back on the job... Our credit union annual meeting was held on Saturday, Jan. 25, at the Jubilee C.M.E. Temple church and was well attended although inclement weather prevailed. An estimated crowd of 85 was on hand and it shows that we do have interest in our credit union. Reports were given by ERNEST A. HILL, president; TYLER M. PHILPOTT, treasurer; ALVIN POTTS, assistant treasurer; ROBERT B. HOLMES, chairman of the credit committee, and

FRED B. POWELL, chairman of the supervisory committee. All reports were unanimously approved, especially the treasurer's report on the continued growth and progress made in the past year. Officers and members alike are to be congratulated for a job well done. The nominating committee consisted of DELORES WALKER, DUANE DOOLEY and WILLIAM A. MACK. ALVIN POTTS and Fred Powell were nominated and elected to serve on the board of directors for a four-year term. LA-FAYETTE D. GARMONY was nominated and elected to serve as a member of the credit committee for four years. Prizes were awarded and refreshments were enjoyed by all. Among the honored guests were Mr. and Mrs. JAMES PATE, financial secretary-treasurer of Division 241; JOHN O'BRIEN, president, Division 241;

Mr. and Mrs. HARVEY BEY; OWEN HOSSENDOVE and CHARLES WESLEY. It was gratifying to see Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES O'KANE and GERALDINE DAVIS at this affair. Each share account is now insured up to the maximum \$40,000, so increase your savings. All shares on record as of Dec. 31 earned a 6% dividend. You may increase your savings by contacting Philpott or Potts. The more you save, the more you earn. EUGENE T. JONES and "Sarge" Garmony will be our delegates to the Illinois Credit Union League annual convention on April 18 and 19. Some of our officials will also attend the Southwest Chicago Chapter Conference on March 13. Did WILL TAYLOR pick on Indiana again? JIMMIE MOORE was seen with three empty shopping bags, and that started GEORGE STEPTOE to wondering...Attend your monthly union meetings and support our board members.

- John L. Hudson

69TH STREET -

Our morning bus sign-in man, CHARLIE WILLIAMS, went to Memphis, Tenn., for a visit and caught enough catfish to put HARVEY BROCK to shame. When he came back Instructor O'DONNELL gave him a "Golden Tool" because he worked according to the "Golden Rule." Sure wish that my good friend B. DONAHUE would see the light and have SCOTTY HIGGINS set up the rectangular table and not the round table...Someone has been filling my mail box with garbage instead of news. Thanks a lot, fellows...Who else but J. MURNANE would try to work his vacation...Has anyone seen a 1970 Chevrolet Impala, black and gold? H. SMITH had his stolen from in front of his home with almost a full tank of gas...One of my biggest helpers in writing this news is MEL ALEXANDER, editorial assistant of the Transit News. Did you know that Mel formerly worked at 69th for over 11 years before going to the Mart? Instructor MAURICE O'DONNELL and his lovely wife, DOROTHY, celebrated 33 years of marital bliss on March 17. Their son also celebrated nine years of marriage on the same day and has four beautiful children...Is the rumor true that Pensioner HANK RISCH and WALLY were seen streaking through Marquette Park? Hank's too fat, so I don't believe it...I hear that SAM THOMAS and COLUMBUS GRAY went fishing in Wisconsin and caught about 300 pounds of white bass. They did leave a few, and are now holding fishing classes on Monday and Friday...MICHAEL J. GUTHRIE, the son of Instructor and Mrs. WILLIE GUTHRIE, will graduate from Harvard Law School on May 20. Willie has four other children in college: CHERYL and JOSEPH are attending Howard university in Washington, D.C.; CARLTON is attending the University of Pennsylvania graduate school, and CYNTHIA is at Spellman college in Atlanta, Ga. Congratula-

tions to all these wonderful people, especially mom and dad...FRED STAWINSKI moved his whole bar to Florida when he retired. His address is: 4208 W. Oakdale avenue, Holiday Lake Estates, Holiday, Fla. 33589...Also down Florida way was Pensioner JOE DAVIDSON who visited the Everglades National Park. May you and your wife travel forever in good health...I still don't know why Operator MONROE of 59th Street fame insists on calling Sarge EDWARDS, "Granny"...A personal friend of mine, CHARLES A. HAYNES, is planning to take his pension on April 1 after more than 27 years of service. Here's wishing you the best of health and happiness, Charlie...JOHN O'NEILL, the brother-in-law of Operator MITTLER, passed away after a long illness. To their loved ones we at 69th Street extend our deepest sympathy...MARC DAVISON, the son of Operator LATHIA DAVISON, was injured in an automobile accident. We all hope and pray that everything is alright now...Last but not least, our No. 1 seniority man, JACK WILSON, took his pension on March 1 after 41 years of service. May the Lord give you 41 more years of good health and happiness, Jack.

From the repair department we hear that Pensioner FRANK WALSH paid a visit and really looks good after being retired for 18 years. Also paying a visit were Pensioners C. THOMA, BILL LORENZEN and RAY SCHEID who are doing well...HAROLD COFFEY, the 77th Street bus transfer man, took his pension on March 1 after 39 years of service. To Harold and Mrs. Coffey we wish to extend them many happy and healthy years of retired life...We all were glad to see JOE JANECKO back to work after his recent accident. And to JOE VOLPE we wish him a speedy recovery and a quick return to work...To those on vacation, JOHN VINE, H. LEWIS and CHARLIE WILLIAMS, here's hoping you have a wonderful time and a safe return. Charlie is where the sun shines always, the deep south...We were very happy to have PETE SZAFRANSKI return to us, and sorry to see BILL LAMBERT leave. Good luck to both of you...Congratulations to RALPH GRAGIDO and his wife who recently celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary. We wish them many more years of happy marital bliss. Ralph is the night garage instructor here at 69th Street.

- Art Bussing & Jimmy Ahern

77TH STREET -

Hi ladies and gents. I see the ladies have made themselves at home at 77th. I have never seen my fellow operators look sharper or more alert. I hope the ladies won't start hanging any curtains...From behind the cage I hear that Superintendent WILLIAM WHITENHILL is on vacation for three weeks. We know he is roaming... Chief Clerk ED KRAUSE was off for three

weeks, spending much of the time in Pittsburgh...Clerk CARL SMITH was off for two weeks loafing. Well, not the whole weeks—just about two weeks...RALPH BELLAMY is sporting a new car. Who did you get all the money, Ralph?...After six weeks, RALPH BACHERRIELLI is back from North Avenue. Bah!...Nick see Clerk FISHER back to work after brief illness. He says he is happy to be alive...It was nice to see TIM HALL show in as temporary superintendent after being away for awhile...With the system coming up it seems as though we will be losing some of our lady operators...We are happy to see Mrs. COLEMAN back to work after her unfortunate experience...With the hunting season is coming to an end, and no one seems to have had much luck except M. PALMER and C. HENDX. Either they're putting us on, or they know the choice hunting spots and won't tell anyone. Well the fishing season isn't too far off, so we'll test their skills then...I would like to thank Clerk LAMBERT without whose cooperation the above item would not have been possible...Kudos to Operator



Charles E. Lowery

CHARLES E. LOWERY, a 2nd Lieutenant in the Avon Park Squadron, Illinois State Police, Station 15, Illinois, who was presented the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) safety award. Congratulations, Charles, and keep up the good work. Congratulations Operator KARL FLEMING upon his recent marriage to the former Miss DORIS VANCE. I would also like to thank him for the wedding reception invitation, and regret deeply my absence at that affair...I'm very glad to see that Operator HEY CHAMBERS finally made clerk...Operator BOOKER BYERS is doing everything possible to see that the up-coming marriage of his daughter, ELLEN, will be a very magnificent occasion...Operator JOHN WINSTON attracts a crowd everywhere he goes. Could it be the Mark IV?...I know speak for all of my fellow operators when I express my deepest sympathy to Operator W. TOLBERT and his family in the loss of his father, WILLIAM TOLBERT...I understand that there will soon be an election of union representatives and officials. I would like to say as a fellow operator and brother of Local 241, that I haven't been too hard working off in the system than our board members 77th Street, E. GRESHAM and A. BUTLER. I think they have earned our trust and serve our support...How about three cheers for Operator JOHN CHANDLER who celebrated his (?) birthday on Feb. 27, long for now.

- Allison De Bunnell

cta window



THE BRITISH ARE HERE, PAUL REVERE! Mrs. Doreen Killenger of Leister, England (in tweed coat), and members of the Mitchell Portugal family of Glenview and the George Portugal family of Columbus, Ohio, wait at the Skokie Swift's Dempster Street terminal for the Paul Revere Bicentennial train after its Feb. 22 dedication. The Portugals are brothers. Mrs. Killenger is Mitchell Portugal's mother-in-law and was visiting him, as were members of the George Portugal family. So the group trooped down to the terminal to ride with Revere. Mitchell is to Mrs. Killenger's right.



ONCE A CTAer, ALWAYS A CTAer: Here, Fred Feinendegen, 75, of 8105 N. Elmore Ave., Niles, a 40-year CTA employee when he retired in 1965, visits the inaugural run of the Paul Revere Bicentennial train Feb. 22. He talks with Motorman James D. Carroll at the Skokie Swift's Dempster Street terminal. The train is running on the Skokie Swift route.

NAMESAKES -- George Rogers Clark, another Spirit of '76 vehicle, makes its debut on the West-Northwest route, and one of CTA's favorite pioneers, George Clark (too), is there for the launching. Our Clark retired on New Year's Day, 1974, after a 35 year career with CTA. He started as a test engineer, wound up his service with five years as Superintendent of Shops and Equipment. During his career, Clark served as chairman of the mechanical division administrative committee of the American Transit Association.

THE \$100,000 LOOK! This is how it is when you suddenly find yourself into a hundred grand. Grand! Elaine C. McGregory, clerk at South Shops, has just checked her Grand Slam ticket (Friday, March 5, right after lunch) and found she had won \$100,000 number. Within minutes, the news had spread throughout the system. Within an hour, the media were at South Shops for interviews. Elaine and her husband's biggest thrill for the money is a new home in Crete.



what's news

Two "firsts" in the history of CTA's North-South rapid transit route are featured on pages of this Transit News. After 82 years of service, terminal-to-terminal signal protection became effective for the first time on Feb. 20 (see Cab Signaling-page 10) and the first motorwoman soloed March 7 (see story on debut-page 6).



New to the North-South -- cab signaling and motorwomen, too.

- CTA -

New heroes and heroines of the War for Independence period are riding the CTA routes this month as the result of Spirit of '76 vehicle christenings. Benjamin Rush is one, Alexander Hamilton is another. George Rogers Clark had an appropriate visitor for its birthday party (see Window, inside this page).

- CTA -

On March 13, the Regional Transportation Authority voted CTA a grant of \$22.5 million to fund operating costs through March 31.

- CTA -

Riding on new Water Tower Express route, featured in last month's cover story, has increased 36 per cent during morning rush period, 20 per cent during afternoon rush period since its inauguration Jan. 27.

- CTA -

Official visitors since the New Year include:

Nikifor Stoitchkov, first deputy minister, and Vassilev Nedyelko Vrodzhaliev, chief of passenger transportation operations administration, Ministry of Transportation, Bulgaria.

Hiroshi Abe, city planner, Tokyo Metropolitan Government.

F.V.A. Alves, director of urban services, City of Diadema, Brazil, and L. C. Silvan, director, department of operations, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Ross Burkhardt and Mrs. Christopher Maloney, Mayor's Office of Midtown Planning and Development, New York, N.Y.

Students, Illinois Wesleyan university.

Students, Chicago Metro Center.

Students, Grand Valley State college, Grand Rapids, Mich.

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The Case Of The Lost You-Name-It

Anit Leppiks

find the doggondest things at the CTA lost and found.

literally.

Items turned into any one of the CTA's ten transit terminals and ten bus garages range from a dachshund to a doctor bag.

During 1974 alone, the CTA collected 2,170 items of gloves, 1,819 glasses, and 2,505 umbrellas. Purses were the most common item lost, the CTA found -- 3,247.

Other items common to CTA lost and found included CTA senior citizen passes, prayer books, keys, and portable radios.

More unusual lost articles included the often talked about but seldom seen bags of money, a muskrat, and a 40-inch tall Congo drum. A baby carriage and the book, "Dracula."

Answers Bring Calls

While it is routine for a driver to pick up someone left on a bus seat, terminal such as Howard Street -- the radiocenter for operating personnel who work as far south as 63rd Street, as far north as Wilmette, and as far west as Cicero -- take 30 to 40 calls a day for items. Those inquiries increase to 50 calls on a rainy day, when riders forget their umbrellas.

The agents taking these calls said people lose the most unusual items.

George Daubs, superintendent at the Forest Glen bus garage, talked about two items found within two days of each other a year.

It was a clear sunny day when bus driver William White found a purse containing over \$100 on Milwaukee Avenue.

The next day, another driver, Edward Pinkowski, driving the same route as White, found a shopping bag full of rags and a small coin purse, containing over \$200.

Neither purse contained any identification.

International Incident

Another happy recovery involves a German tourist who left a camera bag containing a telephoto lens, tripod, and a shoebox full of exposed film aboard one of the Congress-Milwaukee L' trains. When the bag was returned to

him in Germany, the delighted tourist sent a "thank you" letter to the CTA -- along with a check for the postage.

The 77th Street bus garage fed a parakeet ("Mike") for four years after it was found in a brown paper bag on a bus. No one ever called for the bird.

While it seems riders will lose and claim almost anything, which sex is more forgetful?

CTA agents agree it is women.

"Women tend to carry more -- handbags plus packages," explained Mike Veltri, superintendent of the Howard terminal.

Jim Walsh, superintendent of the Forest Park terminal, remembered a Roosevelt University student who lost her purse on the Lake Street 'L' train. The purse contained no identification; only an address book and school friends' pictures.

The purse was returned, but only after much hard work tracking down university students, through the pictures and the address book, to find the owner.

Two days later she left it on the 'L' again. But they were ready for her this time.

Case Lost, Almost

Of course, there are the "absent-minded professors" -- such as a North Side lawyer who leaves his briefcase aboard the Lake Street 'L' train about once a week. Luckily, it always has been returned, even though his loss could have cost the attorney a day in court.

Veltri explained that one night the lawyer asked a superintendent to unlock the lost and found office at 9 p.m. so he could get his briefcase in time for a court appearance the next morning.

Then there are things which you would think no one would ever lose -- such as a set of false teeth.

Angelo "Andy" Bianchini, chief clerk at the Howard terminal, remembered a man who came to the window one afternoon grumbling he lost his teeth.

"We had a set here and so we gave them to him, since his description seemed to fit.

"Next morning he (Continued Page 2)



Lost and Found (Continued)

was back, complaining toothlessly that we could keep our teeth -- they didn't fit!" said Bianchini.

What To Do When

Do all these losers help make CTA personnel more watchful of their own belongings? Definitely not.

"Well, I'll never carry a package. I'll stuff it into my pocket or I'll have it delivered," said Veltri.

Lexington and Concord Trains Celebrate April 19 'Shot'

Two more Spirit of '76 trains--the Lexington and the Concord--were placed in operation the weekend of April 18-19, to celebrate "the shot heard 'round the world." The Lexington, a one-car train, is on the Skokie Swift route. The Concord, also a single car, provides shuttle service on the Evanston-Wilmette rapid transit branch. The trains are named after the battles of April 19, 1775, which marked the start of the American Revolutionary War.

The sun was just above the horizon the morning of April 19, 1775, when a column of 600 to 800 British

For those of us whose pockets are not so roomy, Joseph Vodvarka, superintendent, administration, suggested a telephone call to the CTA -- 664-7200.

"Tell the operator what you lost, on which bus or rapid transit line you were traveling, the time, and the date," he said.

"She will transfer you to the proper lost and found agent who will try to help retrieve your loss."

If you're lucky, as many hundreds are, the wayward article will be there waiting for you. If not -- you've learned a lesson.



regulars, on their way to seize military stores at Concord, approached 75 minutemen on the Lexington village green.

Realizing the big odds against them, Captain John Parker ordered his minutemen to disperse.

That was when someone -- no one knows who -- fired a shot.

The British troops began firing, and eight minutemen were killed and nine were injured.

For the British, the Lexington confrontation was the start of a nightmare trek to Concord, and then back to Boston, as minutemen from throughout the countryside kept up a barrage of sniper fire on the passing column of British regulars.

The British made it back, but the war was on.

Commendation Corner

Mrs. Virginia Hardesty of Valparaiso, Ind., thinks CTA conductors are super -- especially James Daniels. He helped Mrs. Hardesty get back her lost purse containing nearly \$300.

She telephoned the CTA to commend Daniels, 25, an employee since 1973.

Mrs. Hardesty, a domestic worker, said she enjoys using the CTA's Sunday Super Transferpass to sight-see in Chicago. One Sunday in March she was on a

southbound Jefferson Park train and discovered it was at the Racine Avenue station on the Eisenhower route.

"I wanted to go to the Loop and somehow I missed my stop," she said. "I quickly got off and discovered, to my horror, I had left my purse containing all my belongings on the train."

As the train pulled out of the station, she called to the conductor to please turn in her purse.

When she arrived at the Desplaines Avenue Terminal in Forest Park, her purse was waiting -- complete with savings and loan pass book for \$200 in deposits; \$36; a bus ticket to Valparaiso; her personal papers -- and her Sunday Super Transferpass.

Mrs. Hardesty learned of Daniels' identity when she went to see if it was at the lost and found. Daniels had filled out a report.

"I just had to telephone someone at the CTA to tell them about your super employees," she said.

Golden Words For Thousands Of Listeners

Tribute To Hogan Goes On Air

WITH ALMOST any retirement you naturally associate a gold watch, a savings bond, maybe a testimonial, and certainly a lot of handshaking.

Tom Hogan's retirement was no different.

He retired April 1 as superintendent of the Control Center. The party for him in the Center had all the usual fanfare -- except he never got a gold watch.

He got two testimonials though.

One was a bronze plaque mounted on walnut. It was admired and read by the more than 100 visitors who joined in on Hogan's sendoff.

The plaque read:

SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARD

PRESENTED TO

THOMAS P. HOGAN

In recognition of his 44 years

of outstanding leadership and devoted service

1931 - 1975

Chicago Transit Authority

The other testimonial couldn't be seen to be read and yet thousands heard it. It was broadcast on radios throughout the Chicago metropolitan area.

Which explains the mysterious man with a tape recorder enjoying the festivities at the retirement party. He was Gary Lee, traffic reporter for WBBM News Radio 78.

Lee had learned to depend upon Hogan for factual information on the status of CTA's operations -- just as listeners depend upon Lee to learn if their bus or train is on time.

Lee's tribute to Hogan came every half hour at the end of each traffic report on the air during the evening rush hour on Monday, March 24.

And part of what his audience heard went like this:

"The name Tom Hogan may not sound familiar and that's understandable, because he is not a prominent person or a big newsmaker. But he is one of the most important people to the thousands of commuters who depend on the CTA...And Tom is retiring this week after 44 years."

Explaining why he started with the "L", Hogan said, "When I got out of high school I worked for a brokerage concern. I left school in '28, so of course '29 and '30 were not very good years in the brokerage business. My father was an old time conductor with the Rapid Transit, so he got me a job with the elevated in 1931."

Hogan continued, describing the computerized bus monitor which he saw come into play as one of many changes.

Lee added, "Despite these improvements keeping the trains and buses on time is no easy task...and anyone who rides them owes a bit of thanks to Tom Hogan and his co-workers."

It was a fitting climax for the career of Tom Hogan, who joined the CRT as a traffic checker on Jan. 20, 1931.

He later became a dispatchers clerk in 1936, train clerk in 1941, supervisor in 1951, line supervisor in 1956 and relief superintendent of the Control Center in 1967. Hogan became superintendent in January, 1971.

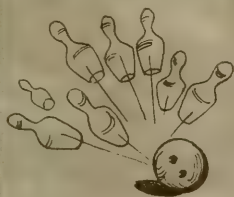
But, did he miss the gold watch? We think not.

Lee probably phrased it best when he said, "He's been living by the clock for 44 years, a gold watch is the last thing he needs now."



AT HIS retirement party, Tom Hogan is shown being interviewed by Gary Lee, WBBM Radio traffic reporter. At right, Hogan accepts one of many gifts--a portrait of himself--from Ralph Tracy, Service Director, as Lester Racker, Control Center area superintendent, looks on.





CTA Sports News

MEL ALEXANDER, Sports Editor



Archer Bandits Are Bowling Champs

BY SCORING a big two-game win over the Baggers on April 11, the Archer Bandits cinched the championship of the 77th Street Operators Bowling League for the 1974-75 season.

With the season ending on April 25, three teams will battle it out for the second place spot: the Baggers, Pin Busters and George's Arco. Only two games separate these teams.

At a general meeting on April 13, election of officers for the 1975-76 season was held. Elected president for a third term was Calvin Pollard. Mike Kane was re-elected vice-president and Talmadge Ireland, treasurer. The new secretary is Frank Bailey and Luther Lee is sergeant at arms.

The bowling banquet will be held on May 9 at Palisades Bowl beginning at 9 p.m. Trophies and prize money will be awarded at that time. President Pollard is asking that everyone attend. The dinner begins promptly at the scheduled time.

77TH STREET OPERATORS BOWLING LEAGUE

Teams	W	L	Pct.
Archer Bandits	70	29	.707
Pin Busters	62	37	.626
Baggers	60½	38½	.607
George's Arco	60	39	.606
Late Comers	54	45	.545
Clippers	53½	45½	.544
Golden Arms	52	47	.525
Centurions	51	48	.515
Boozers	50	49	.510
Spartans	47	52	.475
Thunderballs	46	53	.465
Poppers	41	58	.414
Road Runners	40	59	.404
Toppers	39	60	.384
Rotators	34	65	.343
Tranquilizers	32	67	.323

Grant Park Golf Tournament Planned

THE GRANT Park Recreation Association, the organization through which our summer softball league is staged, will hold its annual "Golf Outing" on Wednesday, May 16, at Cog Hill Country Club, Lemont, Ill.

Entry fee for the tournament is \$8.50, and if you wish to attend the dinner following there will be an additional fee of \$7.00.

Entry blanks for the tournament are available by contacting Mel Alexander on Extension 811 in the Mart. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place.

Basketball Championship To Archer Station

FOR THE second year in a row, the Archer Station cagers are the champions of the CTA Sports Program basketball league.

In the final game with Kedzie Station on April 11, Archer trailed the half and a loss would have created a three-way tie for first place. Coach Bankston gave his men a pep talk at the intermission, and it did the trick.

In the second half Captain John Reynolds who had scored only 6 points in the first half, came back to score 16 points which was enough to pull in front, win the game and the championship.

North Side 'L' and 69th Street Station each with a 13-2 record, finished in a tie for runner-up position.

Due to the length of the season, the league was unable to schedule a playoff as they have in the past. It was decided at the beginning of the campaign that the team winding up in first place would be declared the champions for 1974-75.

The Sports Committee would like to extend a very special thank you to each player, captain, coach and manager for a very exciting season. And to Coach Hubert Bankston of Archer, our congratulations to you and your fine team.

In This Corner . . .

Champions, Yesterday and Today

By W. B. Wolfan

COMPARISONS IN sports are odious primarily because there is no way to specifically prove any conclusion. But it is a fascinating pastime just the same.

Let's look at two title fights--38 years apart.

The first one--The Time, June 1937; The Place, Cniskey Park; The Principals, Joe Louis and Jim Braddock--for the heavyweight championship.

The second one--The Time, March 1975; The Place, Cleveland Coliseum; The Principals, Muhammad Ali (nee Cassius Clay) and Chuck Wepner--for the heavyweight championship of the world.

I saw Louis win the title from Braddock and also creered Braddock's training camp, I suppose that gives me an edge over those who never saw Joe fight. My candid opinion of both men is that Muhammad Ali ranks as one of the best, but not in a class with Louis.

Now for my reasons--in the first place a heavyweight like Chuck Wepner would never have lasted three rounds against Louis.

Joe made mincemeat of that kind of opposition, and didn't waste time.

Fighters with any chance against Louis had to get on their bicycle and stay out of range of that lethal punching power.

Billy Conn did exactly that for nearly 13 rounds,



JACK DEMPSEY, world heavyweight champion and the one many experts rate as the greatest of modern times, as he looked during the peak days of his boxing career. Others rate Joe Louis, Detroit's famed Brown Bomber, as a champion on a par with Dempsey. It's a matter of opinion. (Photo Courtesy CHICAGO TRIBUNE)

and Conn was a superb boxer. His handlers told Conn to stay away from Joe, and stay away he did while piling up points with his left jab. Conn followed instructions until the roof fell in the 13th. His early lead was meaningless with Conn out cold on the canvas. Louis was ahead on points for 12 rounds of the classic battle.

Louis won the title from Braddock in Chicago after Braddock had beaten Max Baer for the championship in one of the biggest boxing upsets of all time. No one could afford to clown with the cagy Braddock, and Baer did with disastrous results.

But in the fight with Louis, Braddock was up against a machine. He absorbed murderous punishment before Louis mercifully ended the bout by knockout in the sixth round.

I was among the writers polled in advance of the Louis-Braddock title bout and picked Braddock to win by decision. I was warned about the Bomber's ability but didn't listen.

Fighters of the caliber of Chuck Wepner do not belong in a championship bout. He's a club fighter, nothing more. It's true, however, that the greatest of champions have their off nights, and perhaps Ali had a bad one against Wepner. But bad night or not, he should have been able to stop his opponent in the early rounds.

Louis at his peak was perhaps one of the finest heavyweights of all time--certainly one of the greatest. A few years ago I talked with Jack Sharkey, the ex-Boston gub who held the heavyweight title, and the only man to fight both Jack Dempsey and Louis. Sharkey rated Dempsey the greatest and Louis right behind the Manassa Mauler. He had faced both men in the ring and that qualified him to express his opinion. What a fight that would have been if Dempsey and Louis had come along the same time. Each with devastating punching power and the killer instinct inherent in both men.

Ever since the retreat from the golden age of sports, there isn't any doubt that boxing has led the way in a rush toward over-commercialization. The Ali-Wepner bout is an example of the money craze.

Today the commercial interests call the timeouts in the pro football games, so the announcer can get in his licks for the sponsor. The closed circuit people show fights featuring athletes like Wepner who wouldn't have been able to draw 500 people into the Garden in the Mike Jacobs' era.

The hungry fighter, the athlete who chose sports as his main interest in life--they're long gone. Today's athlete is a million dollar business man.

Nostalgic comparisons of ring champions must take a backseat to the ultimate conclusion--that as long as the suffering public is willing to fork over the buck, the Chuck Wepners will earn more than they would have been paid for a Garden preliminary bout. Meanwhile old timers pine for yesterday--when boxing was boxing--and Henry Armstrong held three world championships, all at one time.

Club 77 Retirees From Noted CTA Garage Honor Their Own



Plato Bibbs, right, the first Black hired in CTA operations (as a surface line worker), listens to Area Superintendent Harold Reddick as he reads the inscription on plaque presented to Bibbs by the "Men of 77th" during their recent dinner party held in honor of the 1974 retirees from 77th Street. Bibbs, the "Jackie Robinson of CTA," started with the old Chicago Surface Lines in 1942 and retired in 1973. At the time of his retirement he was a supervisor. The more than 300 CTA employees, their mates and friends gave Bibbs a standing ovation as he approached the podium to receive his award.

By Betty Edwards

RETIREMENT PARTY or home coming, whatever you want to call it--it is a real tribute to CTA esprit de corps when the workers from a CTA department or garage want to get together with former associates to renew old times--and to welcome the latest group of members to their own retirement club.

Such was the case recently at a restaurant on the South Side.

"The Men of 77th," a group of bus operators and superintendents at the CTA's 77th Street Station, rolled out the red carpet for some of their former co-workers who retired last year.



All together once again were the 1974 retirees from the CTA's 77th Street Station who were honored during a dinner party held at the CTA Allegro. From left to right are Joseph Dwartz, Benjamin Beach, Tony Williams, Arthur Habich, Leonard Brezek, Plato Bibbs, William Flynn and Roby McKay. All of the men were presented with plaques for their years of outstanding service with CTA.

It was quite an event. Distinguished guests from the Regional Transportation Authority and the Department of Public Works were present.

There was dancing after dinner to music of Lucius Bell and his Eight Notes.

Also on hand with wives to congratulate the retirees were new CTA Manager of Personnel Fred King; Carl Gibes, director of personnel in the Transportation Department; George Riley, director of support services in Transportation; Frank Vitek, assistant superintendent at 77th; J. C. White, assistant area superintendent, 77th south, and others named in citations.



Enjoying an evening filled with tributes to the 1974 retirees from the CTA's 77th Street Station, from left to right, are Frank Wsol, station superintendent, 77th Street; Marshall Suloway, Commissioner, Department of Public Works, City of Chicago; Mrs. Frederick G. King and her husband who is Manager of Personnel.



Making a cross-country trip for the event of the year was Johnny Knerr, left, who retired last year from 77th Street as station superintendent. Knerr and his wife are now living in Hot Springs, Arkansas. He is shown with Leonard Brezek whose career with CTA began in January, 1947. He retired in February as a traffic supervisor.



Transportation was the topic of conversation as the James Kems and Marshall Suloways took time out during the first annual retirement dinner sponsored by the "Men of 77th." From left to right are Mrs. Kemp; Suloway, who is Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, City of Chicago; Kemp, Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) board member who has been named liaison to the CTA from RTA; and Mrs. Suloway. Suloway was named to the Chicago Transit Board by Mayor Richard J. Daley to fill the vacancy created when Milton Pikarsky was elected chairman of the RTA.

The CTA Chef

Spaghetti and meatballs don't have to come from a can to be quick and convenient.

Mary Boski, Secretarial Assistant, General Operations Division, makes a spaghetti

sauce, which, if not eaten in one serving, will freeze easily.

Most important, says Ms. Boski, is that her recipe is authentic. Germane to Ricigliano, a small mountain village southeast of Naples, Italy, Sauce Italiene is a likely candidate for the twice weekly pasta feasts many Italian families still observe.

Furthermore, the recipe has a number of optional additions that let you choose your own taste.

Sauce Italiene (8-10 servings)

Note: At least two different meats (browned first) must be used to give the sauce flavor.

- Saute: 1 small onion (sliced)
1 clove garlic (or 1 teaspoon dry garlic powder or $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon dry minced garlic)
- Add: 1 small can tomato paste plus 1 can water using paste can
2 small cans (or 1 large can) tomato sauce
1 large can tomato puree plus 1 can water using puree can
2 tablespoons basil
2 tablespoons parsley flakes
2 teaspoons salt
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon sugar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon fennel seed (if no Italian sausage is used but if pork neck bones are used)
1 tablespoon olive oil (if no pork or stewing chicken is used)

Simmer with meat 2 to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

Sauce Italiene is a basic sauce to be used with pastas such as fettuccine, lasagne, and manicotti, to name a few. In this version, Tuscany meatballs and Italian sausage are served with spaghetti. Top with parsley and sprinkle with grated ricotta cheese.

If sauce needs to be thinned, use water that pasta is cooked in.

Meats to cook in sauce (use any two):

- 1 pound beef (meat balls, neck bones)
- 6 to 8 pork neck bones
- Small chicken (stewing has more flavor)
- 6 to 8 lamb neck bones
- 1 to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ pound Italian sausage

Meat Balls (Origin: Tuscany)

- 1 pound ground beef (or $\frac{1}{2}$ pound ground beef and $\frac{1}{2}$ pound ground pork)
- 2 slices soft bread crumbs
- 2 tablespoons grated Romano or Parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon parsley flakes
- 1 teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon pepper
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon oregano
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 egg (well-beaten)
- 1 tablespoon chopped onion

Shape into 1" balls. Brown in 2 tablespoons olive oil (spoon out fat as it collects) or broil meat balls until brown. Add to sauce.

To accompany her main course, Ms. Boski makes a tossed salad. Ingredients include any kind of lettuce, such as romaine or endive lettuce, a sliced marinated artichoke heart, black pitted olives, any kind of canned vegetable, including pickled baby beets, and avocado. Dress with vinegar and oil and sprinkle with fontina cheese.

Serve with warm Italian bread and a full bodied wine.

For dessert, Ms. Boski recommends an Elmer's Sundae, a chocolate walnut sauce poured over a scoop of vanilla ice cream. The sauce hardens so that it's like eating an ice cream bar, only much richer.

Straining the spaghetti.



sit With
r. Mosny

Tooth Decay and Gum Disease

Editor's Note: With a new dental insurance plan in effect for CTA employees wishing to take advantage of it, we thought dental care would be a logical subject for Dr. Mosny to write about.

DENTAL CARIES and gum disease should be the concern of both the family physician and the dentist. Some systemic diseases such as diabetes increase the breakdown of dental structures and thereby increase an individual's susceptibility.

The dentist plays a major role in dental care, but for prevention, each person must assume the primary responsibility by brushing, flossing and following recommended diets. The dentist mainly treats the end result of poor oral hygiene and practice.

An important point to remember is that 50 per cent of us become toothless by the age of 65 and this could have been prevented. An understanding of the development of tooth decay and gum disease will help us to prevent the disease processes.

Dental Caries (Cavities)

Tooth decay is the most common dental problem and is the result of a combination of factors which destroy the tooth enamel. The initial and most important factor is plaque formation. Plaque is a sticky colorless film which forms on the teeth and originally comes from the saliva. Bacteria grow in this plaque, using sugar and food particles as nutrients.

Acid formation is a result of bacterial activity. The plaque hastens decay by building the acid against the tooth for long periods of time.

The susceptibility of the tooth enamel to decay determines the rapidity with which this will occur.

Gum Disease

Pyorrhea also begins with plaque formation along the gum margins. Eventually, calcium salts from the saliva mineralize and a calculus of stony consistency results. Bacterial activity produces a variety of by-products which lead to gum inflammation and destruction. Finally, degeneration of the supportive structures of the teeth occur. In addition, the hard calcified plaque acts as a mechanical irritant during chewing or brushing and thereby causes local irritation and bleeding of the gums.

Eventually, the gum separates from the tooth and results in the formation of pockets adjacent to the teeth. These serve as collecting areas for food debris and infection causing the gum disease to progress more rapidly. With destruction of the supportive structures of the teeth, the tooth becomes loosened and finally falls out.

Prevention

Good oral hygiene by proper brushing and flossing will prevent plaque formation and acid production which cause tooth decay and pyorrhea. Avoidance of sugars is also important.

Brushing - A properly used manual toothbrush is recommended. Select a soft nylon toothbrush with rounded bristles and a head that fits comfortably in your mouth. Vertical stroking of the teeth and the gum margins in a direction away from the gums is recommended. All surfaces must be brushed thoroughly.

Flossing - In order to remove plaque and food debris from between the teeth, dental floss should be used at least once a day.

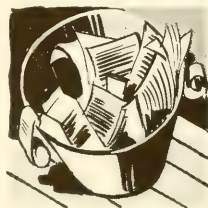
Nutrition - Avoid processed sugars and food containing such sugars both at meal-time and as snacks. The amount of sugar is not the im- (Continued Page 11)

Transit News *Family Fare*

THE FAMILY LAWYER

Waste Basket Evidence

Detectives suspected that Murray, staying in a downtown hotel, was involved in illicit gambling. One evening they checked the contents of his waste basket after it had been removed from the room by a maid. Sure enough, they found telltale numbers slips.



When the case came to court, Murray's lawyer objected to this evidence on grounds of "unreasonable search and seizure." He pointed out that the detectives had no warrant to search the waste basket.

But the court found the evidence admissible and Murray guilty.

"Once the discarded items were outside of the room," said the court, "they were in the public domain."

As a rule, the constitutional protection against unreasonable search and seizure does not apply to articles that have been abandoned. This is true even though they were abandoned under the pressure of pursuit.

In another case a speeding motorist, noticing a police car following him, tossed a package of narcotics out the window into an open field.

Police retrieved the package. And again, a court ruled that the evidence was valid. The court said the man had clearly abandoned possession of the package before the police picked it up.

But there must also be an intent-to-abandon. Another man, sitting in a taxi, dropped a box of pills on the floor when a policeman walked up. Here too the officer seized the box.

In these circumstances, however, a court decided later that the box could not be used as evidence. The court said that although it had been laid aside momentarily, it was still within the man's reach—still, for all practical purposes, within his possession.

"An occupied taxicab," observed the judge, "is not to be compared with an open field."

An American Bar Association public service feature by Will Bernard.

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AT HIS retirement party, Thor Haaning was surrounded by Administrative Services staffers who contribute to production of Transit News. From left, John Gritis, Adele Monson, Thor, Joan Fitzgerald and Art Tonner.

Transit News 'Publisher' Retires

TRANSIT NEWS lost one of its foremost supporters April 1 when Thor Haaning retired.

As a loyal reader? After overseeing the production of more than 70 million magazine pages now he should be able to scan a single copy at a more leisurely pace.

For the benefit of his knowledge, experience, and willingness to help, however, his absence will be felt dearly by the entire magazine staff. Haaning has been the "publisher" of Transit News since January 1962.

He inherited the job when CTA management was forced to cut costs and cancel engraving and printing contracts.

Printing and collating has since been done in CTA's own print shop located in the Merchandise Mart.

In the capacity of director of administrative services, Haaning managed the Duplicating Services Unit as well as the Photographic Services Unit.

The latter takes all CTA photographs and also processes negatives for the offset printing process used by Transit News.

A skilled photographer himself, Haaning took many of the pictures used to adorn front covers of Transit News.

Needless to say, countless others learned to depend upon Haaning too. His 39 years of service produced many friends within CTA, as was evidenced by the nearly 200 fellow workers who honored him at a luncheon or contributed to his retirement gift.

Haaning started on the rapid transit as a station watchman on New Year's Eve in 1935. After ten years as a trainman he transferred to the General Office as a photographer in 1948.

Placed in charge of CTA's reproduction services in 1961, Haaning was appointed director of administrative services last April.

Well - -

Hello, Dollies!

CTA's switchboard girls are doll lovers.

Eva Marcin, who's been on the CTA phone for 14 years, has been collecting dolls for 20. They're dressed in authentic national costumes from 19 countries and 11 states.

One is an egg carton doll from Pennsylvania. The biggest doll, from Hawaii, is nine inches tall. The smallest doll (five inches high) is made of blue and white seashells from Florida.

"I never played with dolls when I was a kid," Marcin says, "but I do talk to them now, especially when I dust them."

Maybe there's something about a switchboard girl causing the urge to collect something besides rice. Our head switchboard operator, Menetta Ferrari, collects clowns, continuing a hobby begun by her husband.

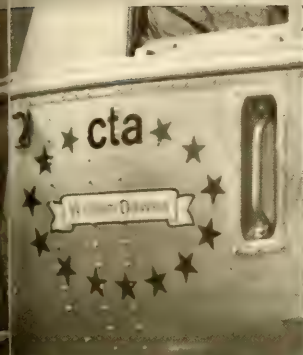


Eva Marcin's doll collection has almost as many nationalities as the U.N. Here's a closeup on Eva and a sample of the variety. Below, Menetta Ferrari with some of her clowns, dolls and sculpture.



Dawes!

That's The Spirit in Evanston



Dawes is a big name in Evanston.

The Charles G. Dawes home, on Sheridan Road, is headquarters of the Evanston Historical Society.

Charles G. Dawes was Vice President of the United States from 1924 to 1929 in the administration of President Calvin Coolidge.

His great grandfather, William Dawes, was one of the lesser celebrated heroes of America's War for Independence.

In fact, Dawes finished the ride Paul Revere started through the Massachusetts Bay Colony countryside to warn villagers and farmers that "the British are coming."

Says George Krambles, originator of the CTA's Bicentennial Spirit of '76 fleet: "As a patriot on horseback on the eve of the battle of Lexington and Concord, William Dawes has never been given equal billing. He had no Henry Wadsworth Longfellow for a press agent."

Teeth (Continued)

Important factor but it is the frequency with which it is used. Each exposure to sweets will produce 20 to 30 minutes of acid production. Sugar by itself does not cause tooth decay but when combined with poor oral hygiene it becomes a vital factor. There is some evidence that protein, Vitamin C and Vitamin A have a protective influence in gum disease.

Good oral hygiene from a diet standpoint includes liberal use of raw fruit and vegetables, unsweetened

So, what's more natural than to remedy this by naming the first '76er on the Evanston-Wilmette elevated branch the William Dawes. The train went into operation on March 20.

William Dawes, who was a humorous shoemaker, is credited with having been more effective in getting past British guards at checkpoints on the night of April 18, 1775, for his ride to Lexington. Often posing as an intoxicated peddler, Dawes had won the friendship of the guards.

Dawes also was conspicuous for wearing cloth-covered buttons when brass buttons were in vogue. He hid gold coins inside the buttons to smuggle them for the Revolutionary cause. Among other exploits, he also smuggled two cannons out of Boston.

While favoring the William Dawes for the Evanston service, the CTA has not overlooked Revere in its Spirit of '76 program. The Paul Revere train began operating recently on the Skokie Swift route.

juices, diet drinks, milk and tomato juice. Peanut butter is a good snack food.

Flouridation - Flouride helps tooth enamel resist tooth decay. The most practical way of providing it is by adding it to a community's water supply.

Dental Care - Plaque removal, surgical removal of damaged gums, correction of abnormal biting occlusions, replacement of missing teeth by partial bridge work and use of space maintaining techniques are all procedures which a dentist will utilize to arrest tooth decay and gum disease.

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ARCHER -

Congratulations to Dispatcher and Mrs. WILLIAM TAYLOR on their 39th wedding anniversary, and to Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH FREEMAN on their 43rd wedding anniversary...Our wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to LARRY HEARD, the son of C. HEARD, who broke his arm; to GEORGE KUBIN who is convalescing from his illness; to GRANT JONES who is convalescing from his accident, and to Collector CHARLES JONES who is recovering from his operation. Operator D. E. STUKENBERG has returned to work after being off for five months...Our belated and deepest sympathy is extended to Operator MARTIN MCMAHON in the passing of his mother; to Operator E. L. SANDIFER in the passing of his father, and to the family of Retired Supervisor ARTHUR MURPHY who passed away...Good luck to CHESTER KRAJEWSKI who took his pension March 1, and to W. A. (Pickles) WEINMAN who retired April 1. Enjoy your retirements, gents, and the best of everything to you...Spring is here, so please watch for children playing and riding their bikes...ERNEST P. PHELPS has transferred to the Schedule Department as a traffic checker. Good luck in your new assignment...Our basketball team is hotter than a depot stove in January with a 9-1 win-loss record. Coach H. BANKSTON is very happy with the team performance. Keep up the good work, gents, we are proud of you. Can't forget the bowling team -- they are out there every Friday night keeping Archer Station on top. Thanks, again, we appreciate what you are doing for Archer...AUSTON WOOLFOLK, president of the credit union, wishes to thank the members for attending the 37th annual meeting that was held at McKinley Fieldhouse on March 16. After reading the annual report, there were discussions on how to improve the service of the credit union by the members. It was a great day for everyone, and we hope to see you there next year. Guests were Retired Superintendent MYLES and BEA HARRINGTON, ROBERT QUETSCHKE of the Mart, Area Superintendent WILLIAM MOSER, Assistant Superintendent JOHN PETROSICUS and JOE STEWART of Archer. Also JOHN F. O'BRIEN, president of Division 241; Mr. and Mrs. JAMES A. PATE, treasurer of Division 241; JOHN F. TIFFY, secretary of Division 241; ROBERT HOLMES, and Mr. and Mrs. ERNEST HILL, president of 52nd Street credit union. We can't forget Pensioner FRANK SUMMERS who was looking great. The following gentlemen were elected to the board of directors: President AUSTON WOOLFOLK; Vice

President FRED OLSEN; Treasurers BRUNO KAMEN and JOSEPH KUBICKI; Directors JOHN KOCHER, WALTER ZEGLIS and FRED BACKE. Save with your credit union.

- Owen Wassenaar

CTA SECURITY -

The new face in the office is that of TERRY SWEENEY who transferred to us from the Maintenance Department. Nice to have you aboard, Terry, and hope you enjoy your stay here...Your scribe is now in possession of a new name and roommate. I was married on March 8 to BOB WASSON who works out of the 77th Street Depot. We spent our honeymoon at Disney World in Florida, and it was absolutely fantastic...A warm welcome is also extended to JACK DONOHUE and JACK SHEEHY who transferred to our department from Special Investigations.

- Pat Wasson

DATA CENTER -

VIC JOHNSON and his family just returned from their fly/drive trip to California--San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego. The next home he buys, says Vic, will be in Monterey. Wonder if the Monterey Transit Authority has an opening...JIM GRIFFIN tells of his recent elbow-rubbing with Sammy--Davis Jr., that is. Jim was on the Stateliner 149 last week when Sammy Davis jumped on and began to entertain the passengers. Talk about cheap entertainment...Would you believe that MARY GRACE CASTRO edged Zsa Zsa Gabor into a Giggiss corner. Mary Grace and her fiancé were choosing tuxedos when Zsa Zsa arrived to fit her "darling" husband. Both women chose the same tuxedo. What taste.

- Evelyn Lee

ELECTRICAL (Rapid Transit Signal Division) -

Super cop ROBERT ALBRECHT is off to California on a one-week vacation. I don't know how anyone could cram a vacation, all the way to the West Coast, into one week. Bob would be the first to try it...A number of our promising signal helpers were recently promoted to journeymen. They are: ART COLI, JOE ROMBOUT, ELLIJAH WILSON and HOWARD YOUNG. Being signal maintainers now, these men are taking on more interesting responsibility. Congratulations, fellows...PAT STAUDT is back on the job after being off for a month recuperating from a back ail-

ment. CHARLIE SEMON filled in as for man of the gang and kept things running smoothly in Pat's absence. Charlie gave me a "no comment" on filling in for him. I guess he figured there must be better things to write about...Did I say anything about FRANK BONK who is still off sick? You know he had an operation to correct a stomach disorder. Just don't you worry, he is eating well and often. There is still a lot of Bonk left there...We regretfully report the death of ELIZABETH BART, the mother of Signalmen RICHARD GARRYS. We offer our deepest sympathy, your hour of sorrow and trust that your prayers will help strengthen you in your time of need...Back at work and glad of it, is ART LOWDER. He was off work for long time with a broken leg. Glad to see you back, Art...Want to know what happened to Retired Signal Maintainer CLARENCE ZAKE on the night of the corn beef and cabbage dinner? Clarence told me he just didn't feel up to it, and he wanted to spend a quiet evening at home with his wife. Nothing wrong with that. Clarence attends this affair regularly, it was noticeably missing that night...Signal Maintainer FRANK HALPER, who has had much success in his bid to stop smoking by attending a stop smoking clinic, is now entering into another area of concern. The same non-profit organization that sponsored the stop smoking clinic is now sponsoring a type of program that deals with the care of the heart called "Heart Beat". The program is affiliated with a hospital and is highly recommended by Frank and his wife, DOROTHY. A physical and information gathered by an interviewer is the determining factor whether you are heading toward an eventual heart failure heart trouble in later years... "Get well soon" is what all the guys here are saying to CLYDE YOUNT who was hospitalized but is now up and on his feet. That's the way to do it, Clyde...Retired Signal Foreman PATRICK J. DOYLE and his wife were guests recently at a stockholder

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JOINING THE ranks of retired on April 1 were the three employees pictured here who had 40 or more years of merit service each with CTA and its predecessor companies.



J. A. JANKAUSKIS
48 Years



J. R. CHRISTO
45 Years



J. G. DUNDOVICH
45 Years

NEW PENSIONERS

JOSEPH BOBKO, Carpenter A, 5th Shops, Emp. 7-6-48
WILLIAM BRACH, Carpenter, 5th Shops, Emp. 10-1-45
JOSEPH CHRISTO, Elec. Worker A, Building Maintenance, Emp. 8-20-29
ASTIN CRAYCRAFT, Serv. Truck Chauff., Utility, Emp. 9-6-35
JOHN DUNDOVICH, Electrical Worker, 5th Shops, Emp. 1-20-30
TOMAS DUNNE, Pers. Investigation, Social Investigations, Emp. 5-13-46
EDWARD EDWARDS, Line Truck Chauffeur, Utility, Emp. 7-6-39
PATRICE FRANKE, Invoice Clerk II, Accounting, Emp. 9-17-51
TOMAS GRIFFIN, Operator, 1st Avenue, Emp. 8-18-37
TODD HAANING, Director, Administrative Services, Emp. 12-31-35
JOHN HALL, Operator, 1st Park, Emp. 1-10-36
CARLES HAYNES, Operator, 4th Street, Emp. 2-24-48
TOMAS P. HOGAN, District Supt., Control Center, Emp. 1-20-31
JOSEPH JANKAUSKIS, Painter A, 5th Shops, Emp. 3-11-27
JOHN KLIMA, Service Truck Chauffeur, Utility, Emp. 7-29-41

meting and dinner given by the Metropolitan "L" federal credit union. They had much fun they were still chuckling about several days later when I talked to them. It seems it wasn't just the dancing that kept them out until midnight, but many of their old friends they met. Seated at their table were: JOHN CURRY, Illinois director of credit unions, who was also the guest speaker; Retired Signal Maintainer FRANK GUAGENTI and his wife, LOUISE; Mrs. MAE GRIFFITHS, the 80-year old mother of PATRICK GRIFFITHS, and Mr. MICHAEL CARNEY of the Lake Street credit union.

- Tommie Lowery

CARL J. LACHNER, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 2-13-43
THOMAS LYONS, Motorman, North Section, Emp. 1-27-43
EDWARD MERK, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 7-8-44
SALVATORE MILAZZO, Car Repairman, Foster Maint. Terminal, Emp. 3-9-50
JOHN MILLER, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 3-10-42
CHARLES O'CONNOR, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 2-5-65
FRANK PASCHE, Chief Clerk, North Avenue, Emp. 9-23-35
ELIZABETH RUSSO, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 3-13-47
ELEANOR SHALLBETTER, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 8-15-64
CLARENCE SPINDLER, Trackman I, Plant Maintenance, Emp. 11-28-45
GEORGE SULLIVAN, Box Puller, Kedzie, Emp. 3-30-42
WILBERT WEINMAN, Operator, Archer, Emp. 12-10-40

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

CORNELIUS JONES, Ticket Agent, South Section, Emp. 2-24-49
LARRY MANTER Sr., Collector, Limits, Emp. 12-13-56
NEIL SULLIVAN, Conductor, South Section, Emp. 11-14-45
SAMUEL TRICHE, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 7-6-44

KEDZIE -

Superintendents R. K. KEAG and E. WHITE want to congratulate all the operators on their improved accident record. Kedzie came in second for the past quarter, and coffee was enjoyed by all the men, courtesy of management, and the rolls were furnished by your credit union. Let's strive a little harder and be No. 1...Operator GEORGE SULLIVAN took his pension on April 1 after 33 years of service. George can now sit in his rocking chair and just enjoy life at its best...Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. NAOMI BEY, the wife of Operator HARVEY BEY, in the death of her mother, Mrs. ADDIE BLAY-

LOCK. Our condolences are also extended to Mrs. F. BARNES in the death of her husband, Operator FRED BARNES, who passed away on March 18...To everyone having a birthday or anniversary in the month of April, we send our best wishes for many, many more...To all the operators on the sick list, we wish you well and a speedy recovery. Hope to see you all back to work real soon...Don't forget your credit union--save a little each payday...To all the operators who made the "Employee of the Year" list, congratulations. Let's make the list really grow.

- Raymond Graham

GENERAL OFFICE -

DAVE BARROWMAN, retired since 1964, died in March in Loretta, Wis. He worked in Accident Prevention...JOHN BLUM has joined Public Safety and MARIO McMANUS has joined Personnel Development, both as graduate trainees. Welcome aboard...JOE FELDMAN has asked us to be sure and extend her thanks for the thoughtfulness of the CTA people during her time away from work recuperating...MIKE SMITH has left Personnel Development and returned to South Shops. We all wish him well...DENNIS MURPHY, Marketing, just returned from a two-week trip in the West driving his new car. He came back sporting a beard...We were sure glad to see AILEEN MADDEN back in Executive after a lengthy rest. Welcome back...In the Medical Department, we wish the best of birthday greetings to HARRY SOREGHEN who will be older on April 25 and EARL BOYD who is getting to look younger April 16... Among those taking retirements recently in the Mart was GEORGE BENSHISH, audit clerk III in Internal Auditing, who is shown accepting a gift from Comptroller SAMUEL P. MILLER (left). George had over 37 years with CTA, the last 11 of which were in the General Office. Before that George was a bus operator at Forest Glen.



Miller & Benish

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neurauer

LIMITS -

There's not much news for this issue for as fate would have it, I've been off sick as some of you must know. But now I'm back and looking for all those news items...Well the basketball team didn't do as good as I promised, but maybe we will have better luck next year. Maybe a few of the taller fellows at the station could do it for us...Speaking of doing it all, it's softball time again, and maybe we can make up for the basketball team. Want to hear something

funny--I will be playing softball this summer so we just have to win...Speaking of winning, you can't lose by retaining our present board member, R. GOLDMAN, when election time rolls around. He has done a lot, keeping us informed as to what is happening within the company and at the station, so let's get out and vote for him... Well, it's vacation time again so get those news items in to me so I can mention them in our column. You can leave them with the clerk or give them to me.

- Charles Turner

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT -

Our vacationers for this month are DAGMAR McNAMARA who enjoyed a trip to Jackson and Natchez, Miss., and New Orleans; ED THORNE who enjoyed a week in Florida and the Bahamas, and LINDA LUNDBERG and MAGGIE POKATILOFF who enjoyed a short vacation around the Chicago area...The welcome mat is out to our new typists in the Stores section, BARBARA NEELAND and ELLEN MUNYER. VICTOR JOHNSON Jr. is also a new face in our department. Vic was formerly in Stores, transferred to Data-center and is now back in Stores. Nice having you back, Vic...That big smile that ANN JOBARIS is wearing is a "grandma for the first time" smile. Ann has even taken a week's vacation to spoil her little granddaughter, SOJIA...We also welcome back ROBERT MURRY who was promoted to stock clerk II in our South Shops location. Bob was also a former Stores employee who has come back home...We were very sorry to hear that Pensioner FRED LOITZ, former order control clerk, passed away in March...A word to all our sections--we can't print news if we don't get any. How about some news, please.

- Priscilla Kamradt

NORTH AVENUE -

As we bid farewell to March, the spectacular, unpredictable, changeable month, we also bid adieu to the caravan of operators that left North Avenue on the system pick. Among them our man of the "rackets," Operator BEN FLENNAUGH, the tennis star. And, while we are on the farewells, the very best to Operators EDWARD A. MANNION, HAROLD F. FORSTER and EINAR G. PARSON who inked their names to the list of retirees March 1...On March 31, FRANK PASCHE, our most efficient chief clerk, brought to a close continuous service that started at the old Armitage Barn in 1935. Frank has made no commitments as to his plans as a pensioner, but we wish him a happy and relaxed life of which he is most deserving...It was an 8 pound baby girl named JENNIFER ANN for Repairman KEVIN J. HALLEN and his wife, GRETCHEN...Our visitors during the month were ex-operators CURTIS JAMES

and DAVELL MORGAN, now working in different categories with the company, and Pensioner TONY GLOPPE...ANN TEDESCHI, the wife of Operator JULIUS TEDESCHI, added another rung in the ladder of life as she celebrated her birthday on March 23...Our deepest sympathy is extended to Assistant Superintendent ARTHUR TABEL in the death of his father-in-law; Operator K. STOLZ in the death of his mother, and Supervisor EARL BURKETT in the death of his father-in-law... While taking in a few days of relaxation, Supervisor WILLIAM REYNOLDS visited his good friend, JOHN ROLAND, at the Amalgamated Transit Union headquarters in Washington, D.C. Reynolds took an extended tour of the nation's capital to see just how the federal government really clicks...A hearty welcome is extended to the new operators that are coming to North Avenue as their choice on the system pick...now give you a sneak preview of a suspense story that may be a first in the annals of CTA romances. Be sure and watch this column next month and get the entire story...In the finance circles, Operator KENNETH METTLER, treasurer of the credit union, and his staff were banging away on the calculators and adding and posting machines as the month ended. They are paying dividends for the first time on a quarterly basis...My old sidekick, WALTER BLIX, is still on the sick list. Here's hoping you will be out and on the go by the time this is in print, Walter.

- Aaron Puett

NORTH PARK -

Operator HAROLD ANDERSCHAT and his wife, ANNE, enjoyed a week's vacation in Las Vegas. They saw a number of shows and were guests at Johnny Carson's opening night at Caesar's Palace. Harold must have been quite lucky as he is now driving a new '75 Pontiac Catalina...Operator HAROLD BASON and his wife, NORA, enjoyed a ten-day cruise to the Caribbean Islands with a week's stay in Florida...Operator CLARENCE (Butch) VAN MIDDLESWORTH has his charter boat, the "Debtor's Prison", all set for the Lake Michigan fishing season. The boat is equipped with electronic fish finders and all poles and tackle are furnished. For information phone (312) 539-6657...Operator JOHN HALL retired on March 31 and CTA's finest paymaster will be missed. John, a very personable man, has been working Western Avenue for years. We at North Park wish him many years of pleasure in his retirement...Pensioner FRED HERMAN received a pin from Resurrection hospital for 500 hours of volunteer service, and a beautiful photograph of him appeared in the Lerner newspapers...Pensioner WILLIAM SEIFERT who is living in South Gate, Cal., recently donated a prickly pear tree, age five years, that he started from a seed in Chicago, to the South Gate Park

District. Bill and his wife, MIN, recently became great-grandparents for the second time.

- Melvin Froude

OPERATIONS PLANNING (Schedules) -

Happy birthday to DOROTHY ETSCH on April 1. Congratulations and here's wishing you celebrate many more...We welcome MOSES JOYCE, THEODORE MUELL, CHARLES MYERS, ALTON NOBLE and EARNEST PHELPS to the department as traffic checkers...We extend our deepest sympathy to ED JOYCE in the death of his wife, VICKIE...The Mart basketball team had a fairly decent year considering the problems we had in recruiting a team and the fact that we had never played together before. The contributing factor to this is the outstanding play of guard DREW BISHOP, who is in the management trainee program; forward TOM O'BRIEN, who is a traffic checker in the Schedules, and center-forward ELBERT LANE, who is a principle application analyst for Data-center. With more practice and maybe a little more luck I think we will have an outstanding team next year. Other players on the present team are: JAMES TERP, CHANCE HANEY, ROBERT SPOONER, JOE MILBROOK, all of Schedules; RAY LOUIS, Insurance Department; TONY DREWS, Electrical Engineering; TIM RYAN, Maintenance, West Shops, and NORRIS FRANKLIN and JACKIE ROBSON of the Transportation Department. The player coaches for this year were JOHN DORSEY and RICKARD MITCHELL of Schedules. The player manager was GEORGE W. WEST.

(Routes & Systems) -

We welcome EVELYN MARTIN into the department as a clerk-typist. Evelyn's husband, DAVID, is a station superintendent at the Dan Ryan Terminal...A little pile of joy came to the home of ROXANA and HOWARD BENN. Charming little MICHELLE LISA made her debut at West Memorial hospital on March 7 weighing 8 pounds 5 ounces. Babies usually have little shirts with Mickey Mouse or Donald Duck, but Michelle has one with a train on it from her father, of course. Howard had some sleepless nights, but that comes with being a father...Some of our fellow workers are keeping in shape by playing volleyball every week: LINDA GRAYBECK, DICK BRAZDA, BOB VANCE, FRANK O'DOWD...HANK WILSON and his beautiful wife recently celebrated the 21st wedding anniversary by spending evening on the town.

(Passenger Controls) -

NEAL ST. JOHN recently transferred our department from Limits where he was a serviceman and is now a junior draftsman...Lots of luck (and they need it) STEVE and DIANE WOLGEMUTH who are buying an old house in Riverside, TI

dates back to about 1865. It was by David Gage, who at that time was mayor of the City of Chicago. Mr. Gage had a horse farm and a race track, which was on Riverside. Steve and Diane are trying to restore the exterior to what it was the "good old days." At least Steve will have to worry where his vacation money will be spent.

- Kay Batina & Betty Paagowski

UNIT MAINTENANCE (West Shops) -

Apologies for missing the last two issues of news, but the flu bug got to me the first month and vacation took care of the second month...Mr. and Mrs. NICK LAJO are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, RAPHAELA, born on Jan. 2 weighing 7 pounds 3 ounces. This makes three daughters for the Gallos. Raphaela was the first baby born in the New Year at the Ridge hospital and was presented with gifts...The West Shops credit union held their annual dinner in the shops cafeteria. We had quite a crowd and the food, as usual, was delicious thanks to TONY SPAK and his wife, JUANITA...HARRY PALICCHI and his wife finally got to see the first grandson even though he was a few months old. The proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. GREENWOOD, and the baby is named MATHEW...A belated happy birthday to T. J. STAUNTON who was 41 years old on Feb. 19...A happy birthday also to JOSEPH CHRISTOF, but I can't tell you his age...I would like to wish a happy birthday to all of you who have celebrated since the first of the year. Here's wishing you many, many more...To the shins—a word of cheer—get well and getack to us, we miss you...A happy 38th wedding anniversary to Pensioner E. P. WAJE and his lovely wife, VI, who celebrated on March 16. Mr. Wade retired on Jan 1 and is hibernating in the North Woods...Our deepest sympathy is extended to DOKKY FERRARA and his family in the loss of his wife and mother...This is a short report of news, so please bring me your news bits anytime. I always like to hear from you.

- Jennie Scott

SOOTH SECTION -

Spag has finally sprung and here's your summertime gal who is sure happy about it...Conductor ALAN DEVER won \$15,000 recently in the Millionaire's Drawing of the lottery and it couldn't have happened to a better guy. He is so thrilled over winning the money. He tried another job as trackman with the Maintenance Department, but transferred back to us as conductor and we were sure glad to have him back...Also, happy to newly hired employee STEVEN FLOWERS...Agent IRENE HUERTA got away from it all recently by going up to Michigan for a nice weekend...One of my favorite people whom I used to work with

at 61st Street office years ago (I won't say how many years), former office employee BERNARD TRANDEL, passed away recently. He was one great guy...Just the other Sunday we had another first on the South Section: We had an all-woman crew on the Jackson Park Line -- Motorwoman LENA PHILLIPS and Conductor FRANKIE SUMMERS, and they did a splendid job...The passenger commendations keep flowing in: Conductor ANTHONY EDWARDS was commended for helping to re-unite a lost boy with his parents; Conductor DOUGLAS WILLIAMS was commended for returning a woman's purse which she left on the train; Conductor CULLIS FLINN was commended for exceptional courtesy in assisting a woman passenger with travel information, and Conductor KNOX REEVES received his second commendation in a matter of a couple of weeks for his clear and well pronounced announcements...On March 22 I attended the Metropolitan "L" Federal Credit Union meeting and dinner at Nielsen's restaurant at Harlem and North Avenues and everyone had a super time. The buffet dinner was just delicious and they even had dancing afterwards. Saw so many people I hadn't seen for awhile, it was like old home week. I was with KATE and JOHN BURNS, former president of Division 308, and my boss, Superintendent STAN CHRIST and his wife, RUTH. The president of our credit union, CHARLES SPEARS, also attended with his wife, SARAH. Thanks to President HOUSTON WASHINGTON who works on the South Section, Secretary JOHN CAROLAN, Agent DOROTHY PARKER and all the other board members and committeemen at the Metropolitan Credit Union for putting on such a wonderful party...Back to their posts and off the sick list and we're sure glad to see them are: Yard Foreman JOSEPH PUGH, Conductors WALTER LOFTLIN and JOSEPH C. MARTIN, and Motorman JOE RAYBURN...Pensioned Towerman LEONARD DeGROOT got away from our winter weather by going down to Hot Springs, Ark., and tried the baths enjoying them and the warmer weather...This is really a success story. Motorman HERMAN DUKES and his wife, MARIE, are to be congratulated for bringing up such wonderful children. They have six--two

versity where she is working on her bachelor of arts degree. SHIRLEY has a B.A. from the University of Illinois, an M.A. from DePaul and is now pursuing another degree in administration supervision at DePaul university...Going on a disability pension April 1 is Conductor NEIL SULLIVAN who has been on the sick list for six months. Hope your health gets better and better so you can come back to us soon. Mrs. Sullivan had been ill recently, too, but she's OK now. Also retiring is Agent CORNELIUS JONES who also had been sick for quite a few months. Hope you regain your health real soon...We lost two more of our pensioners to Heaven: Retired shop office employee at 61st Street, CLARENCE BIRMINGHAM, and one of our favorite retired agents, CATHERINE COLLINS. Our condolences to their families...On Sunday, March 23, hubby RON and I attended the Lake Street "L" Federal Credit Union meeting and party at Johnnie Weigelt's hall and we sure had a good time. That weekend was our weekend for credit union dinners. I won a \$5 door prize and was I happy. They had a lovely buffet dinner. Boy did I eat that weekend. Saw many people from the West Section we haven't seen in many a moon. Sat with Superintendent of Forest Park Station JAMES WALSH and his wife, JO, and Director of Support Services GEORGE and Mrs. RILEY. Our hats are off to President LEONARD KUKOWSKI and Secretary JOHN MCCARTHY and all the other directors and committeemen for showing us such a good time...Former Agent HELEN LAFAIRE, the wife of Switchman RAYMOND LAFAIRE, called me when she was up from their farm in Lutesville, Mo., visiting her husband. She said she just loves it down there and they have cows and a horse. She and her son and daughter-in-law have a store and gasoline station, too. Ray is just waiting to go on pension and join her...Conductor PETER FLYNN transferred to janitor in the Maintenance Department on Feb. 12. Good luck on your new job.

- Vera Hartney

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE (Skokie Shop) -
Greetings! Spring is here officially, but you wouldn't believe it. At this writing



Patricia Ann - Pamela - Shirley and Herman Dukes

there is snow on the ground. Cheer up, summer will soon be here and most of you will be hitting the roads to get away from it all. Please let your reporters know what your vacation plans are so we can share your experiences with everyone... Our sincerest sympathy is extended to Superintendent JAMES PANKONEN in the loss of his father...In last month's magazine, I mentioned that RAY BRZECZEK, terminal clerk, vacationed in Hawaii, but I couldn't remember his granddaughter's name. I found out her name when Ray returned and it's NATALIE. Natalie, we heard you had a great time in Hawaii... Can't forget to mention that the owner of that friendly, smiling face that comes to visit Skokie Shop occasionally belongs to DOM NICOSIA. . . MAUREEN DONLEY stopped in to see us during her Easter break from school. It was so nice seeing her again...Time is marching closer and closer to June 14 when KATHY GRAY-BIEL and JOHN HRUBY, production supply control, will take the big step...Words cannot express our deep sympathy to TOM CARRERA, axle department, in the loss of his wife, JILL...When new men transfer to Skokie Shop from other departments we welcome them cordially and hope they will enjoy working with us. By the same token, when our men transfer elsewhere we are sorry to see them leave us. WALTER BROZEK, control department, is leaving us to go to West Shops; STANLEY WARCHOL, control department, is transferring to the Signal Department, and DON ANGELL, laborer, decided to become a CTA policeman. To each of you we wish the very best of luck in your new jobs...To JOHN DUNDOVICH, motor line, who joined the ranks of the men of leisure on April 1, we all extend our very best wishes for a very healthy and happy retirement...To all you men who are baseball fans and do like a night out with the boys--Friday, July 11, is the night and the game will be in Milwaukee, Wis., at the County Stadium, the White Sox against the Brewers. The bus leaves Skokie Shop at 5 p.m., so why not plan on going. Oh, just noticed in re-reading the ball game notice, it states that your wife or girlfriend is welcome too. Boys, that means one or the other, not both, unless, of course, you want a bit more excitement than usual... Well that's about it for this month, folks. See you all next month in the magazine, providing you supply us with a bit more news than you did this month.

- Mary Hendrickson & Pat Harwell

(South Shops) -

Our deepest sympathy is extended to JIM PANKONEN and his family in the death of his father, ADOLPH R. PANKONEN Jr... RICH JUVNALL and JEFF SAPINSKI spent a weekend skiing in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. I am happy to say they both returned without any broken bones,

as I had anticipated...Welcome back to PAT STERLING who has been working downtown. I should say PAT JONES, since Pat was married Dec. 14, 1974, to EMIL JONES Jr., a state representative. I want to congratulate both of them and wish them much happiness...We wish BILL VANDER-VEST, Limits, and THEARS JUDKINS, Kedzie, both a speedy recovery from their illness...Congratulations to DON F. TAR-NOWSKI, Technical Services, on his engagement to DONNA M. MARINO. A spring wedding is being planned. Don also just purchased a home in Burbank, Ill. We all wish Don and Donna the best of everything and much happiness in their new home... The annual credit union dinner-dance and meeting was held March 22 at Geneagles Country Club. The main course was prime rib, which everyone enjoyed. It also turned out to be an engagement party for JOHN JANKUS' son, JIM, who presented his future wife, SUSAN ARENS, with a ring. Good luck to Jim and Susan...Welcome back to JIM LAMONT from his recent vacation in Hawaii. Jim and his wife spent two weeks there lolling in the sun and touring. Jim's wife commented, "this was the first time that we didn't run out of things to do on a two-week vacation."

Upholstery Shop Foreman JOHN KURGAN and his wife, GRACE, recently vacationed in Mesa, Ariz. Some of their time was spent planning and participating in a surprise 50th wedding anniversary for his in-laws, MIKE and GRACE RUBEY. Mike is now residing in Mesa since his retirement eight years ago. John reports that Mike and Grace are a picture of health and happiness...Welder MAURICE O'CONNOR tells me that his son, DENNIS, is now serving on the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Kitty Hawk. Dennis is in his first year in the Navy and is now stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii...Congratulations go out to FRANK and JOAN KLEIN on the arrival of their first child. Frank was beaming with pride when he told me his son weighed 8 pounds 9 ounces at birth and that his wife was doing just fine...Welder WILLIAM SHAUGNESSY became a grandfather for the fourth and fifth time last month. His new granddaughters are KELLY MARIE and AMY ANN. Bill also celebrated 30 years of service on April 26. Nice going, Bill...HOWARD BURRO's son-in-law, WILLIAM BAILEY, earned high scoring honors in the Midwest Conference and made All-American senior...Congratulations to HARRY POCES on his retirement as a mechanic March 1. We wish you the best of health in your years of leisure... We'll close on a sad note this month in reporting the death of BETTY WALDMANN, the beloved wife of Retired Machinist WILLIAM WALDMANN. Our deepest sympathy is also extended to Machinist FRANK SOBZAK in the death of his sister, MARIE RODGERS.

- Jeanne Diehl & Lawrence Brown

WEST SECTION (Agents) -

As of this issue WKTED and DOUB will combine their efforts as co-reports to bring you the news concerning West Section employees. We will be extremely grateful to all of you who help us out. We really need your news, especially from Douglas, Congress and Lake Street lines. Send your news through your own terminal clerk to us via the clerk at Jefferson Park. Thank you!...After nine years of dedicated service as a Transit News reporter, M. DRED DOYLE has decided to relinquish the job to your reporters. Being on disability for several months now, it has been easy for her to gather news. We give her a big "A" for effort and a very sincere thank you for a job well done... MACHADO ran his brand new motorcycle into a tree. The bike looks none the worse from the incident. Sorry we can't say the same for Ed. He is hobbling about on a couple of badly bruised and banged knees...ALFRED WILLIAMS is giving new Mercury Cougar a real workout. He traveled to Nashville, Tenn., for a weekend. Then he headed for St. Louis and Indianapolis on following weekends. Now he is planning a weekend jaunt to Ontario, Canada...Retired Janitor HAROLD SOUL, who has been ill, is feeling better and would like to hear from his CTA friends. Belated birthday greetings to DOROTHY PARKER (March 14), MINNIE DIKEMEYER (March 17), and ED SANDERS (March 18). Many happy returns...We are sorry to report that Mrs. DAVID GRAFMAN entered Edgewater hospital on March 14 for heart surgery. Our best wishes are for her complete and rapid recovery...Nine-year-old MONATIQUE, the daughter of CAROL BOWMAN, marched as a drum major in the St. Patrick's day parade as a member of St. Columbanus school band. She was right up in front of the crowd beaming with pride as the group marched by...ROBERT PATELLARO of the Douglas line celebrated her sixth company anniversary on March 19. HELEN GUTH celebrated 25 years with the company on March 30. Congratulations are in order for Area Supervisor SIDNEY TURNER and our lovely assignment agent, the former PAULA DILLINGHAM, who became Mrs. and Mrs. on March 1. The ceremony was performed by Sidney's mother, who is a minister. Good luck and many happy years together are wished the newlyweds...GLADYS RUEDIGER had one week off in March. She and her husband drove to Wisconsin for one day and just relaxed at home the rest of the time...HELEN CHRISTENSEN took off for a two-week vacation in Florida where she will visit her dad. Hope the Florida sun will ease the aches, pains and bruises that Helen acquired while learning to ski. She certainly had her ups and downs...On March 11 FRED FRIER had his 29th anniversary with CTA. We deliberately omitted the word celebrated because on that day Fred went to St. Francis hospital in Evanston to have surgery on his

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

WALTER AHERN, 68, South Section,
 Ep. 12-3-28, Died 2-19-75
 ABUST BIEVEER, 71, South Division,
 Ep. 10-4-28, Died 2-26-75
 JON BLOMBERG, 80, Engineering,
 Ep. 6-17-30, Died 2-8-75
 THOMAS BROWN, 79, North Avenue,
 Ep. 2-24-37, Died 2-16-75
 FANK BURGARS, 62, Archer,
 Ep. 7-4-37, Died 2-14-75
 ANTHONY CATANZARO, 77, North Ave.,
 Ep. 4-23-29, Died 2-13-75
 BRNARD CHROMCZAK, 57, West Sect.,
 Ep. 10-20-42, Died 2-1-75
 SINLEY CIBULA, 77, South Shops,
 Ep. 6-14-43, Died 2-6-75
 BRDETTE COLLIER, 63, Kedzie,
 Ep. 8-17-45, Died 2-26-75
 ANONIO CROCCO, 93, West Section,
 Ep. 5-28-18, Died 2-25-75
 PED DECKER, 85, 69th Street,
 Ep. 9-28-18, Died 2-3-75
 PED DIMALINE, 87, Cottage Grove,
 Ep. 6-1-26, Died 2-4-75

JOHN DUNNE, 66, South Division,
 Emp. 11-12-45, Died 2-28-75
 ROBERT EVARTS, 59, Forest Glen,
 Emp. 2-21-47, Died 2-4-75
 LOUIS FLAMM, 68, 69th Street,
 Emp. 2-8-51, Died 2-7-75
 HARRY FREEMAN, 75, North Avenue,
 Emp. 12-12-23, Died 2-3-75
 JAMES GROUNDWATER, 88, 77th Street,
 Emp. 12-13-06, Died 2-14-75
 FREDERICK HANSEN, 77, North Avenue,
 Emp. 3-19-26, Died 2-7-75
 AUGUSTUS MCGILL, 88, Loop,
 Emp. 7-28-44, Died 2-13-75
 MARIAN MOYLAN, 87, North Section,
 Emp. 6-9-32, Died 2-25-75
 FRANCIS JUSZYNSKI, 74, North Avenue,
 Emp. 6-24-29, Died 2-11-75
 WILLIAM O'BRIEN, 64, Forest Glen,
 Emp. 6-27-42, Died 2-11-75
 JOHN O'CONNELL, 68, North Avenue,
 Emp. 11-11-36, Died 2-5-75

MICHAEL O'CONNELL, 90, Building,
 Emp. 3-16-26, Died 2-21-75
 JOSEPH PAGANO, 61, North Avenue,
 Emp. 2-20-69, Died 3-24-75
 EDWARD READY, 71, South Section,
 Emp. 4-9-25, Died 2-19-75
 MOLLIE SHIELDS, 79, West Section,
 Emp. 2-24-37, Died 2-16-75
 JOHN SHORT, 80, North Avenue,
 Emp. 12-3-28, Died 1-9-75
 HAROLD SIEBERT, 71, West Section,
 Emp. 3-27-29, Died 2-26-75
 JOHN SOBIESKI, 56, 52nd Street,
 Emp. 8-14-45, Died 3-21-75
 BLOYCE SPARKS, 73, West Section,
 Emp. 11-26-40, Died 2-3-75
 JOSEPH SWIONTKOWSKI, 84, North Ave.,
 Emp. 8-13-18, Died 2-17-75
 MARY TRACEY, 81, West Section,
 Emp. 11-17-22, Died 2-26-75
 PAUL P. YANKUS, 88, Armitage,
 Emp. 5-18-20, Died 2-21-75
 AUGUST E. ZIMMERMAN, 83, Armitage,
 Emp. 11-22-27, Died 1-20-75

rit hand to remove an excess growth of
 sealage between his fingers. With his
 hand all bandaged up, Fred made a special
 trip to see me and announce the birth of
 his fourth grandchild, GLEN ALLAN
 MARL. He arrived at Northwest hospital
 on March 15 weighing 7 pounds 9 ounces.
 Fred was grinning from ear to ear as he
 sat, now I have two girls and two boys to
 play with. Congratulations to mom, dad
 and the proud grandparents and welcome
 to Glen. . . Speaking of babies, Clerk
 GENE BIESZKI, Congress, became a proud
 father for the fifth time on March 7. This
 boy was a beautiful bonus as it was ten
 years since the birth of their last child.
 The beautiful baby girl has been named
 LYN JOSEPHINE. Gene predicts there
 may be problems with the family pet, an
 8-pound black Doberman puppy(?) who he
 feels may resent taking second place to the
 new addition. Poor Gene, he does have a
 problem. Congratulations, anyway! . .
 ELEANOR HASBROUCK returned from her
 three-day trip to Las Vegas. She says
 she left her luck behind in Chicago but
 nonetheless, she had a great time. . . On
 March 16 LINDA TAPINS and her husband
 celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary.
 My happy returns. . . Happy anniversary to
 JOHN ZUPKO who was at his new job in
 the Maintenance Department one year in
 March. . . Also celebrating a first year an-
 niversary are our original group of agent
 supervisors. Congratulations to the newly
 qualified group of agent supervisors,
 among them CECYLIA ROPA who is cer-
 tainly moving around lately. We wish her
 and the others the very best of luck in
 their new positions. . . A former agent and
 Transit News reporter, GRACE MOUNTS,
 checked into Northwest hospital on March
 24. She is having eye surgery and would

like to hear from all her friends. . . JOHN
 MATUSZEWSKI had time off due to an ear
 infection, but is back now and feeling fine.
 BILL PFEIFFER is off as we write this.
 We hope he bounces back very soon. . .
 Please one and all send us some news, we
 need your help to write a worthwhile
 column. . . Keep smiling!

- Mary Winsted & Jita Doublin

69TH STREET -

Our new No. 1 man at 69th, BILL DONA-
 HUE, and his sidekick, "Scotty" HIGGINS,
 have laid down the law at the round table
 and want everyone to shape up and clean
 up. . . We welcome all the new men to 69th
 and want you to know our men are all first
 class - from Superintendent VIC COLE-
 MAN to Bus Placer CHARLIE WILLIAMS.
 . . If by chance we have women breaking in
 at this reading, we say welcome aboard. . .
 Retired Superintendent ERNIE TOCCI and
 his wife were on my bus one day and they
 sure look great. . . DAVE MCGOWAN, re-
 tired box puller, had the cataracts re-
 moved from his eyes. He is well pleased
 because he can now see how big the collar
 is on the beer he gets at Retired Operator
 BERT PARKER's place on West 55th
 Street. . . Retired Operators JOSEPH MA-
 THIS and HOWARD SANGER went ice
 fishing up around Hayward, Wis., and got
 snowed in. They had a clean deck of cards
 and plenty of liquid refreshments to tide
 them over till the plows came. . . Operator
 BILL WALTERS said that Retired Operator
 WALLY HORTON was on his bus and
 says hello to all his pals. He works part
 time at a funeral parlor, if anyone is in-
 terested. The fellows on Marquette say
 that they haven't seen Wally since HANK

RISCH took his pension. . . My deepest ap-
 ology to Operator E. MULVANEY and JOHN
 MORNAR for mentioning that they had re-
 tired. Actually they are only taking life
 easy. Ed says that T. MULVEY just can't
 spell or he would be a Mulvaney. . . M.
 MOORE is a great operator but he just
 can't pass up those peanuts at the ele-
 vated. . . Operator O. STAMPLEY just can't
 resist a taffy apple and never will share
 it. . . It was always fun to watch R. McNEAL
 serenade GOLDIE at Burger King when he
 sang and demonstrated how it takes two
 hands to handle a whopper. . . R. C. STEV-
 ENS, former operator, is now No. 4 clerk
 at Kedzie. . . Mr. 59th, Operator ART FOR-
 TER, and his wife vacationed out west
 riding the trolleys and taking boat rides in
 San Francisco. They also took in Los
 Angeles, Palm Springs, Las Vegas and
 Hoover Dam. . . TONY VANDERBURG says
 he will finally make the move to Florida
 in April but would be back in June. He
 will live at 157 N. Rustic Lane, Jensen
 Beach, Fla. 33457. . . WILLIE GUTHRIE's
 wife is now recovering after a serious op-
 eration. . . Can you imagine that the one
 table to get poor service at the credit
 union dinner was the instructor's. Picture
 one platter of chicken and beef for BIR-
 MINGHAM, JOHNSON, ROSS, FULLER,
 O'DONNELL and Supervisor "Nick the
 Greek" and four of their wives. O'Donnell
 opened up a can of beans when he got home.
 . . I understand our No. 1 man, DONAHUE,
 has joined the long list for line instruc-
 tors now that the word is out that we are
 getting women operators at 69th. . . The in-
 structors are asking us all to slow down
 as it is the safest way to drive. . . Hey!
 That new equipment is on the way. . . Our
 deepest sympathy to the family of former
 operator and collector CARL SHOENBAUM

who passed away...Let's all drive safely and don't forget to drop the news into my box just east of the clerk's window...God bless.

Repair Department News: We heard from more pensioners this month: PADDY FITZGERALD, PAT MCNICKOLAS, JOHN KILMARTIN and TOM LEHAND. All are doing well on retirement...We offer our sincere sympathy to BOB STEWART and his family in the loss of his mother recently...BILL TOOMEY, HARVEY BROCK, and CLAUDE FIZER are getting their fishing gear ready for the long hot summer. Here's hoping they will make superior fishermen.

- Art Bessing & Jimmy Abene

52ND STREET -

Our hopes and prayers are for LYDELL SMITH and JOHN SOBIESKI whose illnesses are very serious. A note of good cheer would bring them great encouragement. We also wish a speedy recovery to HERBERT N. PROFFIT Jr. and JACK SMITH and all the others who are on the sick list. Good luck to all our friends who left us on the system pick, and we hope that you will remember us at 52nd Street. Wonder who JIMMIE MOORE will pick on now that his buddy, GEORGE STEPTOE, is going to Beverly. And to think that BATUPS is leaving 43rd Street to work at 69th Street is unbelievable. Too bad all our girls couldn't stay with us, but we hope they will return in the future. A hearty welcome is extended to all our newcomers. We hope for your cooperation in making a good record for 52nd, as well as for yourselves. The most active person I know is our former board member and past 2nd vice president of Division 241, ERNEST A. HILL. Besides faithfully serving our credit union as president and governor, he is deeply involved in the activities of his church and the Society of the Little Flower. He and his lovely wife, LILLY, are truly humane and very nice people to know. But how many in the system don't know Ernie?..DRIVE DEFENSIVELY! The warm weather is surely welcomed, but BEWARE of bicycle riders, pedestrians, the little children and the "hot-rodders." Superintendent WILLIAM SCHWEITZER will appreciate your alertness. Let's do our best and win the safety award for him as he is one of the best bosses in the system. We can also be proud of our clerks--HILLSTROM, RANDALL, RUDDLE and PAGE. Instructors WILLIAMS and SMITH are counting on us to do a good job in avoiding accidents, so don't fail them...Join your credit union and start a savings program. Each account is insured up to \$40,000, and when savings increase, the credit union can render more service. Any loan in the aggregate amount of \$5,000 or more now requires approval of a statement of insurability. For additional in-

formation see Treasurers PHILPOTT or POTTS. Due to an unexpected heavy demand for vacation loans, the board of directors asks that such requests be placed one month in advance of the vacation period. Your cooperation is duly expected...WILLIAM BETTISON and his family are really enjoying their new home...ALBERT WILLS is always threatening to "punch you in the mouth." You can hear his mouth if none other--ask HOOKS and HUDSON...Wonder why we haven't heard any talk about our softball team? HENRY, RILEY, DIAL, BARTON, REYNOLDS, JONES and all the rest of you guys--what gives? May be that SWAIN has the answer. Get those bats in action, fellows...Hey, PORTER, start the motor and get those Sox back in town...Board Member BOB HOLMES is really doing a good job and would like to see more of us at the union meetings. He certainly deserves our support.

- John L. Hudson

77TH STREET -

Hi ladies and gents. If you have noticed some of your fellow operators arriving early on payday, it may be to catch a glimpse of some of our female operators in their civilian attire. Operator LINDA BROOKS has really acquired a fan club...The first annual retirement dinner for retired 77th Street personnel was held Sat-

urday, April 5. It was sponsored by men of 77th Street...The Wheelers S and Charity Club is staging its Easter affair on Saturday, April 12, in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton-Chicago hotel. I know it will be a swinging time in keeping with the Wheeler tradition of fine entertainment...Hats off to DENISE E. GRESHAM, the daughter of Board Member ELCOSIE GRESHAM, will receive her bachelors degree from Northeastern college next month. Her mother and dad are very proud of the fact that she has made the dean's list for the past year and a half. Congratulations...The 77th Street credit union held its annual banquet for members and their families at the fabulous Rosewood Inn. The affair was a huge success and a good time was had by all. President WALTER N. NISH and his fellow officers can be proud of their efforts and well executed planning...The March wind blew in a couple of Aries birthdays, that of CLIFFORD AYERS, better known as ANTONNE, and your Transit News reporter...Our sincere condolences are extended to Supervisor BURKETH and his family in the death of his father-in-law, JOHN E. MASON...Support our Local 241 board members, ELCOSIE GRESHAM and ANDREW BUTTIR. Attend union meetings whenever possible. So long for now.

- Allison De Bonnet

Service anniversaries in April

40 years

M. A. Welsh,
Corporate Law



B. A. Jauman,
Electrical Maint.



R. J. Blau,
Vehicle Maint.

35 years

V. C. Howe, South Shops
H. S. Milewski, South Shops

30 years

L. Belin, South Section
E. J. Brach, North Park
L. Brigham, 52nd Street
D. D. Fasano, Skokie Shop
F. W. Koziol, North Park
W. F. Shoughnessy, South Shops
A. Thomas, 52nd Street

25 years

D. M. Allen, 52nd Street
M. Cumberlander, Utility
M. J. Fabian, Skokie Shop
C. J. Frassico, Forest Glen
E. A. Irwin, North Section
A. J. Lawson, Claims Law
P. J. O'Sullivan, District D
M. Porter Jr., Archer
E. J. Smith, South Section
A. Sonju, Forest Glen
T. M. Szwec, Electrical Maint.
R. E. Williams, Electrical Maint.

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AN IOWA SALUTE: Back home in Waterloo, Iowa, Anita Curtis, superintendent of employment, receives the employe achievement and recognition award of the Brotherhood Council. The presentation was made at the annual dinner for Black History Week in the community. Also attending the ceremonies was John Aurand, manager of general administration, who received a key to the city, awarded to CTA for its forward-looking personnel policies.



NEW SUBURBAN SERVICE: Village President Edward Bluthard cut a ribbon signalling the start of Chicago Transit Authority bus service into the Village of Schiller Park on Monday, April 7.

Schiller Park became the twentieth nearby suburb to be served directly by CTA.

For riders within the Village of Schiller Park, the new bus service features a 25-cent adult fare as a result of a subsidy program provided by the Schiller Park Village government.

The service in Schiller Park is being provided by extending the No. 80A West Irving Park bus route.

The bus service operates west from Cumberland in Irving Park to 25th avenue, north in 25th avenue to Lawrence avenue, east in Lawrence avenue to River road, south in River road to Irving Park and then east in Irving Park.

For trips into Chicago, the regular CTA fare of 45 cents plus 10 cents for a transfer is charged. Children, students and senior citizens ride at the reduced rate of 20 cents on the entire route.

what's news

First 'Super' Agent

Sue Matthews is the first female to be named assistant superintendent of agents at CTA. She started with the company in 1969 as a ticket agent. She is a student in art history at Roosevelt University and will receive her degree in June.



- CTA -

The Anthony Wayne train on the Ravenswood rapid transit route and the Patrick Henry on the North-South route are the newest vehicles in CTA's Spirit of '76 fleet in commemoration of the country's Bicentennial.

- CTA -

Chicago's spring blizzard of April 2, largest snowstorm of the year, brought the importance of public transportation to the attention of the entire community. Train service was augmented to take care of thousands of riders who could not move on the highways. Operating personnel were acclaimed in media and in public comment for their outstanding performance in the emergency. Bulletins on riding conditions and services were broadcast and telecast throughout the night and well into the next day as the result of a system established by Public Affairs and Operations Control. The CTA Travel Information Center successfully answered a record 20,546 telephone inquiries in the two-day storm and clean-up period.

- CTA -

Schiller Park becomes the 20th nearby suburb to be served directly by CTA. The No. 80A W. Irving Park bus route has been extended into the village. As a result of funding by the village government an in-Schiller Park fare of 25 cents was arranged.

- CTA -

Recent official visitors to CTA include:

- Dr. Gunther Heidecke, President of the Administrative District, Cologne, Germany.
- Students, Wheaton-Warrenville High school.
- Students, Beacon Christian High school, St. Catherine, Ontario, Canada.
- Mr. Francis Mak, Assistant Commissioner Public Works, Singapore.

Management School Presents 285th Diploma

By Rick Willis

THE NECESSARY development of the Chicago Transit Authority's managerial manpower has been a major responsibility of the CTA's Personnel Development Section.

In May 1, another chapter in that responsibility came to a close as 34 employees graduated from the seventh and final class in a special management training program.

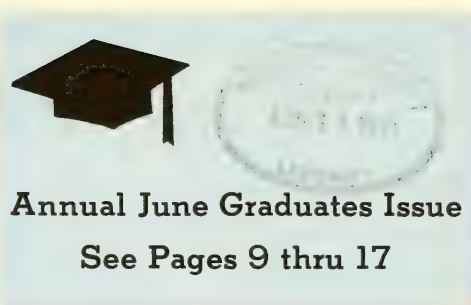
Since 1973, CTA's Management Institute I, a section of Personnel Development, has striven to produce a managerial team that effectively meets the emotional job security needs of employees through motivational face-to-face communication.

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The emphasis thus far has been at the middle management level. Future plans, however, call for emphasis on the development of upper and entry level management as well as the middle group, provided anticipated federal funding becomes available.

The Management Institute, under the direction of Curt Maginnis, director of Personnel Development, was established in May, 1973. Since that time, 285 CTA employees have graduated from the program.

Feedback indicates that the ten-week intensive training has produced a management team that is developed, polished and refined with the latest techniques needed to properly administer to the needs of



employees and to generate performance at the highest level of service to the general public.

The Management Institute, with its staff of field experienced instructors, all veteran CTA employees at the middle management level, has earned a reputation as an outstanding unit of the Personnel Development Section.

It's A CTA MBA

Instructors have utilized dynamic new inputs, coordination and career application feedback from trainees. During the course, a casual atmosphere was encouraged to make learning more enjoyable and to stimulate individual participation.

Role playing, typical case examples of management problems, and a variety of other instructional techniques were used to inspire participants to analyze and discuss individual problems, objectives, strategies, leadership styles and challenges.

While no amount of training can promise magical behavior change to all, most CTA Management Institute graduates have acquired substantial benefits and demonstrated a significant improvement in job performance.

Students are selected by their department managers, Maginnis says. He indicates that the same enrollment formulas will be utilized when school resumes, on an upgraded and expanded basis, this fall.

Editor's Note: We asked Rick Willis, editor of Transitalk, to write this article on the Management Institute not only because he was in the May, 1975 graduating class himself, but also because of his enthusiastic first-hand endorsement of the program.



A member of the last graduating class, Bus Controller George Hatchett is congratulated by General Finance Manager Paul Kole. At left is General Administration Manager John Aurand. Behind, from left, are Mike Smith, Bob Desvignes and Ron Baker of Personnel Development.

Capital People - -

They Seed Our System With Money

By Anit Leppiks

It takes magic to turn dreams into reality.

If you translate magic into long hours, hard work, and money, the capital development group is the CTA's resident magician.

The 18 man staff is responsible for the money the CTA invests in its own properties--both getting capital and developing it. This includes a constant analysis to see that the CTA is getting its money's worth. And it takes a group at least this large to make this system work.

Whereas the general operations department is concerned with running the CTA on a daily basis, capital development makes sure there are buses and trains for the CTA to run.

Formed in 1971 as a two man department, capital development has--in just three years--performed a handful of major "miracles."

How To Spend \$74 Million

In the past, the CTA had to be crises oriented--it could only spend what it could raise through fares for urgent capital upkeep--about \$3 million annually. A direct result of this was a myopic condition that meant the CTA had to struggle just to survive today--there were few plans for tomorrow.

Now, however, the CTA is able to spend an average \$74 million a year for capital improvements.

Capital development gets the money from the federal government's Urban Mass Transportation Administration, which assists transportation companies throughout the country. Each grant UMTA funds is designated for special projects like the Phase I and Phase II programs which encompass everything from office equipment to track repair and station remodeling to the purchase of new buses.

Ronald Luczak, manager of the department, who spearheaded the backstage work on CTA's grant requests, drew a sharp picture of contrasts between the old and the new CTA.

"The new 77th Street Garage complex was a set of drawings in the 60's that just couldn't be budgeted. We put it into our program, and the drawings were sent back to the same consultant to be updated. Now employees at 77th Street have some of the best working conditions of any transit company in the country," says Luczak.

He continues, "Several other projects were on the books for years--the Desplaines rapid transit terminal was a temporary facility when it was put in, but the cash was never available to make it anything but temporary. Now we're doing something about making it permanent."

Here's The Secret

What is the secret of CTA's new funding form? Luczak reports it is all in the phrase, "What's the CTA worth?"

"We estimated about \$2 billion. Now consider the people from other cities are putting in much more than \$2 billion into their systems which aren't big enough to serve nearly as many people as the CTA does," he says.

"We felt that if you depreciated that amount over 20 to 30 year cycle, you'd be making the same investment every year. So if you spread \$2 billion over 20 or 30 year period, something between 70 and 100 million dollars should be invested every year to keep the system modern.

"That's what should be done, and what should have been done," says Luczak.

"We're catching up, because nobody put investments of such magnitude into the old CTA. So now we're channeling 70 to 100 million dollars a year into capital upkeep of the CTA."

Does this mean we'll be catching up for the next 20 years?

"Correct. Our program is designed so that by 1990, we'll be on a regular cycle and everything will be modern," Luczak answers.

How did CTA get the money cycle started?

The capital development manager explains that it started with a general recognition in the late 60's that dropping a few cents into the farebox would not feed an entire transit system--nor allow it to grow.

"Forty-five cents--or however much a rider pays in a reasonable fare--is not enough to provide 1.37 jobs, new buses and trains to displace worn-out vehicles, and keep them safely on the tracks, and less return a reasonable amount for other capital renewal.

Along with this realization came a general public understanding that everybody needs an economical form of transportation--the transit independent as well as the daily commuter who would not get to work without a train or bus.

Luczak continues, "The thinking that transit utility was embodied in federal legislation creating UMTA in 1964 to provide assistance, maintenance, and guidance of mass transit systems."

A Productive Twosome

Luczak remembers CTA's capital development group--only two persons--started work on the authority's first application in March, 1971, submitting it in September. UMTA approved the grant in September.

emer, providing \$83 million. The next year, 1972, CTA gave the CTA another \$65 million.

Luczak says it was a tremendous relief when the money started coming.

CTA employees started seeing tools and machinery almost immediately."

The Howard Street transportation office was one of the first to be redone at the suggestion of John Hill, a former CTA employee.

Luczak recalls, "The office used to be up on top of the platform in a tower, and the trainmen's room was a shack off the end of the platform. We moved everything into the old North Shore Station, newly renovated, street level on Howard Street."

CTA's first major impact with the public was the arrival of 500 new buses in the fall of '72, only nine months after the grant paying for them was approved. Furthermore, CTA built the new Kimball rapid transit station, replacing the one in use since 1907, and finished several other paid up capital work projects.

Luczak estimates such projects cost anywhere from \$8,000 up to \$300 million. And while such funds are now available, it takes a real grantsmanship to engineer the application and successful implementation of government funds.

Where Luczak leads.

The 36 year old manager has earned two separate professional degrees and has worked in a couple other professional capacities during the course of his involvement with capital development.

Luczak's first role was as an engineer, which peaked his interest in management.

Engineering law was the best transition--you learn more than in other graduate programs.

So after I became a lawyer, I thought I better try to see what law in practice was."

Capitol Experience, Too

After a year, Luczak left the Food and Drug Administration to work for the Department of Transportation before joining the CTA in 1971.

He says his knowledge of the law and his understanding of government procedures in Washington, D.C., have proven indispensable in his CTA work.

"I treat most of the processes as an adversary process, which is directly legal.

"As our department visualizes it, CTA is our client and we have to prepare the same kind of technical brief as you do in the defense of a big case to make sure that as we submit our proposals, they don't give rise to more questions than they answer," he says.

Luczak uses his expertise in engineering to help doublecheck CTA requests from an engineer's point of view.

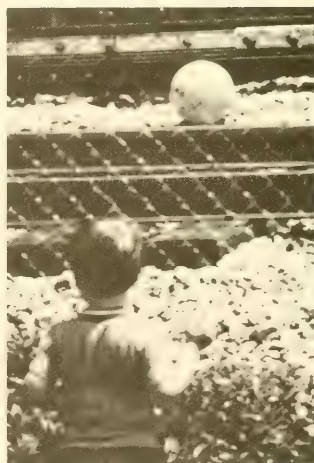
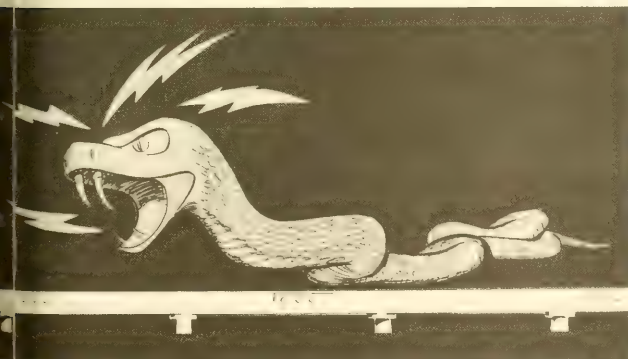
"As a systems analyst, you take an idea and go through an analytical process which consists of inventorying what's going on and analyzing it, making some projection, and evaluating your projections. It's an intellectual process that's fairly standard in engineering disciplines, legal disciplines, and philosophy.

Sometimes new capital development work involves Luczak in direct communication with the public.

Sesame Street

One such experience involved a three week crash program to explain the dangers of the newly installed third rail on the Evanston rapid transit route to Evanston schoolchildren. It was a task the Evanston school board called impossible because of the time element--there were only 15 days left before summer vacation.

"Ray Shea (Marketing) and I put together two slide shows patterned after 'Sesame Street' (Continued Page 4)



Teaching Aid: Two scenes from the creative Capital Development slide film to instruct Evanston pupils on third rail precautions. In the appealing style of Sesame Street, the production employed both cartoons and live sequences, such as the forlorn youngster wondering about retrieving a ball.

Capital Development (Continued)

Street' to be presented in kindergarten through junior high school.

"We made five sets of everything, borrowed CTA instructors from Limits and Officer Friendly, and held several sessions in three or four schools a day. We covered every Evanston public school, several of the Catholic schools, and a few of the Wilmette schools.

"The Evanston third rail project, as we called it, was the most fun sort of assignment I've had," admits Luczak.

"In fact, the neighborhood kids still remember it," he says.

The presentation had to be good. Luczak's son, then four years old, was capital development's sharpest critic.

"He would criticize it and tell us what didn't make sense. He made sure we knew it by heart, too."

When Luczak's not presenting a project either to UMTA or the public, he plans for the future.

The planning department can plan fairly unconstrained, he says--they can think of the grandiose schemes. When their plan reaches capital development, it must be reduced and constrained by budget and by personnel.

"For instance planning would tell us what will happen in the region as far as population shifts--what

Ron Luczak - He's the keeper of the key.



corridors--what areas of the city should have train levels of service. Then it would be our job to program where the rails go, how much it will cost, where to locate stations, and where the money will come from.

"Programming means you take a concept and you apply resources to it. You come off with a step-by-step approach to exactly what you're going to do. It's no longer an idea, or a concept. It's a work program," explains Luczak.

All in all, Luczak is a man of all seasons--an executive who lives every day with the yesterday, today, and tomorrow of the CTA. And that takes a certain kind of magic.

Name New 'Publisher' Of Transit News

CHARLES T. ZANIN, 39, Lombard, has been appointed Director of Administrative Services of the Chicago Transit Authority. This, in effect, makes Zanin the "publisher" of CTA Transit News since the magazine is printed internally.

Zanin heads the duplicating, office, photographic and stenographic services of CTA's Management Services Department. He succeeds Thor Haaning who recently retired.

Zanin was supervisor of office services for CF Industries, Inc., Chicago, before joining the CTA. Previously, Zanin was supervisor of mail, mechanical and printing services for the Atlantic Richfield Company in Chicago.

He and his wife, Jeanne, have two children.



Charles T. Zanin

New Route Map Off The Press

WITHIN TWO days after one public service announcement over WBBM Radio that CTA's new Route Map was available, 3,000 stamped long envelopes (as specified for requests) had been received at the Public Affairs Department.

Copies of the new map are also being distributed at 153 CTA locations, at the new WBBM traffic reporting station at the top of the Sears Tower, through

major institutions, and at the CTA's Information Booth on the 7th floor of the Mart.

The new CTA Route Map, printed in blue, has a picture of the Ben Franklin Spirit of '76 train on the cover.

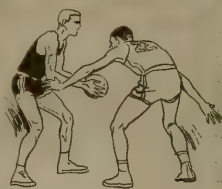
Included with the map are complete written descriptions of each CTA route, including hours of service and a table of CTA fares. Graphics work on the map was a joint project of the graphics unit in the Operations Planning Department and the editing design facilities of the Public Affairs Department.

Postage-paid envelopes are being required from the riding public to spare CTA the mailing costs. One hundred thousand copies have been printed.



CTA Sports News

MEL ALEXANDER, Sports Editor



CTA Softball Season Opens With A 'Hit'

THE CTA Sports Program opened its 1975 softball season on May 25. The games are played each Sunday morning in Grant Park starting at 10 a.m. with 7 teams competing.

Actively supporting the sports program this year are two CTA executives--Manager of General Administration John Aurand, and Manager of Personnel Fred King.

The first and second place teams this year will enter the Chicago Park District Tournament of Champions and Industrial League Tournament. This gives the teams an added incentive in league competition.

The 1974 champs, Division 308, will have keen competition this year. With the entry of Howard Met and Kimball, Rapid Transit will have two extra entries into the league, thus breaking up the one team competing last year.

We are hoping that the family style outings will continue this year as they have in the past.



Attending the meeting in the Mart on May 6 for the upcoming CTA Sports Program softball league were the following. Seated, left to right: Agis Bray, Hubert Bankston, Ramiro Morales, Pete Gales, Joe Cook, Jackie Robinson and Joseph Coleman. Standing, left to right: John Eckel, Paul Thomas, John Hawkins, Mel Alexander, Rick Willis, William Robinson, Charles Patton, Manager of Personnel Fred King, Manager of General Administration John Aurand, Flenard Porter, Homer Reed, John Austin, Ced Johnson, Royal Reed and Tony Andrews.

Bowling Banquet A Gala Affair

THE 77TH Street Operators Bowling League held its annual bowling banquet on Friday, May 9, at Palisade Bowl, and it was a huge success.

Among the honored invited guests were: Carl Gibes, director of personnel, Transportation Department; Harry Reddrick, far south area superintendent; Vic Coleman, superintendent, 69th Street Garage, and James Pate, Division 241 treasurer.

League President Calvin Pollard wishes to thank all his officers and the members for making this annual event the finest ever.



Vic Coleman, superintendent of 69th Street Garage, and Transportation Director of Personnel Carl Gibes present the first place trophies to the champion Archer Bandits.



Division 241 Treasurer James Pate and Far South Area Superintendent Harry Reddrick present George's Arco with their second place trophies.

In the aftermath of the big snow that sent commuters crawling home the best way they could, bucking a driving wind that was piling up 12 inches of snow, we have heard many horror stories and many hero stories.

One of the hero stories which pleased us came from Mrs. Alberta Korshak, of 2540 W. Bryn Mawr Avenue, who wrote: "I wish a little praise could be given to a CTA bus driver who drove bus number 8717—badge number 2518 on the Lincoln-Peterson line during the snow storm on April 2, 1975. About 35 women were on this bus for five hours, and this very kind man really worked his bus to get us home.

"His only concern was our safety and comfort.

"As Will Rogers would have said, he stands very tall in our eyes."

Mrs. Korshak, the driver about whom you wrote is 37-year-old Lawrence Morris, a five-year CTA veteran. He stands very tall in our eyesight, too.

We learned that Mr. Morris worked so hard shifting gears to get out of drifts that his hand was bleeding, but he kept going.

All of us tend to complain too often about the things that go wrong with the day-by-day services which we expect to be there when we want them. Maybe some complaining is good. It could result in better service.

However, we rarely go out of our way to commend those who go above and beyond their call to duty to provide us with service.

We here at Channel 7 thank you, Mrs. Korshak, for bringing this incident to our attention.

Also, we want to salute Lawrence Morris as one of the good guys the CTA employs, and a Chicagoan we can all be proud of.

The above editorial was telecast at various times between April 14 and 21, 1975.

EDITORIAL



WLS-TV regularly presents editorials on topics of public interest which are delivered by Vice President and General Manager, Lewis H. Erlicht. Your comments on these editorials are appreciated and the station welcomes requests for broadcast time from responsible representatives of contrasting views.

Con O'Dea, Editorial Director
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Among the blizzard of compliments to CTA personnel for special service during the April 2 snowstorm was this Channel 7 editorial. thought you would like to see it in its entirety, just as it was announced to Chicago viewing area community leaders by WLS management.

Horse Racing Reminiscences

By W. B. Wolfan

ONE HUNDRED years ago a tiny colt named Aristides won the very first running of the spring madness known as the Kentucky Derby, the race of races on the American turf.

In the first week of May this year another colt, aptly named Foolish Pleasure, galloped home before 11,000 fans at Churchill to win the big one.

Racing is known as the sport of kings. The Kentucky Derby is the king of sports events--make no mistake about that. It is literally an institution, and the seats are handed down through generations. It isn't just a horse race--it's an international event.

The Show Is Short

What makes it that way is hard to figure. . . thousands of people flocking to the Downs for exactly two minutes of thrills and a band playing "My Old Kentucky Home" accompanied by the tinkle of mint julep glasses. But they do it every year and in increasing numbers.

More than \$3 million is bet on this single race. They start betting Friday afternoon and continue until about time late Saturday. Recession or no recession, the bettors somehow come up with the green. You don't use master charge at the mutual windows.

It was 1940 when we were gradually emerging from the depression, and I was making \$27.50 per week plus extras from corresponding for the Detroit Free Press. I was assigned to report the Kentucky Derby, by my home town Herald in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

That was the year that the late Col. E. R. Bradley, a legend in Kentucky, sent forth a three-year old colt named Bimelech in the big race. Bimelech was considered an absolute cinch in the Run for the Roses. But in racing, the horses still have to go around the track and cinches are only in the minds of the handicappers.

Fid Was Small

The field was a small one that year compared to the cavalry charges in recent Derbies. As I recall, only seven horses ran.

The magic of Col. Bradley's name inspired Kentuckians to flock to the mutual windows in droves. And they did for Bimelech who went to the post at 2-5 odds, 40 cents to the dollar.

Considering my very limited expense account I considered very modestly, believe me, during the long day of racing.

and basically my betting had contributed to the

improvement of the breed, not my pocketbook, because I did not have a single winner all day. So when the Derby came up, I briefly considered betting each horse in the race--a way in which I would collect something, no matter what.

But for some reason I didn't follow my hunch. Besides, if Bimelech won, I'd get \$2,80 back for \$14, the cost of betting all seven horses in the race. So I selected a couple of others, made two \$2 bets and sat back to watch the big race.

Up From The Rear

Bimelech got off well and led most of the way. It seemed like the Kentucky folks were already clicking glasses to another Col. Bradley Derby winner and collecting at the windows. But the mile and a quarter is a long way around and things do happen.

As the crowd cheered Bimelech, I saw a horse moving up from far back and hugging the rail. It was No. 7, a rank outsider.

A hushed silence engulfed the many thousands packed into the infield and the stands as that charging longshot took direct aim at the leader, Bimelech, and the oncoming colt passed the 2-5 favorite by slipping through a hole on the inside to cross the finish line in front by two lengths. The longshot was Mrs. Ethel Mars' Gallahadion. His odds were 35-1. . . a payoff of \$72.80 for each \$2 bet. As the mutuels flashed on the board the Bluegrass country's hardboots went into deep mourning. So did I because had I bet every horse in the race, I would have collected a bundle. As for the horses I played chances are they're still chasing Gallahadion, one of the major upset winners in all Kentucky Derby history.

Seats Up Top

A year later popular Frank Menke, the public relations chief of Churchill Downs, advised me that I was being accredited to the Derby press box for the 1941 race. Frank liked small town reporters, and apparently figured they merited the same attention as the Bob Considines, Henry McLemores and Grantland Rice. Anyway, I had my press box seat in that select company.

Thus I saw the 1941 Derby, won by the one and only Whirlaway in record time, from the twin spires of the Downs. All the writers there autographed a special tribute to Col. Matt Winn, the man who founded the Derby. That plaque still hangs in the Churchill Downs press box today.

Whirlaway and Citation of the Calumet Farm were the greatest horses I've ever seen. Old Bushy Tail (Whirlaway) would lay back until the stretch, then would roar past the rest of the field like a cyclone. He did it that way in the Derby and won by eight lengths.

Even Calumet Trainer Ben Jones would hedge when asked which was the best of the two. Both won the Triple Crown, and Citation in his three-year old year beat older horses to establish his claim to top rank.

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BEVERLY -

Superintendents H. BRAUN and F. ZEIGER wish to thank the operators for less complaints and more commendations. Coffee and doughnuts were served. Thanks to the Beverly credit union for the doughnuts. Let's show our appreciation by joining the credit union. VIRGIL TRIMMER, JACK THOMPSON and IRVY WEILER are always ready to help you with your financial problems. Instructor CLARENCE HEILBRONNER would like to have you concentrate more and be a defensive driver. Accident reports are no fun to make out no matter whose fault it is. Professional drivers go year after year without an accident. Read the signs around the depot and you can do it. After you have an accident you know how you could have avoided it, but then it's too late. Let's win the next safety quarterly award and show the other depots we are the best professional drivers in the



John & Mary Healy

CTA...At the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 22, JOHN J. and MARY HEALY were joined by family and friends. Mass was said at St. John Fisher church and a reception followed at the Rosewood Inn in Blue Island. John retired as a bus operator in 1966 after 39 years' service...Operator JOSHUA OVERTON is a beauty culture teacher and will help you with your hair problems. If you are ready to pull it out over financial problems, see the credit union first...The college boys will be coming in for summer vacations, so let's make it a little easier and help them in the depot...Welcome to all the new men and our two female operators, SHIRLEY LUCAS and GAIL HARRIMAN. I hope I have the pleasure of meeting you on Kedzie Avenue. Maybe you will be lucky and be my follower...We express our deepest sympathy to the following families whose loved ones have gone to their eternal reward: Pensioner ART MURPHY, former supervisor at Beverly; Operator ROY GOEBIG in the loss of his son, CHARLES; Operator RALPH WHITAKER in the passing of his wife, and Operator CLARENCE COWAN in the loss of his sister. Roy and Ralph would like to thank all the operators and garage men who contributed in their time of sorrow...Pensioner TOM HUGHES, 85 years old and a former executive board member at 77th Street, passed away. Tom and your scribe attended the Notre Dame retreat many times in the past years. Reverend Michael Foran of Notre Dame

wishes to thank the operators who remember their families and friends with daily masses at the Fatima House. Don't forget the "Big Retreat" in August. Everyone is welcome...Garage news--we wish a speedy recovery to Repairman WILBERT SUTTON who is recuperating with a broken ankle, and to Repairman FRANK MICE-TICH who is still on the sick list...We express our sincere sympathy to Serviceman DAVID WOODS in the loss of his father...If I had a beard like Acting Foreman MATT MANTIA, I would go in the movies or maybe to Cuba and replace Fidel Castro...These two handsome young men are SHAUN and SHANE HAMBERLIN, the nephews of Operator AZ GARVIN. They would like to follow in the footsteps of their favorite



Shaun & Shane Hamberlin

uncle in transportation--Shane wants to be a bus driver and Shaun wants to be a pilot. We wish them both the fulfillment of their dreams...This is the last column from your scribe, TOM DANIELS, who takes his pension June 1 after 33 years of service. Just like an old baseball player, it's time to hang up the spikes and look forward to the golden years. Thanks to all my co-workers who have helped me, the operators, the wonderful men in the garages, and the many bosses whom I worked with. We all look forward to retirement, but it is hard to give up something which has been a part of your life for so many years. To our pensioners living in Florida, the LAYTONS, ERICKSONS, DAVISES and the ZESCHS, I hope to see you some day. Good luck, good health and goodbye to everyone, I've gone fishing.

- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster

ARCHER -

The St. Joseph Branch of the Little Flower Society is seeking new members in Divisions 241 and 308. Please check with your board member and join this worthwhile organization...DAVID HINMAN was appointed relief superintendent for Archer and 52nd Street stations. Also appointed

as relief superintendent at Archer was HENDERSON. Congratulations to both of these gentlemen...Pensioner EARL L. SON visited the station and was located great after his recent illness. Pensioner DANIEL E. COUGHLIN also visited the station with his grandsons. Pensioner H. LIND, now living in Minnesota, visited the station the other day. Mr. Lind retired in 1964 and will be 76 in September. If some of his buddies wish to write to him, his address is Box 224, RFD 1, Clay Eagle, Minn. 56544. He would like to hear from you...Hey, just in case Clerk ART LUBKE didn't get a chance to show you that picture of his two-year old granddaughter, MELISSA ANNE, here it is for all to see. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. DALE BERNES...Wedding bells have hit our station again. The lucky ones were GEORGE and EMILY HAMPER who were married on March 8. Congratulations to them and many happy days...The system pick-ups brought about a few changes. Some of our good friends have changed stations and we wish to extend them a bon voyage. We welcome all the operators transferring to Archer and hope your stay will be a pleasant one...Birthday greetings to all the operators born in April: J. G. ARENDT, S. BROWN JR., E. BARRY, J. L. CARLIN, J. E. COLEMAN, K. D. DUCREE, J. G. FIN, B. HALL, W. HARRIS, E. HEPHILL, M. HILL, I. HOLDEN, T. IRELAND, O. L. JOHNSON, R. NOBLES, J. NUN, W. MCKINNEY, L. L. MILLER, N. MORE JR., A. PRUITT, A. PAIGE, R. ROBINSON, M. L. SAWYER, J. L. SCOTT, J. J. SMITH, D. STUKENBERG, S. E. SZARAFINS, TANNER, L. TILLMAN, G. E. TAYLOR and W. C. WALKER...On Sunday, June 29, the annual family picnic for Archer sta-



Melissa Ann Bernes

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June Graduates in CTA Families



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Louis Alleva
South Shops



DAVID ARREGUIN JR
David Arreguin Sr
North Park



CEDRIC BARBER
George R. Barber Sr
Archer



SHIRLEY L. BENNETT
Charles Bennett
Storeroom 30



JARVIS BISHOP
Jarvis Bishop
South Section



ROBERT S. BISHOP
Travis Bishop
South Section



ROBIN BLALOCK
Edith Carr
Forest Glen



DIANE BLANEY
Thomas Blaney
South Section



RICHARD BRAVO
Raymond Bravo
South Shops



ODELL BROADWAY
Delores Walker
2nd Street



CHERYL BRUTON
Riley Ford
Jefferson Park

will be held at Green Lake Woods, and Torrence. We are looking forward to seeing you there...Superintendents JOHN LYNCH, JOHN PETROSIOUS, MACK WINTER and the operators at Archer wish to extend their congratulations to the baseball and bowling teams for the beautiful winning first place in their leagues. Thanks for making Archer No. 1...I wish to apologize to JOHN MCCREA and HENRY KGLER for getting their job titles wrong. If you need help see your credit union, we will be happy to help you. Your credit committee is JAMES JACKSON Jr., THOMAS MCLARNEY, FRANK SCHMITZ, ANTHONY LOMBARDO and KENNETH

McDONALD...Area Superintendent WILLIAM MOSER is now a proud grandfather. So proud that we had a hard time convincing him to relinquish one of the many pictures of his four-month old grandson, STEPHEN WILLIAM LABAHN, who formerly worked in the Maintenance Department for CTA...One last thought--take care of your job and it will take care of

- Owen Asensio

ELTRICAL (Rapid Transit Signal Division) - partner, DONALD HAWKINS, and I extend our "welcome to the club" greetings to our two colleagues, ROBERT ARNOLD RICHARD H. BUSHBAUM, who recently became the signal maintainers for wide equipment on the new in-cab signal system on the north main line. The Hawk and I maintain the same equipment on the south main line, so it is nice to have a

couple of good guys over there we can exchange information with...JOHN LONG was off the job for a few days due to a minor mishap. Another one of those fast moving switches which outsmarted another maintainer. We are glad to report that it was only a scratch, and the only thing that hurt John was facing his partner and his pride. Signal Draftsman BIRNEST HICKS was one of the guest speakers at the Gillespie Upper Grade Center's sixth annual career conference. This annual community project is centered around motivating each child to achieve his highest potential, provide career information and try to effect a lower dropout rate at the high school level.

NEW PENSIONERS

LEROY ARRASMITH, Supervisor, District D, Emp. 4-30-42
JAMES BELL, Operator, Beverly, Emp. 9-23-40
LONNIE BRIGHAM, Operator, 52nd Street, Emp. 4-23-45
MATHIAS BROST, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 2-11-36
THOMAS BROWN, Ticket Agent, South Section, Emp. 2-28-57
LEO CZASZEWICZ, Operator, Archer, Emp. 9-17-42
ANTHONY DOMINICK, Operator, Kedzie, Emp. 12-26-44
DANIEL HANRAHAN, Laborer, South Shops, Emp. 8-4-36
SVERRE JOHNSON, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 11-22-40
JEROME KOWALSKI, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 9-11-42
JOSEPH MANION, Janitor, North Park, Emp. 7-24-41
LOUIS MARKOWITZ, Operator, Kedzie, Emp. 6-8-44

Birnest provided career information toward the electrical field, stressing the importance of higher education. We commend Birnest in giving of himself to help young students look toward the future. He felt the students enjoyed the lectures and were stimulated by the question and answer sessions. Keep up the good work...PERCY ERVES has been on and off the job for the past several weeks suffering with tonsillitis. He finally decided to "end it all" by having the little things removed. Glad to see you back, Percy...FRANK (Basement) BONK is now back to work after being off sick for awhile. Glad to see you back, Bonk...JACK PILIP is in Florida on a

ANTON T. MOKSTAD, Sergeant, Security, Emp. 11-9-36
KATHLEEN O'DONNELL, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 2-15-51
WILLIAM PFEIFFER, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 4-15-46
GEORGE H. ROSS, Conductor, South Section, Emp. 3-5-51
THOMAS SHAUGHNESSY, Box Puller, Archer, Emp. 9-15-37
MELVIN SCHEINER, Mail Clerk, Management Services, Emp. 8-7-45
FRANK A. SOBZAK, Machinist, South Shops, Emp. 11-24-47
CHARLES WESLEY, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 2-23-49
THADDEUS WODARSKI, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 11-17-36

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

JOHN BIENIEK, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 5-26-43
WHITTIED HART Jr., Operator, 69th Street, Emp. 7-25-55
AARON HINTON, Trackman, Plant Maintenance, Emp. 3-31-48
ALFRED KALISZ, Bus Serviceman, North Park, Emp. 4-9-51



REGINALD BRYANT
Earlie Bryant
North Avenue



CINDY BUDZISZ
Jerry Budzisz
North Park



FRANK BUDZISZ
Jerry Budzisz
North Park



GARY CASTROGIOVANNI
Ron Castrogiovanni
Engineering



RONALD CHORAK
Daniel Chorak
TABEC



CRAIG COX
Melvin Cox
77th Street



CATHERINE CULIN
Terry Culin
South Shops



VALENCIA DAVIS
Archie B. Davis
69th Street



ALLISON DeBONNETT JR.
Allison DeBonnnett Sr.
77th Street



MANOLA DE LUNA
Arthur De Luna
North Avenue



MIKE ECKEL
John Eckel
Dalceniter



MICHAEL ELLIS
Frenchie Ellis
South Section



ELLEN EVANS
Caesar Evans
77th Street



BRIAN FACZEK
Mitch Faczek
Skokie Shop

much-needed vacation. We will have much to talk about when he returns...Hey, fellows, remember that little bonus that goes with each vacation? The bonus is getting back home safely. So take care and let us know of your vacation travel so we can put it in our column.

- Tommie Lowery

CTA SECURITY -

On March 8 your reporter, PAT FLYNN, and BOB WASSON became Mr. and Mrs. Bob is a bus serviceman at the 77th Street Garage and I am a stenographer in the Security Department.

- Pat Wasson



Pat & Bob Wasson

FOREST GLEN -

Hi! I'm still trying to get a little news out to all of you. At the present time I am back at work, but working out of North Avenue, I do expect to be transferred back to the old home station soon...Seems like Operator LEROY NELSON decided to have some time off, being that the weather was sort of bad, so he broke his ankle. What a way to stay home. Nelson also celebrated the three A's--his 21st anniversary with the company, his birthday (39?), and his 36th wedding anniversary to lovely Mrs. Nelson...Also on the sick list is GLEN McCANN. He also has a broken ankle. I saw him at the club, and Glen had two lovely young ladies driving him around. What a life...Our fine young clerk, MOSELEY, states that in the near future Mrs. Moseley is going to present him with their

first child. The very best to both of you... I received a card from Pensioner WALLY REICH, the old Harlem Avenue kid. He is doing fine and says hello to all...We were all sorry to hear that Pensioner JOHN W. SUSRALSKI passed away in March. Many thanks, Mrs. Susralski, for your lovely letter, May God bless you...A little bird stopped by the station and informed me that Big GEORGE FUENTES, formerly an operator out of the Glen, and now a supervisor, was spotted on the stage at Madonna High school. We understand that after his performance was over, he received a wire offering him an acting contract. Well, some have it and others don't--but in this case George is loaded with talent. Good luck in the acting field (ha ha)...Super-visor LEROY ARRASMITH retired on May 1 after 33 years of service, and his friends got together and had coffee and rolls in the back room for him. We all wish you the very best in the years to come, and may God bless you always...Also retiring on May 1 were JOHN BIENIEK with 31 years of service, NATHAN BROST with 39 years of service, S. F. JOHNSON with 34 years of service, J. R. KOWALSKI with 32 years of service, and T. J. WODARSKI with 38 years of service. May all of you have many happy years of retired life...We extend a warm welcome to our new chief clerk, RUSSELL GUNDERSON. We all wish you the very best, Russell...Sorry to hear that J. COBURN's mother is ill at this time. Here's wishing her a very rapid recovery and a return well and hearty to her family...JIM HAGERTY of the Forest Glen credit union is a busy man these days. As his vacation draws near, he says it looks like a "honey do" one. His beautiful wife is now setting up his work schedule around the house. Don't worry, Jim, many of us will be in the same boat this year...JOHN HALL, our paymaster, retired on April 1 after more than 39 years of service. Your smiling face will

be greatly missed, John, but our lit wishes for a long and healthy pensioned life go with you...Operator MACK HILLY expects to go fishing with old WILBUR in summer and says he can outfish me anytime. He's planning on using the hill by system. That must be his secret weapon...Pensioner FRANK ENGELTHALER suffered a broken shoulder recently. He's this happened when things were looking rosy as he had a little job and was quite happy with it. We hope by the time we read this, Frank, you will be back in the pink. Thanks for the call, you sure gave me quite a lift...JACK MORNAR, one of our fine clerks, is getting younger day by day. He says credit goes to his lovely wife as she keeps him in tip-top shape. Clerk GRANT MOSELEY says that married life is really great. He has been married about eight months and states it gets better every day. Of course the young bride, BERNADETTE, is a shining star in his life...Operator PIPER says we will have two of his children getting married this year. SUSAN is to be married in June, and RICHARD in August. The boy is gaining another son and daughter. The Forest Glen credit union bowling team is well on its way into first place under the guidance of C. PANTOS. The other members of the team are: JON MAHNKE and his son, JACK, AL PLAZIN and AL POLOWCZYK. We welcome all the new drivers to Forest Glen on the system pick. Remember, men, we help quite a driving record, so help us stay on top.

- W A Henry

KEDZIE -

Summertime is about here, and children will be playing in the streets and running out from between parked cars, so extreme alertness should be exercised. Our great city will also have many visitors who will



JIM FACZEK
Mitch Faczek
Skokie Shop



JOE FACZEK
Mitch Faczek
Skokie Shop



DAVID FUHRMAN
Robert Fuhrman
South Shops



MICHELLE GRAJEK
Rich Grajek
South Shops



DANIEL GREENE
Grant W. Greene
Skokie Shop



BEATRICE GRIFFIN
George Griffin
Operations Planning



JOHN GUINEE JR.
John Guinee Sr.
69th Street



TIM HAGEN
Roy Hagen
South Shops



TOM HAGEN
Roy Hagen
South Shops



NORMAN HAIRSTON
William Hairston
77th Street



DAVID HARTFORD III
David Hartford II
Archer



DONNA HATCHETT
George Hatchett
Control Center



DARLENE HAWKINS
Donald Hawkins
Signal Division



ELLEN HENNECKE
Ernest Hennecke
Beverly

e asking questions on how to get to many different points of interest and what buses to take. Your courtesy would be appreciated by giving them the proper directions. I will tend to make a good image for all our operators...

Congratulations to Operators ANTHONY DOMINICK and LOUIS MARKOWITZ who took their sessions on May 1. Your reporter has worked the State-mer route with them or a number of years. Louis was Tony's leader in the a.m. when they retired. Now you both can do everything you wanted to do as you will have the time to do it. I know Tony can take care of his garden and catch up on some painting. Loads of luck to you both, and may you save many years of health and happiness...

Operator R. STEELE bought a mini-house camper for his family. It has everything in it and he can hardly wait for his vacation to take it out on the road. Loads of luck to you...Congratulations to Operator JOHN BLAIR and his lovely wife who became grandparents on April 21 when their daughter and son-in-law, PATRICIA and ED PIONTEK, became the proud parents of a baby girl named CHRISTINE MARIE weighing 6 pounds 8 ounces...Operator W. RUSNICK called JOHN FRUGO, retired Kedzie station superintendent, who says he is doing fine and sends his regards to all at Kedzie...Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Operator BERNARD COOPER who passed away on April 17; to Operator JOHN VIOLTT in the death of his father, and to the family of Pensioner THOMAS CONLEY who passed away on April 8...To everyone having a birthday this month, we wish a happy birthday, and to all who are celebrating wedding an-



Dominick & Markovitz

niversaries, here's wishing you many, many more...Don't forget your credit union--save a little each payday.

- Raymond Graham

LIMITS -

At the time of this writing, softball is just getting underway and it looks like we are going to have a pretty good team this season. I said the same thing about our basketball team, and we all know what happened to them. Maybe if more of us came out on Sunday mornings this summer our team may do better...Hey, I ran into my retired leader, ROBERT BENSON, and he looks great. He told me that there is a club for all retired personnel of CTA, and they meet once a month. The club is called "King Casey" and they will be playing baseball this summer. Boy, those will be some games...I will be looking forward to receiving your vacation news. Let me have it, I can handle all I can get. If you don't see me, please leave it with the clerk.

- Charles Turner

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT -

Good news from GENE FREGETTO, specifications engineer, whose wife had a bouncing baby girl, KATHRYN ANN. At 7 pounds 9 ounces and 19 1/2 inches, she was born at Lutheran General hospital in Des Plaines on Feb. 28...The Specifications Section moved and is now located in the old Internal Auditing area...GEORGE ADAMS, director of specifications, took a three-week vacation west to sunny California. He got stuck in the snow in Denver...JIM QUALLS, Stores, took a one-week "honey-do" vacation...RODMAN DAUGHTERY, specifications, is happy and proud to announce that his youngest son has been selected for the lead part of Oliver in

"Oliver Twist" now being performed at Evanston Township...J. T. HARTY had a surprise visit from his oldest son for lunch when he had a two-hour stopover at O'Hare Airport. It was quite a pleasant surprise...HELEN TOTH spent a one-week vacation in and around the Chicagoland area...A big "HI" is extended to EDNA WALKER, stenographer to the director of purchasing, FRANK JOHNSON...JOHN MARASOVICH, Storeroom 60, and his wife, LILLIAN, spent five days in Las Vegas and then went to San Diego, Cal., and had three wonderful days with MIKE KORZEN and his wife, EVI, and visited Sea World. Before he left, he also spent time with ED BRUCKNER. Mike and Ed send best wishes to everyone...DON MILES laid everyone out with his professional approach to the foul line. Good Friday at the bowling alley turned out pretty nice for some of the clerks in the Stores Department. T. G. (Termite) COLLIER, Storeroom 7, took high game honors with a 204 and high average for four games of 167. B. HOLTAM, Storeroom 59, was second with an average of 156 for four games. However, old man JOHN CRUSEO was not to be outdone as he picked up a 3-7-10 split, and VICTOR GRIFFIN, the junior of the group, picked up a 5-10 split. Other bowlers and "wise crackers" were: DAVE MURRAY, W. GRIFFIN, RALPH PODGORSKI, BOB MURRAY, GREEN, SAM ELLIS, and RALPH LOUIS from the Insurance Department. They are looking forward to another outing soon...Glad to see JOHN SIEBERT, Storeroom 51, off the sick list. John came back 35 pounds lighter and really looks terrific...Rumor has it that two of our stock clerk P's will be getting engaged shortly. Which one will be first?...Yours truly was proud and very happy to be a bridesmaid to her sister, DONNA, on her wedding day. She was married in Glenview on April 26, and was 26 years old on April 29. 'Tis the



ELAINE HENRY
Edward Henry
Safety



EDWARD HICENS
John Hicens
Security



DAVID HINMAN
Dave Hinman
52nd Street



KAREN HINMAN
Dave Hinman
52nd Street



LINDA HOWARD
Raymond Howard
Beverly



MICHAEL IGNACEK
Edward Ignacek
Archer



SANDRA IRELAND
Talmadge Ireland Jr.
Archer



MARY ELLEN IRWIN
Joe Irwin
South Shops



DEREK D. JAMES
John W. James
77th Street



STEVEN JAMES
John James
77th Street



KEITH JONES
William Jones
69th Street



ANCIL KERSH
F. D. Kersh Jr.
77th Street



KENNETH KERSH
F. D. Kersh Jr.
77th Street



PATRICIA KNIGHT
Bill Knight
North Park

season for love and wedding bells. Let's hear more from you...Oh, by the way, Storeroom 42 says "HI!" No news is good news. Only thing, we need news to keep this column going.

- Priscilla Kamradt

NORTH AVENUE -

Cake frosting and candle blowing were in order for JEAN LACRIOLA, the wife of Assistant Superintendent MIKE LACRIOLA, as she celebrated her birthday in April...Our former station superintendent and now Near South Area superintendent, WILLIAM MOSER, was presented with his number one grandson, STEPHEN WILLIAM LABAHN...In 1958 at age six, TOMI GRIESEN AUER and her dad appeared on these pages at the controls of the first train to operate on the Congress line. The same scene was repeated in 1970 when the Kennedy opened. On April 10 Tomi presented a grandson, JAMES ERIK, to her father, who by the way is our own switchboard operator, WALTER BLIX...Operator EARL HOBSON has just returned from Jackson, Miss., for a family reunion which was the first held since 1958...Repairman RONALD FILARSKI and his wife, ROBYN ANN, were presented with an 8 pound 13 ounce daughter on April 10...Our visitor during the month was Pensioner BERNY PEARSON...April 25 marked the first decade of married life for Operator ALICE DRAKE and her husband, EDDIE...In our column last month we reported the death of Supervisor E. BURKETT's father-in-law. Please allow us to correct that to read Supervisor H. BURKETT's father-in-law...Operators ROBERT DARROW and EDWARD NEUMANN are back to work after a brief illness...Retired Superintendent ED BRODD is in Ravenswood hospital and doing fine at the time of this writing...The broad elated smile on the face of Operator EARLIE

BRYANT is due to the graduation cum laude of his son, REGINALD, from Roosevelt Upper Grade Center...A story was promised to you in the last column and here goes. Among the new operators reporting to North Avenue during the month of October 1974 was Operator THELMA YOUNG. Operator WILLIE JOHNSON cast his eyes upon Thelma and cupid went to work immediately resulting in the formal engagement of Willie and Thelma in March of this year. Tentative plans call for the wedding in September. The best of everything to these two operators, and we do believe that this is the first time in the history of the CTA that two operators have become engaged to marry. The truth really is stranger than fiction...Keep the news coming, and keep your eyes on this column. Who knows what revelations may be made to enlighten and entertain you... See you in print next time.

- Aaron Pruett

NORTH PARK -

The Little Flower communion breakfast service was held on Sunday, April 20, at Mt. Carmel Learning Center. North Park was again well represented with a large turnout of pensioners and their wives participating...With the coming of the college students, your help and consideration will be appreciated by the instruction force. The hiring of these young fellows makes summer vacations possible for most of us, so let's give them a hand...Operator LOWELL (Lefty) BRUBACH and his wife, MADELYNN, vacationed in Miami, Fla. Lowell enjoyed playing several rounds of golf with Former Operator LARRY FOREMAN, who is now a captain on the Miami police force. A stopover in Clearwater to visit the Brubach's brother-in-law, Mr. TED VARNICH, was also a must...Pensioner LOUIS NELSON, the strawberry

king of Brodhead, Wis., spent a month's vacation visiting friends around the State of Arizona where he may be looking for a future home site...Operator ED ZIENTARA and his wife, ROSE, enjoyed a winter vacation in sunny Arizona. Ed came home with glowing reports on the Chicago Cubs who were going through their spring training sessions in Scottsdale...Pensioner JOE GOLDBERG writes from New Orleans, La., that after a year of retirement life he has taken a part-time job at the Pontchartrain hotel where he is doing security work...Congratulations to the 159 operators who were awarded "Employee of the Year" cards for their outstanding safety and work records...Pensioner BEN GEACH, who still resides at 1510 Highland, Chicago, is hale and hearty and sends his regards to his many friends...BETTY O'NAN, the wife of Operator STERLING O'NAN, was hospitalized at Edgewater hospital for major surgery. At this writing she is recovering satisfactorily...JOSEPH DAUGIRD Jr., the son of Instructor JOE DAUGIRD, was married on Saturday, April 5, to Miss CHERI GEORGE at St. Edward's Catholic church. The reception, attended by 70 guests, was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN O'CALLAGHAN in Wilmette...Sanitary Engineer JOE MANION retired on May 1, and his smiling and cheerful expressions will be missed at North Park...Remember to vote on Tuesday, May 27, for the candidate of your choice. Bring your plastic membership card with your current month paid-up working card. Officers of Division 241 will be elected for three-year terms.

Repair Department Chit-Chat: DOROTHY COUGHLIN, the wife of Assistant Foreman JOE COUGHLIN, was hospitalized at Resurrection hospital for observation...Stock Clerk MEL McDONALD is to be commended for his untiring task of ordering parts to keep North Park's fleet of buses



MIKE KOPINSKI
Joseph Kopinski
South Shops



PAULA KOPINSKI
Joseph Kopinski
South Shops



PATRICK KOZIOL
Frank Koziol
North Park



GARY KUJAWA
Norman Kujawa
South Shops



JANET LACEY
Genie Lacey
So-In Shops



LORI LACHER
Hairy Lacher
South Shops



MARY LAICA
George Laica
Internal Audit ng



JAIME LEAL
Elda Leal
Public Affairs



BEVERLY LEWIS
Winnon Lewis Jr.
South Shops



VERNON LINK
Mervin Link
North Park



SUSAN LOFTON
John Odds
Signal Division



ANITA LOWERY
Tommie Lowery
Signal Division



LYDIA LOWERY
Tommie Lowery
Signal Division



ROGER MAHNKE
John Mahnke
Forest Glen

olling...Enjoying spring vacations at this writing are: PAUL SCHREVES, ROBERT JOHNSON, RAY LEONHART, PAT DALEY, FRANK FULTON, JOHN FILARSKI and NILS BLALEK...The welcome mat is extended to Repairman J. PEMBERTON, and Servicemen MICHAEL KASMAN, JOE WEBER, TOM IRWIN and S. GRAF...Repairman FRANK CIONE retired on April 30 after 44 years of service. Frank was honored with a party and received several gifts from his fellow workers...Clerk HARRY (Swede) ENRIGHT went on disability pension May 1, and our wishes go to Harry for good health in the future...Pensioners LEN TROZANOWSKI and MIKE MELOWSKI were recent visitors at the garage and were happy to exchange views with their old buddies...Our sympathy is extended to Foreman PHIL O'CONNOR in the loss of his mother, Mrs. O'CONNOR, in her native Ireland.

- Melvin Warming

OPERATIONS PLANNING (Routes & Systems) -

FRANK MISEK, director of routes & systems, took a very exciting trip out west, driving through the rain, sleet, snow, dust, sand, and anything else nature could provide. In spite of it all, he and Mrs. Misek had a wonderful time. They visited with many former CTA friends including HARRY POLLAND, CLYDE NORTH, ELLIOTT HIRSCH, HERMAN ANDERS and FRED KINDERMAN, all of whom want to be remembered to their very close friends here at CTA.

(Passenger Controls) -

ROD SKOCZ left May 19 for two weeks of active duty with the navy reserve in Denver, Colo...STEVE and DIANE WOLGEMUTH had open house for their friends to show the "before" look of their 100 year old house. Steve who has started ripping

out plaster, walls and the plumbing, can use all the help he can get. Belated birthday wishes to Rod and Steve...JOAN HARRISON spent a week at Grand Cayman Island in the British West Indies. Joan enjoyed scuba diving for the first time and had a nice sun tan plus a red nose.

- Kay Batina & Betty Pazkowski

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE (Skokie Shop) -

Hear ye! Hear ye! Paul Revere never made it to Concord with the news 200 years ago, but unlike Paul Revere, we aim to get through with the news by deadline no matter what. So here we go again, trying to get an article together in spite of the fact that we seem to have a lot of Paul Reveres, both in the office and out in the shop, who are not getting through with the news to your reporters. As a result our column is somewhat on the sparse side this month. Your co-reporter, MARY HENDRICKSON, has been on vacation for two weeks, but she has kept in touch in order to meet the deadline...Words cannot express our heartfelt sympathy to the family of CALVIN VALENTINO, carpenter, who passed away on April 18. To his dear wife, IRENE, and his son, DOUGLAS, and daughter-in-law, MARY, may God bless all of you...Springtime is vacation time for a lot of people at Skokie, what with everyone trying to use up last year's vacation. BEA SUSMAN, unit supervisor, had a two-week vacation away from the office in March, and has three more to go which she'll finish up in May. BOB WINTHER, superintendent of Skokie Shop, got away from it all for two weeks. JAMES PANKONEN, superintendent of rail vehicle maintenance, flew to Washington, D.C., for a week's vacation. PAUL VENTICINQUE and LARRY MONAGHAN, unit supervisors, will take turns finishing up their vacations, too. ED BLICHARZ, Production

Supply Control, was also away for a week's vacation...While we are on the subject of vacations, BILL BUEGER, motor line, and his lovely wife, SHIRLEY, will be spending two weeks on vacation in May, island hopping in Hawaii. To both of you, we all hope you do have a great time... Congratulations to TOM TORREY, motor line, and his wife, KATHY, who recently celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary. Tom and Kathy are the proud parents of three fine sons, PAUL, 9, GARY, 6, and SHAUN, 3 years old...By the time you read this, GRANT GREENE, machine shop, should be well on the road to complete recovery from his recent surgery...Well, folks, that is all for this issue. Hope you all can supply us with a lot more news next month. See you then.

- Mary Hendrickson & Pat Barnett

(TABEC) -

Hello, Hello, Hello! It has been a long time in coming, but we have finally made it--getting ourselves into print...Some of the "extracurricular" activities that have been going on with us outside of school are these: JIMMY MORALES has recently returned from an expedition in sunny Texas where he reported catching over 100 large mouth bass in five days. JENNIFER, his one-year old, doesn't believe him either... We are all wondering what DAN CHORAK is going to be eating while HEIDE and the family are off to Cologne, Germany. Dan wanted to go along, but who's going to pay for all that air fare?...KEN POLAN spent a week at DARLENE's favorite hobby. You guessed it--remodeling! The question is: Will the Polan family be able to enjoy their new heating system in time for America's Bicentennial celebration? . . . CHARLES TOWNSEND will be offering "bump" instructions this summer. Register early... HELEN CAROLLO, TABEC's only and best secretary, misses her T-Bird. She



DAVID MAIDEN
Dave Maiden
South Shops



CARL MALY
Carl Maly
TABEC



CINDY MARIE MARKOS
Joseph Markos
Jefferson Park



DEBRA LYNN MARSHALL
William C. Johnson
52nd Street



BRADY MASON III
Brady Mason II
69th Street



GAIL McLANE
James McLane
North Section



SUSAN MILELO
Joseph M. Iello
Forest Glen



CHERYL MILLER
William Miller
South Shops



JANIS MITCHELL
John Mitchell
South Section



JOHN MONGE
Juan Monge
Jefferson Park



CALVIN MORGAN
Davell Morgan
North Park



VANESSA MORGAN
Davell Morgan
North Park



SUE MORRELL
George Morrell
South Shops



PHILLIP MORRIS
Ardis Morris
61st Street

said, "The Datsun is too easy on gas..." WILLIE (Argument) WONG and his family will be spending the first week of June in Florida bothering Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and Goofy at Disney World. Maybe they can offer Willie a deal he can't refuse...We are all going to miss GORDON MALY while he is on vacation--or will we? ...Congratulations to our newest addition, DAVE WILSON.

- George Greco

(South Shops) -

Congratulations to TOM SMITH on the recent engagement of his daughter, DEBBIE. Debbie works at the Mart in Criminal Law and Traffic. Her fiancé, JIM BLANCHARD, works in the Mart in Capital Development as a procedure analyst. The wedding date is set for July 10, 1976. RON CATANZARO, Far North Area, will be best man. Good luck and much happiness to Deb and Jim...A warm welcome back to work goes out to MAUREEN HOULIHAN. Maureen has been off for two months due to foot surgery. We are all glad to see her back. Just keep healthy, Maureen...RICH JUVNALL is the proud owner of a 1975 Chevy Monza. He waited a long time, and it was well worth it, so he says...DON TARNOWSKI was married on May 4 to DONNA MORENO. I know I just announced their engagement, but things happen very quickly these days. They will move into their home on May 10. Good luck...ART BEAUCHAMP and his wife, BESS, just returned from their vacation. They went to Brenlie Mt., Ala., and to St. Louis, Mo. It was a little shaky crossing the St. Louis "Arc", as the winds were 40 to 50 miles an hour. Art commented that he had "a heck of a good time," and that is what a vacation is for...EDDY and IRINI EVANS celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on April 22 by taking a trip to Hawaii. They both had a fantastic time and said it was a

trip of a lifetime. Congratulations...The welcome mat is extended to ZAVEN S. GUIDIGUAN to South Shops. Zaven is a methods and standards engineer...Congratulations to CHARLIE GRECO who became a grandfather again. CHARLES GRECO Jr. and his wife, LINDA, are proud of their new son, GEORGE ROBERT. George weighed 7½ pounds and measured 19 inches. He was born April 6. Charlie should also be congratulated on his recent promotion from technician IV to technician V. DON TARNOWSKI was promoted from technician I to technician IV. Congratulations to both of you...There will be two new

faces in Technical Services soon: they are JACK MURRAY from the shops who will be a technician III, and JOHN A. LI, KA who will be a technician I. John also happens to be the son of JOHN F. LIPKA, unit supervisor in Technical Services. Congratulations, fellows, and welcome. Everybody is practicing for the South Shops golf outing this year. The annual event will be held on June 28, weather permitting, this.

Congratulations go out to ED and SHIRLE MESIKEN on their 25th wedding anniversary. On March 29 a surprise party

Service anniversaries in May

40 years

W. Heffernan,
Track & Structures



35 years

R. A. Hodgetts, Engineering
W. Kreutzer, Skokie Shop
R. O. Stach, Transportation

30 years

D. V. Andriacchi, 69th Street
J. R. Cirillo, Buildings & Grounds
F. J. Gibasiewicz, Forest Glen
S. M. Stromblad, 77th Street

25 years

G. M. Andersen, Technical Services
J. N. Baker, Beverly
L. R. Both, North Park
N. A. Costantino, Forest Glen
J. Jackson, Archer
R. Jackson, Track & Structures
W. J. Kanady, 69th Street
J. J. Labellarte, 61st Maint. Terminal
J. F. Lipka, Technical Services
F. J. Maguire, Materials Management
L. J. Maher, North Section
T. McPartlan, Maint. Material Control
W. L. Rakauskis, Utility
D. M. Ryan, Electrical
M. A. Tassone, Beverly
N. P. Triffon, District B



JOHN MUSCARELLO
John Muscarello
North Park



DANNY NALLY
Patrick Nally
South Shops



GREGORY NYZAK
Dorothy Nyczak
Payroll Acctg.



KELLY ANN O'CONNOR
M. F. O'Connor
South Shops



KIMBERLY O'NEILL
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North Section



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AUBREY J. PRINCE
Robert Prince
Douglas Terminal



MONICA PUTHAMANA
Joseph Puthamana
Skoville Shop



TONI RANDALL
Daniel Randall
52nd Street



DELBERT REED
Homer Reed
North Park

as given by their six children and a total of 95 people turned out to celebrate. Our prayers go out for Ed's mother who is in the hospital recuperating with a broken hip. BOB and COLLEEN FUHRMAN wish to thank all their friends and co-workers for their prayers in their daughter's illness. MAX and ELIZABETH TEPPER give their daughter, SUSAN's, hand in marriage to FRED LOCKE at St. Dennis church on April 5. Fred and Susan plan to be in Green Bay, Wis. BILL MILLER is \$10 richer after winning a recent Grand Slam lottery. Machinist HENRY MILIEWSKI will celebrate his 35th service anniversary this month. Mechanic RAYMOND BAUSE proudly reports that his son, RAYMOND, will receive his master of science degree in education.

- Jeanne Diehl & Lawrence Bomas

PLANT MAINTENANCE (West Shops) -

The 13th annual retirement party was held Friday, May 16, at the VFW hall in Jefferson Park to honor the following retirees: EDDIE PALOMAR, trackman; E. P. WADE, general foreman, ironworkers; DEE CHRISTOF, electrician; SALVATORE MARCA, laborer; AUDREY C. PETERSEN, secretary; LOUIS W. WEISSGERBER, carpenter; FRED PETRINO, chief clerk; DANIEL SEMINERIO, laborer; JOSEPH FLOS, plumber; ANTHONY SUNZERI, trackman; JOSEPH MATRISCANO, timer; ALFRED MALMQUIST, superintendent, track; LUL MILKEVITCH, painter; CLARENCE SINDLER, trackman; BARNEY HOLMANS, ironworker inspector, and AARON ANTON, trackman. A word of cheer to all the shut-ins, get well quick, we miss your smiling faces. Received letters from Pensioners E. P. WADE, former general foreman of ironworkers, and BARNEY HOLMANS, former ironworker inspector. Mr. Wade is enjoying his north woods with

gusto, and Mr. Holtane is in Florida enjoying mainly golf. Both agree there is nothing like the life of a retiree. PAUL (Mr. Jones) ANDERSON, chief clerk of mechanical maintenance, paid us a visit. It was good to see Paul looking good and with the same old charm. Come back again soon, Paul.

- Jennie Scott

WEST SECTION -

Lucky GEORGE JERREL of the road department is sunning in Florida on his vacation, as is Superintendent of Janitors ROBERT ROESING. Assignment Agent JERRY LOMAX vacationed in New Orleans for two weeks where she visited with her father. Jerry said she acted like a real vacationer, she stayed in a hotel for the two weeks and had an enjoyable time. ELEANOR HASBROUGH was hospitalized again for surgery and is still off sick as of this writing. Pensioner GRACE MOUNTS is now home from the hospital and doing fine. I guess the girls are here to stay—a new restroom is being built for our female rapid transit conductors and motorwomen at 54th on the Douglas line. Need help with your spring cleaning? JUANITA EDEN handles a paint brush like a real pro. MARY VIDAS can attest to this as Juanita did a fine job on her bathroom. Juanita, I would like to be the first one to put in my bid for your help. CAROL BOWMAN is all tucked out just thinking about spring cleaning. Right now the big decision is what color she should paint her walls. If you want to know where to find all the good food bargains, check with LEONARD LACHOWICZ. He checks all the newspaper ads and is a coupon clipper from way back. VIRGINIA OJER likes to move around, so she has been working the extra board for five years. Can anyone top this? Something new has been added to LINDA

TAPINS' family. Would you believe a friendly boa constrictor? They now have a dog, cat, gerbil, a parakeet and are babysitting for a friend's parrot. Lots of luck, Linda, and are you sure the boa is friendly? If you want to see Agent Supervisor TOM SHERA's eyes light up, ask him about the apple of his eye, his daughter JENNIFER. Agent PEGGY WASHINGTON gave birth to an 8 pound 2 ounce baby boy on April 11, and Agent MARTHA MORRIS had a baby girl. Agent WILFREDO SOTO's wife presented him with a 5 pound 2 ounce baby boy on March 24. This is their first child and he was named MICHAEL. JULIE MATTRAN and her husband are awaiting the birth of their fifth grandchild. Now that spring is here, plant some green in the credit union and watch it grow. Speaking of the credit union, the people who missed the Metropolitan "I" annual dinner missed a really great time. There were many dignitaries from Division 308 and other credit unions, and also many guests too numerous to mention. Everyone really had a great time. Superintendent ART RAVEN and his wife have returned from their trip to Sao Paulo, Brazil, and says it was very nice. Art also said he can't wait to go back for another visit. Congratulations to SUE MATTHEWS who was promoted to assistant superintendent of agents, and also to C. ROPA, C. FLORENCE, E. FOSTER, J. SEYMOUR, R. HAWKINS and E. BELT who recently became agent sub-unit supervisors. Agent JOHN BURGESS said he is getting himself engaged on June 5 to Miss JUNE BRAXTON. John also told us he is leaving us to become a bus driver. Lots of luck, John, in your engagement and bus driving. Happy birthday to AGGIE NOONE and Janitor ORA MILLER. On May 21 coffee and rolls were served at Jefferson Park for winning the Interstation Safety Contest for the first quarter. Congratulations and keep up the good work. In



CYDNE RETTIG
Mary Rettig
Datacenter



ROBERTO RIVERA
Domingo Rivera
Jefferson Park



LaTANYA ROYSTER
Leodis Royster
Forest Glen



HOLSEY SAMPSON JR.
Holsey Sampson Sr.
Howard Street



KEVIN C. SAUER
Charles Sauer
North Park



FRANK SHERIDAN
John Sheridan
Storeroom 7



TERRY SIMON
Fred Simmons
South Shops



ARNESE SMITH
William Smith
77th Street



DELONIA SMITH
William Smith
77th Street



CHARLES STARR
Charlie Starr
South Shops



ROBIN STERN
Leo Stern
North Park



BARRY STOCKLING
Samuel Stockling
69th Street



WINNEFRED STONE
Walter Stone
Planning/Programs



PAUL SUTKOWSKI
Ted Sutkowski
South Shops

closing we would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of R. KLU-CZYNSKI who passed away in April, and to the family of JOHN CAROLAN whose mother also passed away in April.

- Mary Wirted & Zita Doubles

SOUTH SECTION -

Happy summertime to all!..We welcome Assistant Superintendent DAVID MARTIN, 95th, back to the South Section from a short stint at the General Office...Everyone is to be complimented on their fine performance during the spring snowstorm, April 2 and 3, in keeping our trains rolling. ..Conductor JOE DOYLE and his family drove to Dallas, Texas, for a spring vacation which was very enjoyable...Hi to newly hired Conductors CLINTON CLARK and RENA SAMMON. ..Conductor NEIL SULLIVAN who recently went on disability retirement, wishes to thank everyone for their token of remembrance sent to him. He said to tell everyone, "God bless you all"...Back from the sick list are: Clerk WILL INTOE, Motorman LARRY GENOUS and Conductor JESSE MAMON...We were shocked and saddened to hear that Retired Yard Foreman WALLACE BROWN passed away recently in Riverside, Mich...Receiving passenger commendations recently were: Conductor LARRY BELIN for his clear manner in calling stations and connecting bus lines; Motorman ASHLEY ELDRIDGE and Conductor ANTHONY GAGE were commended by the Control Center for their assistance during a fire, and Motorman WILLARD DOUGLAS and Conductor ELBERT HARRIS were commended by a supervisor for putting a man on their train who was walking the tracks. ..Had a nice visit on the phone with Pensioner LAWSON DELVIN, former chief clerk, North Section, who wishes to say

hello to everybody. About two years ago he was in an auto accident which layed him up with a broken leg and other injuries. He's just starting to get out and around now...The South Side "L" Federal credit union annual meeting and party was a howling success. It was held at the Roberts motel on April 6 and a huge crowd attended. After the meeting, at which I had to give a speech for the supervisory committee of which I am a member, a lovely buffet luncheon was served. Visitors from the other credit unions attended: Treasurer JOHN McCARTY and Committeeman LOU PAYNE of the Lake Street credit union; President HOUSTON WASHINGTON of the Metropolitan credit union, and President HUGH HEGARTY (also Secretary of Division 308) of the North Side credit union. We were also honored with the attendance of Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE RILEY, Director, Support Services, Transportation Department; Superintendent and Mrs. STAN CHREST; Assistant Superintendents ARDIS MORRIS and DAVID CURRY, and Forest Park Superintendent and Mrs. JAMES WALSH. From Division 308 were President and Mrs. LEONARD BEATTY, Assistant Treasurer GEORGE KARRISON, and South Section Board Member WILFORD SPEARS. Also the 77th Street credit union was in attendance. Our hats are off to President CHARLES SPEARS and Treasurer EARL JONES and all the board of directors and committeemen for such a good meeting and party. Our pensioners came out in force: Retired Assignment Agent LULU HAMANN, Retired Towerman PATRICK HICKEY (who is on the board of directors) and his Missus, LEONARD DeGROOT, Retired Motorman MARCUS WALKER and his Missus, Retired Janitor LENZY BATTLE, Retired Clerk THOMAS O'HARA and his lovely wife, and Retired Conductor PHAROAH (Mother-in-law) CAIN and his wife. We

couldn't possibly name everyone that was there, but it was a lovely crowd. Now, everyone, let's make our credit union grow and grow--only you can do this. Put a little something in the share side for a rainy day. Oh, I can't forget Area Superintendent HARRY REDDRICK who we were so glad to see at our affair. Thanks to our bartender, Switchman DAVID SHEPHERD (also a committeeman), for handling the bar so well...Conductor JOHN KALIS and his lovely wife celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary recently and commemorated the occasion at the Diana restaurant and the Grecian Isles restaurant. They even had to go up on stage and do a Greek dance when the restaurants fied out it was their anniversary...Another reason of sadness: ALICE O'CONNOR, the widow of Superintendent MICHAEL O'CONNOR, who lived in Tucson, Ariz., passed away recently... Still in the hospital at the writing are: Motorman JOSEPH GRIFIN, who is in Hines hospital, and Retired Motorman WILLIAM BROPHY who had an operation in St. Francis hospital. Let's pray for a speedy recovery for both of them...Yard Foreman JOHN MITCHELL is so very proud of his 17 year old daughter, JANIS, who will graduate from Uly High school. She is the recipient of a general assembly and Illinois state scholarship to Eastern Illinois university at Charleston... The Agents Pension Club held their Spring party on April 20th at Sharko's restaurant and we all had a good time. Their chicken is delicious. In attendance were many pensioners: Retired Motorman JERRY HANAFIN, Retired Towerman PATRICK HICKEY and LEONARD DeGroot, Retired Agents HAZEL DUNN and HELEN SHANNON, and Retired Former President of Division 308 JOE BURNS. We don't know how they do it, the president of the club, Retired Assignment Agent LULU HAMANN, and the se-



LARRY SZABELSKI
William Szabelski
South Shops



ROGER SZAFRANSKI
Peter Szafranski
69th Street



MARGARET TASSONE
Mike Tassone
Beverly



REGINA TAYLOR
Olis Taylor
West Section



THOMAS TOKARCZYK
Edward Tokarczyk
Security



WAYNE TUCEK
Leonard Tucek
South Shops



MARTHA VALDEZ
Arturo Valdez
North Park



MICHELLE WALTER
William Walter
69th Street



JACKQUELYN WILLIAMS
John Williams
Storeroom 20



YOCHETA WILLIAMS
Naamon Williams
Beverly



RODNEY WILLIS
Richard Willis
Personnel



ANTHONY WILSON
Henry Wilson
Operations Planning



ANGELA WINDHAM
Andrew Windham
77th Street



DEBRA YOUNG
Edward Young
69th Street

party, Retired Assignment Agent ROSE EIDENBLUT, do a bang-up job every time they have one of these parties. Leonard DeGroot told us at the party that he helped win the championship in the Oak Lawn senior citizen's bowling league with 264-604 series. He will be 72 years old the end of May, and he still swims, bowls and dances. Isn't that wonderful...The ROBERT ROESINGS, superintendent of monitors, just returned from a spring vacation in Clearwater, Fla., where they visited his mother. They also went to Disney World which they said is some place, and everyone should try to see it...Clerk JAMES CAREY was busting the buttons off a vest when he told us about his daughter, AN, who takes ballet lessons and won first place in a contest recently...Retired Workman Motorman DOMINIC CESARE and his Missus have gone to Hollywood, Fla., to spend a month in the new home they just purchased. They plan to live in Florida in the winter months and spend their summers up here. Now that's what we call the good life...Assistant station superintendent at 95th, FRENCHIE ELLIS, is so proud of his wife, JOAN, who was initiated into the Junior Society and will be graduating from Elvira Harvey college in June. She'll then enter Chicago State university...The first annual basketball benefit was held on Wednesday, April 23, at St. Anselm's gymnasium. The South Section basketball team played a game against our superintendents, supervisors, instructors and area superintendents, and the South Section team won. They had a crowd of about 250 people in attendance. It was a benefit to start up a South Section CTA Pension Club. Isn't that a wonderful idea. Our South leaders always think about their co-workers and what they can do for them. We are all real close unit.

- Verna Hartley

TRANSPORTATION (Utility) -

The Utility Department is now located at 3515 W. Maypole...The first group to retire from our new location were AUSTIN CRAYCRAFT with 39 years service, DON EDWARDS with 36 years, and JACK KLIMA with 34 years. Almost 110 years of experience disappeared at one time. A little get-together was held for them and on hand to wish them well were Pensioners WALTER JOHNSON, MATT STIGLITZ, ALBERT SCHMIDT, JULIUS KUTA and LARRY LINDNER...We extend the welcome mat to WALTER ANDERSON from Maintenance, EXCELL BUCKNER from Kedzie, and RONALD BLISS from Beverly...HOWARD SURRETT and his lovely wife had a nice vacation in the San Francisco area, while O. W. JOHNSON and his wife vacationed in sunny Florida...ED KENNEDY and his wife vacationed at Winter Haven, Fla., where Ed was checking out the Boston Red Sox. His son, JOHN, is a manager for one of Boston's minor league teams...Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of LEONARD GALLE who passed away.

(Service) -

We're well into 1975 now, but Central District Supervisor C. ERICCO MILLER just can't forget what a year '74 was for his family. His wife, TRUDY, was graduated from Governor's State college in June with a master's degree in language art. Then on Dec. 13 REYNALDO JOSE was born to Errico and Trudy. They also have an 11 year old daughter, CHIQUITA MARIA.



Reynaldo Jose Miller

- Colette Szegopand

52ND STREET -

Now that the baseball season has opened, it would be nice for us to go out and see the Sox and Cubs play once in a while. Also make an effort to go out and root for our 52nd Street softball team. Your support and interest can make a big difference in how the team plays...We hear that CONNIE PEOPLES, one of our former operators, is again hospitalized. Here's wishing him a speedy recovery...Our congratulations to OSCAR JOHNSON and WILLIAM THOMPSON on their promotions...Our sincere condolences to JACKIE DILLON and his family in the loss of his beloved wife, RUTH...We're glad to see EUGENE CANNON back on the job and hope he is fully recovered...Birthday greetings to W. E. BROWN, B. CLARK, W. HOLLAND, R. B. HOLMES, M. D. HUNTER, W. A. MACK, F. W. OWENS, R. RILEY, M. SAMPSON and W. TINSEY Jr...It's the 35th wedding anniversary for the PHILPOTTS. Mrs. Philpott has been ill for some time and we wish her a rapid recovery...Instructor SMITH has been awfully busy lately. Come on, fellows, get on the ball and straighten everything out. Put your station back on top where it belongs...Wonder why PAGE is always beckoning POTTS to the checker board? Chief Clerk ARNOLD HILLSTROM plays a good game of checkers...We really hope that Clerk BILL RUDDLE enjoys his vacation...HERBERT ROHLEN and his lovely wife spent their vacation in Honolulu...It was a pleasure to see VERDELL NELSON and JAMES RIVERS drop around for a visit. Wonder when CHARLES O'KANE and ALVIN DAVIS will drop in on us?...Is BYRON DEAN losing weight? Ask him...Join the credit union and save regularly and borrow wisely. Your savings today will mean more in the future. All members are requested to inform the treasurers of any change of address. Applications for vacation loans should be

placed well in advance due to the heavy volume. E. T. JONES and "Sarge" GARMONY found the annual credit union league convention very interesting. . . DONALD REYNOLDS is a real cool one. He can handle any assigned run. . . Wonder when MORGAN SMITH will come back to the boulevard? ROCKMORE seems to be in the groove again. . . Be alert; be careful; be cooperative; be courteous; and be thankful in having a good paying job. We all know the economy of today, so count your blessings and protect your job. THINK about it! . . . Attend our monthly union meetings.

- John L. Hudson

69TH STREET -

Operator CHARLES A. HAYNES took his pension on April 1 and JESSE DANIELS had a send-off for Charlie at his home. About 50 guests filed in and out to wish a good guy the best. Actually, Charlie is quite a bit heavier already. . . BOB GREEN's car was stolen and found, but it cost him \$22 for storage. He got mad and bought a "new" old '67 Buick instead. Bob had GEORGE (Draw Bar) HOLLAND and his Mrs. over one evening, and George cleaned up all of Bob's old Canadian Ace beer. George is coming along great after his second eye surgery. . . It is really something to hear our two paymasters, L. DAKE and J. MALLOY, talk over the high finances of their jobs. . . What a pick we had with V. CHAMBERS picking four day buses on Western, GUS MELANDER picked like a "casey" on Western, and W. HOWE and R. WILLIAMS picked day buses on Friday and moved in on the round table in the mornings. Even GENE HOWE picked a late straight. . . I wonder if Operator L. McALISTER ever picked up that milk and diapers? . . . Superintendent VIC COLEMAN was off sick for the first time in 30 years. . . Operator KELLY is on the sick list, too. To all you fellows on the sick list we wish you a speedy and complete recovery. . . Superintendent SWANSON says that after 31 years of service, he will take his pension on June 1 and go down to Brooksville in Central Florida. . . Everyone was glad to see H. MEANS and C. GRAY having coffee together. It seems that Gray gave Means his run back on 63rd. . . On March 28 OZIE DAVIS was re-elected election commissioner of Division 241 for a three-year term. He had a vote total of 1,638. . . With vacations starting again, I wish all of you a happy and enjoyable time and hope you let me know about it. Especially HARVEY BROCK of the repair department, who is now going to play Indian with the new bow and arrow set and see if he can shoot a few carp. Sorry, Harvey, fish don't fly. . . From the repair department, we all wish Pensioner DAN (Tonto) LEMERY, who is hospitalized in Arkansas, a speedy recovery. . . Pensioners LEO GLOMBICKI and MIKE MORAN are really enjoying their retirement life. . . On the sick list at this

time are CLARENCE REESE Jr., JOE JANECKO, BILLY WILLIAMS, A. WILLIAMS and PETER LEE. To all we wish a very speedy recovery. . . ROBERT BARNEY and KENNY MIKALSKI are on vacation at this time. Here's hoping they have a nice time. . . We all wish FRANK ANDREK the best of luck on his transfer to the rapid transit. . . We all welcome CHARLIE ROBINSON back from military service.

- Art Bueeing & Jimmy Ahern

77TH STREET -

Well, it's spring again and our young graduates are in full bloom. Operator CAESAR O. EVANS and his wife, MARY, are among the first of the many proud parents willing to share the accomplishments of their lovely daughters, ELLEN and ALINER EVANS. Operator MELVIN COX is equally proud of his son, CRAIG. Your reporter and Mrs. DeBONNETT joined these operators in celebrating because our son, ALLISON Jr., was gradu-

ated from Kohn Elementary school. Congratulations to all the parents and graduates. . . I'm happy to report that J. KERSH Jr. and F. D. KERSH Jr. received "Employee of the Year" awards. What happened to IRVIN KERSH? The news the Kershers doesn't stop there. It sees FRED KERSH and his wife, CHARLIE, were the guests of Mrs. EDDIE SIBLEY, along with B. REED and his wife. They celebrated a surprise birthday party in honor of EDDIE SIBLEY. . . Happy birth to Operator ROBERT WILLIAMS. He formed this reporter his birthday was May 1, but payday was May 2, so May 2 is the day he celebrated. . . I appreciate the news items given to me each month, but in order to give exposure to a large fraction of my fellow operators, I would like for everyone with special happenings deposit the news items in our Transit News mailbox. Thanks for your cooperation. . . Support our Local 241. Remember we are Local 241. . . See you next time.

- Allison De Bonnett

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

GEORGE ALTON, 76, Kedzie, Emp. 10-20-21, Died 1-19-75
GLENN BAKER, 71, Campaign Area, Emp. 4-26-26, Died 2-22-75
DAVID BARROWMAN, 74, Training, Emp. 5-9-22, Died 3-28-75
GORDON BITTOURNA, 60, Electrical, Emp. 5-28-42, Died 3-5-75
PATRICK BRADY, 68, Limits, Emp. 10-16-29, Died 3-8-75
WALLACE BROWN, 66, South Section, Emp. 4-8-46, Died 3-27-75
CATHERINE COLLINS, 84, South Section, Emp. 10-11-33, Died 3-7-75
BERNARD COOPER, 50, Kedzie, Emp. 10-18-51, Died 4-16-75
WILLIAM EGGERT, 79, Devon, Emp. 2-27-23, Died 3-16-75
HART FISHER, 88, Medical, Emp. 10-15-13, Died 3-11-75
HARTFORD GALBRAITH, 82, No. Section, Emp. 12-18-18, Died 1-8-75
HEBERT HEIDEN, 63, Treasury, Emp. 8-26-37, Died 3-4-75
GUSTAVUS HELLMUTH, 90, Law, Emp. 1-1-23, Died 3-5-75
GEORGE JEFFERSON, 35, South Section, Emp. 12-29-64, Died 4-27-75
ROBERT KLACZYNSKI, 50, West Section, Emp. 4-3-67, Died 4-1-75
PETER KOCHAN, 78, South Shops, Emp. 10-2-42, Died 3-12-75
ARTHUR KUSTER, 85, Purchasing, Emp. 12-9-09, Died 3-26-75
ROBERT LISS, 73, Construction & Maint., Emp. 5-28-27, Died 3-1-75
DANIEL LAWLOR, 74, 77th Street, Emp. 3-24-43, Died 3-11-75
EUGENE LAWSON, 83, Utility, Emp. 3-1-20, Died 3-13-75

WILLIAM LEE, 80, Kimball, Emp. 10-23-12, Died 3-7-75
FRED LOITZ, 68, Stores, Emp. 12-13-26, Died 3-10-75
EDWARD LUTTRELL, 79, Shops & Equ., Emp. 1-3-24, Died 3-9-75
JOSEPH MCLOWRY, 74, South Shops, Emp. 12-13-44, Died 3-5-75
JOSEPH METHÉ, 70, West Section, Emp. 3-31-20, Died 3-6-75
JOSEPH MINEO, 74, Engineering, Emp. 6-24-28, Died 3-6-75
ARTHUR MURPHY, 71, District A, Emp. 3-5-45, Died 3-5-75
FRANK ORMINS, 65, 77th Street, Emp. 9-9-22, Died 3-18-75
STEVE PAULOV, 62, Archer, Emp. 4-2-42, Died 3-7-75
FRANK PAVEL, 85, 69th Street, Emp. 11-23-16, Died 3-3-75
PATRICK REYNOLDS, 84, 77th Street, Emp. 8-12-13, Died 2-16-75
CHARLES RZEPKA, 80, Skokie Shop, Emp. 5-23-16, Died 3-23-75
AUGUST SCHAMPER, 82, Devon, Emp. 8-6-26, Died 3-5-75
CARL SCHOENBAUM, 68, 77th Street, Emp. 6-3-44, Died 3-16-75
JOHN SHUTKAS, 86, 69th Street, Emp. 6-12-17, Died 2-20-75
JOHN SUSRALSKEI, 76, Forest Glen, Emp. 5-7-23, Died 3-6-75
LAWRENCE THIERRY, 83, 77th Street, Emp. 3-21-23, Died 3-6-75
IMMANUEL THOMSEN, 86, 77th Street, Emp. 3-21-12, Died 3-20-75
CALVIN VALENTINO, 49, Skokie Shop, Emp. 8-9-46, Died 4-18-75
JOSEPH WERNER, 78, Schedules, Emp. 4-15-21, Died 3-18-75

CTA, International

Sample Other Cultures Through Their Events

by Elda Leal

Editor's Note: We have asked Elda Leal to assume editorship of this monthly international page to give all CTAs better appreciation of our cosmopolitan makeup. Mrs. Leal will welcome contributions regarding the upcoming events of all ethnic groups -- Poles, Pakistanis, Koreans, Chileans, whatever. Remember publishing "lead times", please, and tell us two months in advance!

TRAVELING AND learning about the customs and practices of other people different from our own background can be educational and interesting.

It is our hope, therefore, to start a kind of "journey around the world" through the experiences, memories and knowledge of our fellow co-workers at CTA.

I am enthused with this idea because, not only will it be enlightening but hopefully, it will create an even more harmonious environment during our working days.

Each month we will report the most important ethnic events and holiday celebrations including some from the United States.

Following are some events for the month of June: **June 13** -- For many Catholics, this is a day to be remembered by attending mass--St. Anthony of Padua.

This date brings back sweet memories when I was "Senorita" of only 16, with a head full of silly ideas and a believer of a custom of those years.

Every June 13, young girls and single women would try to collect 13 pennies from friends and neighbors which they would place in a corner of their rooms, next to an upside-down picture of St. Anthony. Some of them even lit candles to make the offering more solemn.

A few prayers and 24 hours later the meager amount was deposited in a nearby church and suppos-

edly, your luck would automatically change for the better--you would meet the perfect boy of your dreams and would fall in love and be happy forever!

Wishful thinking, but I must confess that I "followed the crowd" and tried it once. Big disappointment. . . for the following few weeks I met the most unappealing guys and decided to be more realistic--this was no way to find a boyfriend.

Should anyone like to try this, I would suggest being kinder to St. Anthony by placing him in a more comfortable position and offering a dollar instead of pennies (prices have gone up since). Wherever he may be, I'm sure he would be happier for your generosity to the church. And who knows--he may try even harder for you.

June 14 -- Marks the tenth anniversary of a custom initiated by a group of active Puerto Rican community leaders who wanted Chicago residents to acknowledge their presence, unity and accomplishments.

Practically lost in our big metropolis, the Puerto Rican community was struggling and determined to get ahead, with a different culture and language as tremendous obstacles to overcome in their adopted country. However, they were ready to meet the challenge.

Through the last few decades the Puerto Ricans have advanced in many areas. Puerto Rico became a Commonwealth government on July 25, 1952; they seem to be finding a place in the society they belong to, and in important political positions.

Most Puerto Ricans are hard-working people. They love music and to be surrounded by many friends. Family ties are very strong. It's not rare to see grandparents living with their married sons and daughters. Older people are highly respected and treated with loving consideration.

This year Ramon Valdez--his friends call him "Monchito"--chairman of the "Parada Portorriquena", will bring to Chicago once again one of the most colorful and well organized parades of all seen on State street. It will start at 1 p.m. from Wacker drive to Van Buren.

Thousands of people are expected to come and watch la Parada Portorriquena. CTA employees are welcome to join the celebration with some of their co-workers participating in this annual, happy Puerto Rican event.

June 29 -- Also a big celebration for the Puerto Rican community. It's St. John the Baptist day, whom they consider their patron saint. It is also celebrated with great joy back on the beautiful and sunny island of Puerto Rico.



Shirani Gunawardane from Ceylon (Sri Lanka) India, typist in the Stenographic Department.



Eric Kohn from Laubenheim, Germany, supervisor, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering.

what's news

- CTA -

CTA's transfer has gone on a diet to fight inflation. The smaller size transfer will reduce CTA's consumption of paper by about 20 per cent -- for a total annual saving in paper of approximately 70 tons. And, in money, \$22,000.

- CTA -

The Loop elevated structure is something else that has been losing weight. The loss is fairly impressive -- 615 tons. Parts that haven't been used for years -- such as barricaded stairways and pedestrian bridges -- have been removed. The steel is being sold as scrap.

- CTA -

The CTA and the City of Chicago have assisted the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle in developing an Urban Systems Laboratory program which has just been funded to the extent of \$390,000 by the federal government. The school is the only one in the mid-west to receive a grant of this size. Richard M. Michaels, lab director, says four research projects will be conducted. These are (1) decision-making information storage for transit officials (2) analysis of travel demands in small areas within the city (3) what maximizes and hampers the attractiveness of public transportation to the user and (4) provision of information to public officials who must make decisions about transit policy. Both RTA Chairman Milton Pikarsky and CTA Board-designate Marshall Suloway, Commissioner of Public Works, are on the advisory committee for the program.

- CTA -

Yankee Doodle mini-bus, a new CTA Spirit of '76 creation, made its debut in a Loyalty Day (Veterans of Foreign Wars) parade in Chicago's Andersonville neighborhood. The bus was originally built in 1967 as a mechanical training project for Explorer Scouts on the South Side. The mini-bus, which can pull three trailers of 18 passengers with its six horsepower engine, is expected to appear at other events during the Bicentennial years. The familiar Yankee Doodle tune is attributed to a British surgeon named Shuck-berg who, the story goes, wrote the song to ridicule provincial troops besieging Boston in 1775. The bus is shown being driven by Operator LeBlanc LeDree of Limits Garage.



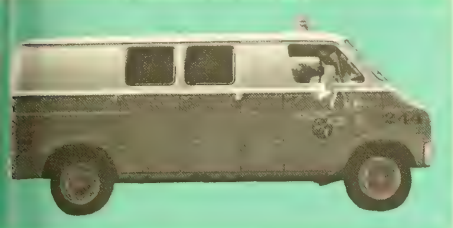
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These CTAsers Look For Trouble

That's Their Job

Anit Leppiks

Alex Johnson is a guy who looks for trouble. That's his job. Johnson, 36, is the CTA's version of a traveling doctor—he "heals" almost everything on a bus—from a loose side mirror to a dead motor. Or, like any practical doctor, Johnson refers his "patient" bus to a garage if the problem is just too much to cope with on a street corner. He makes his diagnosis within 15 minutes. And when he wipes the grease off his hands and says, "that's it," you don't doubt it. For Johnson even looks the part of a mobile bus repairman. Dressed in faded blue jeans, a well-worn cut-off work shirt, and floppy Levi cap, Johnson gives you the impression he would be incomplete without his green and white CTA repair van. Johnson rides the streets of Chicago's South Side, always looking for a CTA bus in need of a quick re-



pair. And he listens for the dispatcher to crackle out instructions over CTA's shortwave radio, about a bus in trouble.

When those come, you should see him perk up. You almost expect to see him reach his hand out the window and slap a Mars revolving light onto the roof, "Cjak" style.

I watched, riding shotgun, as it were, with him one afternoon.

We'd been touring various bus turnarounds, looking for minor problems on buses, and were pulling into the 75th and Lakefront turnaround when the call came through.

"Car 411 go to 95th and the Dan Ryan. Bus 3665 has an oil light on."

"Ten-four, en route," answered Johnson.

Well. Back went the cap, a big smile spread on his face, and down went the gas pedal.

"I'll look for an oil leak," he said, speculating already what the problem was.

We pulled up behind the bus, parked at the 95th and

Dan Ryan terminal, in 12 minutes.

In another eight minutes, Johnson had added oil and okayed the bus to go back in service.

Now we headed for the 94th and Cottage Grove turnaround.

Johnson explained, "CTA depends on me to visually inspect buses for something that goes wrong while a bus is in service at the turnarounds. When the dispatcher has to call me, all of the passengers have to be transferred to another bus and service has been interrupted. We like to avoid that."

Johnson does have days when he runs from bus to bus, answering perhaps 16 calls, like on the first hot day of summer, when buses, unused to the weather, overheat. Then he may never see a terminal.

The CTA keeps up 16 hour a day street maintenance with four men working two vans that may watch over as many as 2,200 buses on the street at any given moment during weekday travel.

Their job includes every kind of repair—from loose seats on a bus to engine trouble. Most repair, agree the mechanics, is for stalled buses caused by dead batteries or by simply running out of fuel.

The only kind of repair Johnson does not do is change tires; his van is just not equipped for a job that requires a tow truck to handle.

Not that he would have time to change tires too.

"Our repairs must take no longer than 15 minutes so we can get the bus out of traffic. I normally gauge between five and 15," he says.

"Yesterday I got a call at 71st and Prairie east-bound. The bus wouldn't pull (move). In one of the hardest rainstorms of the year, (Continued Page 14)



INSIDE BUSLAND

At CTA's New Service Garage



The largest bus service complex ever built by the CTA--which includes the first of its kind bus beauty salon--is now in operation at the 77th Street Garage, 7701 S. Vincennes avenue.

The 77th Street Garage complex has 310 buses assigned to it.

It replaces one of the CTA's oldest garages, built in 1902 for streetcars and gradually modified to service buses.

The most unusual feature of the new complex is a pastel colored beauty salon for buses.

The "salon" is an 11 berth unit which allows for a full line of complete interior bus washing and cleaning facilities.

Cleaning fluids are brought inside a bus through a group of long flexible hoses. In the past, buses needing interior cleaning were parked wherever a space was available, inside or outside the garage, and then were cleaned with buckets of detergent and water.

The salon has four additional spaces for engine and chassis cleaning.

Superintendent Joseph A. Rosendhal says it is hoped that the bus salon system will save such a considerable amount of time that current cleaning efforts will be doubled, allowing for interior cleaning every 2,000 miles instead of the present 4,000 mile cleaning.

In another room, two gantry washers automatically clean the complete 1,136 square feet of a bus's exterior and wheels in only two-and-a-half minutes, as compared to five minutes in the past. Buses are washed daily.

The gantry washer moves over the bus's exterior, applying detergent, water, brushes, and air blowers as it moves along. The washer frees CTA personnel from manually scrubbing the front and rear of each bus.

The washers also have underground water reclamation and oil separation systems in compliance with environmental control regulations.

The bus service building--which covers 72,000 square feet--can handle up to 34 buses at one time



Bus repairman Paul Roeck changes a cylinder heads on this diesel engine. The job takes about eight hours.



Anit Leppiks, Transit News writer, gets tour of new facility. Here John Small, bus serviceman, is the guide.

ing various steps of servicing and has a staff of 11 employees.

The design of the bus service building features six bays of double-length pits able to accommodate up to 12 buses for undercarriage inspection and lubrication.

Another feature is the oil and lubricant storage tank room where oils and lubricants are fed through a system of computerized control equipment to service points throughout the building.

To protect the environment, used oils and lubricants from buses are siphoned into an underground storage tank where they are collected and sold to a commercial oil company. None of the used lubricants enters the facility's sewage system.

The building contains 16 heavy duty hydraulic lifts for undercarriage repair work on buses. There also is an extensive heavy duty repair area.

Bright fluorescent lights provide employees with properly illuminated work areas. There also are several conveniently located tool and equipment storage rooms.

On the second floor is an eating area, equipped with food and soft drink dispensing machines plus tables and chairs for the building's workers.

The \$2.6 million garage was funded by the federal



Getting into all the tight spaces is routine for bus serviceman John Small. Each bus is thoroughly swept and scrubbed every 4,000 miles in the CTA's beauty salon.



This 7600 bus is rinsed, then blow dried, in the final steps of its daily shampoo.

government's Urban Mass Transportation Administration and the Illinois Department of Transportation under the CTA's Capital Development Program.

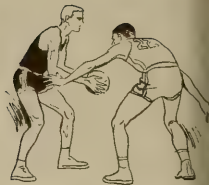
The bus beauty salon and the bus washers, also funded by the same organizations, cost \$916,000.

Still to be built is a new fueling facility which will be ready for occupancy in 1977.



CTA Sports News

MEL ALEXANDER, Sports Editor



Mother Nature KO's Father's Day Outing

DESPITE THE pleas of the fans, Mother Nature refused to cooperate for our sports program softball league on the big day, Father's day.

Not only was the scheduled league game rained out, but so was a "grudge" game that would have pitted the superintendents and supervisors against the motormen and conductors of the South Section. This special game was an added attraction on its own.

Leading the league so far this year is Kedzie Garage with a 6 and 0 win-loss record. Only one game behind with a 5 and 0 win-loss record is 95th Street of the Rapid Transit. It seems a replay of last year's championship game may be in order. Rapid Transit emerged the victor a year ago.

The deadline for team roster changes was June 8. Only a few changes in personnel were received by this date, and the rosters for the Chicago Park District tournaments will carry the names of all persons listed as of June 8. Each team was instructed as to this procedure, and only the team members listed will be eligible to compete in the tournaments at the end of the season--if you are the first and second place teams.

O'Rourke Wins Most Improved Bowler Award

FRIDAY THE 13th wasn't an unlucky day for Tim O'Rourke, Claims Law.

He was awarded the trophy for the most improved bowler for the 1974-75 season in the City of Chicago, Bureau of Engineering Bowling League.

In addition to winning this award, Tim was also elected president of the league for the 1975-76 season.



Banquet Committee Stages 2nd Awards Dinner

THE SECOND annual CTA Sports Program awards banquet is scheduled for Friday, August 29, 1975, at the Rosewood Inn, 12700 South Kedzie Avenue, Blue Island, Illinois.

This annual affair was started in 1974 by a group of participants in the sports program as a morale booster and get-together for all the personnel participating in the CTA Sports Program and for the awarding of trophies and other sports recognition.

For all persons interested in attending the banquet, the cost is \$30 per couple. Reservations can be made by contacting any of the committee members: Hubert Bankston or Kenneth DuCree, Archer Garage; Joe Cook or Jackie Robinson, Kedzie Garage; Lidia Lewy or John Austin, Limits Garage; George Ambrose, Flenard Porter or Paul Thomas, 69th Street Garage.

CTA SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Teams	W	L	Pct
Kedzie Garage	6	0	1.00
95th Street (Forest Park)	5	0	1.00
69th Street Garage	5	1	.83
North Park Garage	4	2	.67
Archer Garage	4	2	.67
77th Street Garage	3	2	.60
General Office	3	3	.50
Howard	3	3	.50
Forest Glen Garage	3	3	.50
52nd Street Garage	3	3	.50
Limits Garage	2	3	.40
South Shops	2	3	.40
Kimball	2	3	.40
North Side Agents	1	4	.20
West Towns	0	6	.00

Lefty Grove Left His Mark On Baseball

By W. B. Wolfan

There wasn't much mention made of it in the newspapers... only a couple of paragraphs--although the baseball season is in full swing with the division pennant races going strong.

Bob Grove, one of the greatest pitchers in baseball history, was laid to rest a few weeks ago... and for some unknown reason--lack of newsprint perhaps--there was only a limited amount of space devoted to the accomplishments of the man many consider the No. 1 lefthander of all time.

Lefty Grove was the pitching mainstay of those old time unbeatable Athletics of Connie Mack--the team that Philadelphia's venerable Mr. Mack broke up because he needed the money. He wound up his career with the Boston Red Sox.

Grove had EIGHT 20-game winning seasons--one of them for 31 victories and losses.

And he was pitching against hitters such as Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and Charley Gehringer--to name a few.

I watched Lefty Grove pitch while he was at the very height of his illustrious baseball career.

He was a true artisan of the mound... a master of pitching skills second to none.

It has been this reporter's privilege to see some of the great ones in action--Lefty Gomez of the

Yankees, Carl Hubbell of the Giants when they resided at the Polo Grounds, and Sandy Koufax of the Los Angeles Dodgers. It is my candid belief Grove was the best of them all.

On a good day, Grove was an unbeatable pitcher. As one veteran put it, "you're lucky if you hit the ball out of the infield," and that applied to some of the best hitters of their time.

The first year Grove won 20 games was in 1927

with Philadelphia. That was the year the world champion Yankees won the pennant by 17 games. Grove pitched against batters like the Babe who hit 60 home runs and batted .356 that season, and Gehrig who slammed 47 home runs and batted .373 in an awesome power display.

The next season, 1928, Grove won 24 games for the Athletics. He followed in 1929 with another 20-game winning season and in 1930 scored 28 wins. His biggest year was 1931--a 31 and 4 record.

The next year he won 25 and in 1933 compiled a total of 24 victories. His last 20-game winning campaign was for Boston's Red Sox in 1935.

Grove's all-time record was 300 victories and 140 losses for a .682 lifetime average--a higher percentage than Grover Cleveland Alexander, Walter Johnson, and the immortal Christy Mathewson.

Diamond devotees of today may not know much about Lefty Grove. Long time ago, they say. Well, they'll wait a long time to see another pitcher like him.

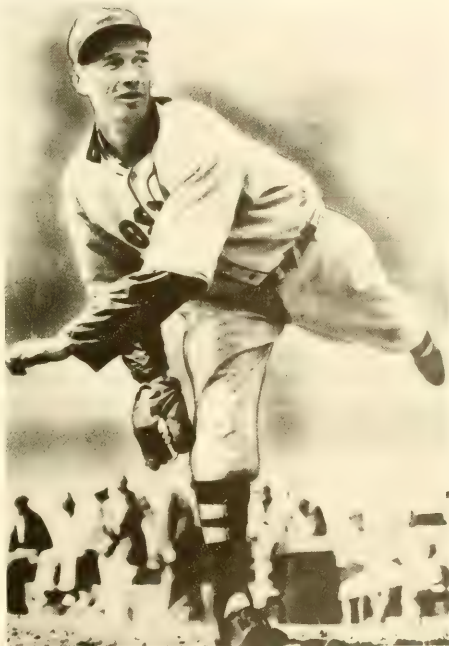
The record books testify that he was the toughest lefthander in all baseball history.

While current baseball buffs are agog over the no-hit performances of Nolan Ryan, the brilliant right-hander of the California Angels, one must not overlook

the feats of Grove who rewrote the record book by winning 59 games in two seasons, 1930 and 1931, while pitching for Connie Mack's wonder club.

A Robert Moses Grove was one of those once-in-a-lifetime athletes with that indefinable quality that distinguishes the great from the average. Even time cannot tarnish his achievements.

Lefty Grove was a star for all seasons. He will be remembered as long as baseball is played.



He won 300 pitching victories. Robert Moses (Lefty) Grove, famous hurler of the Athletics and Red Sox. *Chicago Tribune photo.*

CTA, International

July Is Patriotic Month In 3 Countries

By Elda Leal

July 4 Hope you all have a pleasant holiday. Last year I had two nice experiences that I expect to enjoy again. For the first time, my children and I went to watch the fireworks at Soldier Field.

We enjoyed the spectacle very much. I love to watch the people sing the national anthem with great patriotic fervor, proudly looking at the American flag. For two hours or so, I enjoyed every minute but then started getting worried about the big crowds that would be lined up trying to board buses.

I was relieved and, at the same time, also very proud as a CTAer, to see many of our buses lined up on both sides of the street with a crew of supervisors and collectors politely directing the crowds to the buses. Within a few minutes, we were downtown, connecting with another route that would take us home.

July 5 marks the 164th anniversary of the signing of the Independence of Venezuela. This movement was initiated by the colosso Don Francisco de Miranda. Miranda was a distinguished member of the military whose patriotic ambitions took him around the world, including to the United States. His name is the only South American hero's name inscribed in the Arch of Triumph in Paris.

There are not many Venezuelans in Chicago and there is no particular neighborhood where they live. Most of them live in suburbs and are professionals or technicians who came to the U.S. to upgrade their education or their professional skills.

Venezuela is one of the richest countries in Latin America. Its population is estimated at 12 million people. Located on the Caribbean coast, it attracts thousands of tourists and businessmen. One of the main attractions is Angel Falls, the largest in the world, measuring 3,297 feet--15 times higher than Niagara Falls.

Petroleum is the major natural resource. Production is estimated at 2.5 million barrels a day.

Another substantial source of income is Cerro Bolivar, a 2600-foot high mountain, and presumably the world's largest iron-ore deposit.

Venezuelans think highly of Chicago's public transportation and traffic control. A few weeks ago, through the Venezuelan consul in Chicago, Mr. Federico Ganteaume Pantin, the Venezuelan Ministry of Public Works requested material on both CTA and RTA from Elio Ohep, Marketing project coordinator. This data will be used in preliminary studies to modernize Caracas' transportation system.

July 24 Omitting the name of the great Simon Bolivar when talking about Venezuela would be almost un-



The fall of the Bastille

Photo courtesy of French Government Tourist Office

forgiveable. Bolivar was born in Caracas, Venezuela, on July 24, 1783. He is better known throughout the world as the "Liberator of the Americas."

Bolivar brought to fruition Miranda's ideals of independence for South America and he was successful in obtaining it for Venezuela, Colombia, Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia.

July 14 Bastille Day--a national holiday for France, celebrated with great joy and a number of celebrations, starting with a military parade.

The French celebrate the destruction of a huge solid structure which had been built as a city fortress by Charles V in 1370 and which was later used as a prison for people who protested the rulings of the king and his court.

The angry Frenchmen despised the building, associating it with oppression. On July 14, 1789, they decided to destroy it. In the attack, thousands of people were killed.

CTA people who have visited France tell me it is just beautiful and they will go back some day. The land of the romantic language with its French Riviera, the Louvre Art Museum, castles and the Palace of Versailles make this country a dream vacation. "Ah, oh, the food is out of this world!" said Rene Varg, supervisor at Skokie who was stationed in Paris during his Army years. Cooking is an art in France.

Most of the people are Roman Catholic and the customs are similar to the American way of life. Easter, for example, is celebrated in exactly the same manner as in the U.S. and children receive colored eggs and chocolate rabbits with the exception that they are told that the bells from the church dropped them in instead of our Easter Bunny.

Oops! The last issue of Transit News linked Sri Lanka (Ceylon) with India. It's an independent country.

Thyroid Scare Worry You?

BRING THE past year you have probably read articles in the newspaper or been informed by the TV media of the possibility of tumor formation taking place in the thyroid gland following X-ray treatment of the head and neck for various abnormalities during childhood or adolescence.

The Illinois State Medical Society and the Illinois Hospital Association have launched a statewide program designed to alert all Illinois residents of this relationship which has been occurring in many cases treated by X-ray between the late 1930's and early 1960's.

Previously, X-ray treatment was believed to be a safe and effective method of shrinking tonsils, adenoids and the thymus gland. This type of treatment was discontinued 15 years ago but a possible side-effect of this form of treatment has been to increase possibility of developing benign or malignant thyroid gland tumors.

The joint committee of the ISMS and IHA urges all persons who have had X-ray radiation during childhood or adolescence to contact their physician for an examination. Those who do not have a personal physician should contact the Chicago Medical Society, 310 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill. 60604 or their local hospital. Hospitals or physicians who have given such treatment should contact their patients, if possible. Some hospitals already have started notifying patients. Guidelines have been issued to physicians and all hospitals as to screening programs.

The following hospitals have thyroid screening programs and may be contacted for this service which is provided without charge for former patients and at the established fee for others: Chicago Osteopathic, 363-6800, Ext. 401; Children's Memorial, 649-4500; Holy Cross, HE. 4-6790; Michael Reese, 791-2532; Northwestern Memorial, 649-2070; St. Anne's, 378-7100, Ext. 225; St. Mary of Nazareth, 292-5295; University of Chicago Hospital and Clinic, 947-6391.

Also providing the program without charge, but limited to former patients only, Presbyterian-St. Luke's, 942-6028.

The CTA Chef

Our recipe of the month was submitted by Lorayne Blyth, and it wins the approval of her "gourmet on the go" husband, Jefferson Park Conductor Robert Blyth.

PORK CHOPS SUPREME: Trim excess fat from chops. Salt each chop, then place in baking dish. On each chop

place: 1 lemon slice; 1 thin onion slice; 1 tablespoon brown sugar; 1 tablespoon catsup. Cover and bake 1 hour at 350 degrees. Uncover and bake 30 minutes longer. A half cup of dry Sherry wine poured carefully over chops before baking adds to the tenderness and flavor.

NO ROLL' PIE PASTRY: Sift together 1-3/4 cups flour, 2 teaspoons sugar, 1-1/4 teaspoons salt, and one-half cup of nuts of your choice (optional). With fork, beat together 1/3 cup Butterfly Wesson oil and 2 tablespoons milk. Pour over flour mixture and stir with fork until all flour is moistened. With fingers, press out on bottom and sides of 9 inch pie pan. Flute edges. Fill with your favorite filling. Or if you wish to pre-bake, bake at 375 degrees for 7 to 10 minutes until golden brown.

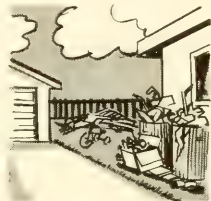
Transit News Family Fare

THE FAMILY LAWYER

Slovenly Neighbors

Morgan not only didn't love his neighbors, he hated them. They were so untidy that debris of all kinds littered their yard. Finally he asked a court to order a cleanup.

"That place is an eyesore," he told the judge. "Besides disturbing me personally, it also reduces the value of my real estate."



However, the judge refused to mix in. He said that generally speaking, a property owner has no right to impose his standards of neatness upon the neighbors.

This has long been the prevailing rule of law. It applies not only to standards of neatness but also to standards of beauty. Consider another case:

A suburban family was offended by the rough, unpainted wooden fence erected by the people next door. But in a court test, the neighbors pointed out that their fence had been put up for the legitimate purpose of protecting their garden.

Again declining to interfere, the court said:

"The defendants were not compelled to consult the taste of their neighbors as to the kind of fence they should build or the color of paint they should use. They were within their rights in satisfying their own taste."

On the other hand, unsightliness may carry at least some weight if there are other grounds for complaint as well. Another court faced the question of whether an auto wrecking yard could operate in an unzoned residential district. The court said:

"Unsightly things are not to be blamed solely on that account. Many of them are necessary in carrying on the activities of organized society."

"But such things should be properly placed, not so located as to be unduly offensive to the neighbors or to the public. A junk yard should not be located in a community of unquestioned residential character."

An American Bar Association public service feature by Will Bernard.

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THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ARCHER -

A happy belated 33rd wedding anniversary to Operator JOSEPH DUCREE and his lovely wife on March 6. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. ROY CAMERON on their 14th wedding anniversary, June 25...Happy birthday to Superintendent JOHN PETROSIUS, June 21, and LAWANNA CAMERON, June 15. Belated happy birthdays to: ROY CAMERON Jr., May 15; D. J. HARTFORD, May 11; T. M. ARTISON, May 16; W. THOMAS, May 20; C. M. HUBER, May 19; T. E. BROWN, May 15; G. JONES, May 17; B. J. JARMUS, May 29; R. L. JOHNSON, May 10; A. R. FREEMAN, May 3, and G. R. BARBER, May 31...Our wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to Mrs. DORIS OLSEN, the wife of FRED OLSEN, who is convalescing from her operation; to WILLIAM JARCHOW, garage foreman, who is convalescing at home; to T. KELLY who is convalescing at home, and to Pensioner PERCY JOSEPH, formerly of District B, who is convalescing from his illness. We hope each one will be up and about by the time we go to press...Our belated and deepest sympathy is extended to Pensioner F. R. KOCHINSKI in the passing of his son... Operator O. PRUITT has returned to work after being off ill for a month...Good luck to LEO CZASZEWICZ who took his pension on May 1 after 32 years of service. Enjoy your pension, Leo, and nothing but the best is wished for you...Pensioner STANLEY and LOUISE KRYCLYNSKI celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 8. Stanley retired from Archer in 1961. Congratulations and best wishes for many years of happiness to this wonderful couple.

- Owen Frosendoue

CTA SECURITY -

We bid a fond farewell to Sergeant PETER GENUTIS who retired on June 1 after more than 34 years of service. Pete started with the company on March 14, 1941, and became a member of the security force on



Wallace, Genutis and Rini



RETIRING JUNE 1 as a bus operator at Beverly Garage, Tom Daniels has served as an Inside News reporter for the past 20 years -- first at 69th Street and then Beverly. We will miss the monthly column from "No. 1" on our reporter's seniority list, and Transit News staff joins Tom's many friends at CTA in wishing him a long and healthy retired life.

Aug. 12, 1958. A get-together was held for Pete in the office, and was attended by many friends and co-workers. Pete was presented with his retirement star and a savings bond by Lieutenant SAM RINI, acting chief of security, and Sergeant PAUL WALLACE, acting administrative assistant. Best wishes for a long and healthy retired life, Pete...Congratulations to BRUCE HENDERSHOT, RALPH VERNON and PAUL WALLACE who are now full-fledged sergeants...I would like to wish my mother, Mrs. MARY FLYNN, who is recovering from a broken hip, a speedy recovery. Grace doesn't seem to run in our family.

- Pat Wasson

ELECTRICAL (Chicago Avenue) -

The bouncing ball is back. Between being out on field work and a two-week "honey-do" vacation, I missed the last edition. But have no fear, big Ben is here...JOHN and MARGARET MURPHY are pleased to announce the arrival of "Mighty Mite" MURPHY--ELAINE MARIE that is--weighing in at 6 pounds 1 ounce at 6 p.m. on the 23rd of April. She will have older brothers to look out for her...GARY NOLTE, the son of CHUCK and DOLL NOLTE, was married to SHARON KIELK at the Lutheran Church of Edison Park. A reception was held afterwards at Schneiders Banquet hall on Higgins road. An excellent meal and good time was had by all. I know, because the wife and I helped close the place...FRED KOSS is opening a rest home for Electrical Department foremen up at Lakewood, Wisc. Pressures?...Skinny JIM ROBER is back from a sojourn to the hospital. Jim lost a lot of weight and says that he has 15 pounds to

go...BILL SHEAHAN's son, TOM, is a cadet at the Air Force academy. Tom will be stationed at Nellis Air Force Base three weeks this summer, living with enlisted men. Shape up, Tom...JIM G. BONNS is in the hospital with back trouble. Talk to him soon and get the lowdown. TOM HENRY, one of our retirees since 1952, was in the other day. Despite a visit to the hospital some months ago Tom really looks great. Speaking of retirees, how about hearing from you fellows at there...ED McSWEENEY is back. After 26-month visit to other departments, Eis back working for us again. Welcome. ZIGGY is on vacation at his resort home Wisconsin. VITO RACANELLI is back from his "Vito do" vacation. PETE GR was on a "honey do" vacation. The way fellows are going on vacations around here it is difficult to keep track of everybody. JOHN SHEA strikes again. He was in the Amvets State Bowling Championship and came out a winner. Oh, by the way, it happened in March down in Springfield. MARTY and little LUKE HOWE, sons of LUKE HOWE, are playing hockey for the Minnesota Vikings in the Northwest Senior Hockey League in Chicago. Look for Gordy!

- Ben Nelson

(Rapid Transit Signal Division) -

Our Signal Department fishing greats will literally break the ice each spring tourist in the new season have added a new twist to the end of their trip. They bring their wives gifts. I don't know if you guys are turning soft or if you finally burned the rules. Some familiar faces among the signalmen on this celebrated fishing trip to Leech Lake near Walker, Minn., were FRANK HALPER Jr., CHARLIE SEM and RICHARD VIETH. The nine-man group also included FRANK HALPER Sr., J. DURAL, CHRIS O'BRIEN, MARK PLAT and LON SCHLESSER and JOHN DUSAK. WA

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es, northern, carps and perch were ken, with an average of ten pounds of leted fish per man...CHARLES LAS-OWSKI recently filled in for North Section Signal Foreman DANNY WATERS who was on vacation. Chuck sounded like he is really enjoying himself when I talked with him. Danny's time spent away from the job was no less exciting. He was visited by his two sisters, Mrs. LEONA AGGART and Miss FANNIE WATERS, any made full use of an excuse to get out of town. He drove his sisters back to their home in Albia, Iowa...Signal Draftsman ERNEST HICKS expended some energy riding his bicycle in the American Diastates Association bike-a-thon held in Lincoln Park. Birnest was sponsored by CTA employees and was riding for 7.38 a mile. Birnest did not finish first but he is getting to be number one in our book. Keep up the good work...It has been called to my attention that this column is consistently lax in reporting news items about signalmen working the North Side. Now that we know there are signalmen up here we will be more than happy to include them. Sorry about the oversight...I have a strong urge to send birthday greetings to a number of our fellows who began their existence in this month quite some years ago. So before I lose this burning desire it's happy birthday anniversaries to

Signal Maintainers FRANK BONK (May 22) and DAVE BATTERSON (May 9); Retired Signal Supervisor DON WORCHESTER (May 27); Signal Draftsman PERCY ERMES (May 24); Signal Foreman STEVEN ZELLNER (May 1) and former head of the Signal Division C. L. WIKSTEN (May 17). Congratulations, men! Now let's see you do it again...Yes, I know JACK PILIP left for Florida during his vacation and ended up in Las Vegas. Give me a minute and I will try to explain it. Jack's trip to Florida was more or less for business, and his trip to Las Vegas was a "let's live a little" kind of trip. Jack's opinion after hitting a few of the bright spots of this gambler's paradise was it's some kind of place for some kind of people, but not exactly his kind...Regretfully we report the death of Mrs. MAGNOLIA WEAVER who lived in Chattanooga, Tenn.--the mother of Signal Helper CARL SIMS...AL BRANDT and his wife, ALENE, recently were off on a much-needed vacation with their camper and all the privacy that goes with it. They toured the Ozarks, hitting the quiet and not so quiet places. Al, what is it like traveling without the kids? Worth the wait, I suppose, huh?...I thought I told you already that CLYDE YOUNT was back on the job again after being off sick. Yes, he is slugging it out material handling again, now in the Relay Room...DAVE BARR was in

the hospital for an operation. He is out now and doing fine. He will be back to work as soon as he gets a little more "pep" into his walk...How do you fill a big man's shoes? The big man I'm speaking of is VIC ZASTERA, central section signal foreman who recently went on vacation. Signal Maintainer EARL BELL did the chores for Vic while he was away. Whether or not Earl filled Vic's shoes I suppose is not important. He did crawl into them, stood up and when I saw him he was walking around in them. Oh, I almost forgot. Vic didn't go anywhere, he just worked around the house...A lot of our men are leaving now, going on vacation. Good riddance! I'll bet we don't miss you. But hurry back anyway.

- Tommie Lowery

FOREST GLEN -

Hi, men. First I'd like to thank all of you for the get well cards. They sure help a person who is sick to look up and raise his head. So thanks again. I am at present working out of North Avenue but do hope to return to Forest Glen, which I still believe is the finest garage in the system...Leaving us June 1 was Operator MIKE KOMPANOWSKI with 31 years of service. You have our best wishes, Mike, and do enjoy your well-earned rest. Your smile and kind word will be missed. God bless you and your family...Also retiring the first of the month were RICHARD BRENS, JOHN DILLON, RALPH GROAT and JOE WOJCIK...We have to put a mark up for Operator GEORGE STRESKE who for the third time became a grandfather. It was a lovely baby boy born April 21 named DANIEL SCOTT. No wonder the Streskes are so proud. The best to the happy parents...Supervisor MILLER's son, DAN, was graduated May 31 from Gordon Tech. His plans at present are to relax for the summer and then show his dad he has a champion on his hands. Young Dan had very high grades and was in the upper bracket of his class...Received a card from Pensioner LEE MUSSARED (the Arizona kid) when he and the Mrs. were out in Las Vegas. Lee says it's grand. Thanks for your card. Drop us a line when you find time. We're always glad to hear from you...Happy to report about one of our college boys who worked with us for several years. GREGORY ROM became a priest May 14 and yours truly attended his first mass May 18 at St. Pascal's church. What a wonderful mass he said. Father Rom says hello and God bless everyone...Here's hoping "Poopie" NELSON, who broke his ankle, is better now and back to work. At least ANN, his lovely wife, took fine care of him while he was off...If you have any news please put it in the box beside the clerk's window. And remember your credit union is always ready to give a helping hand. It's a fine place to save too.

- W. A. Henry

NEW PENSIONERS

EDWARD BATTLE, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 6-6-52
RICHARD BRENS, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 4-28-42
STELLA CIEZADLO, Balance Clerk I, Accounting, Emp. 8-22-45
FRANK CIONE, Bus Repairman, North Park, Emp. 8-1-37
NICHOLAS CLESEN, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 2-24-48
RAYMOND CORBEL, Supv., Rev. Acctg., Accounting, Emp. 8-5-41
FILLMAN CRAWFORD, Bus Serviceman, 52nd Street, Emp. 9-9-48
THOMAS DANIELS, Operator, Beverly, Emp. 3-4-42
JOHN DILLON, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 2-24-42
ALBERT FERNBACK, Janitor, North Park, Emp. 4-21-42
PETER GENUITIS, Supervisor I, Security, Emp. 3-14-41
JOSEPHINE GIBLIN, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 5-9-44
DAVID GRAFMAN, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 12-27-51
RALPH GROAT, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 12-11-40
WILFRID HEBERT, Elec. Worker A, Skokie Shop, Emp. 6-30-44
JOHN KANIA, Bus & Truck Mechanic, South Shops, Emp. 5-27-47

CHARLES KARKO, Unit Supervisor, South Shops, Emp. 5-5-47
MICHAEL KOMPANOWSKI, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 11-27-44
FRED LUNDIE, Lineman, Plant Maintenance, Emp. 5-7-37
STANLEY MAJKA, Carpenter, Plant Maintenance, Emp. 7-24-48
LOUIS MARCY, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 1-15-52
RITA NELSON, Transf. Pre-Punch Oper., South Shops, Emp. 3-3-43
EDWARD NEUMAN, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 8-15-41
GERALD NOLAN, Chief Night Clerk, Claims Law, Emp. 5-18-56
WALTER SHYDLOWSKI, Janitor, 77th Street, Emp. 7-30-46
MICHAEL SODE, Messenger, Law, Emp. 2-17-42
EDWARD SWANSON, Asst. Superintendent, 69th Street, Emp. 12-15-44
JOSEPH WOJCIK, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 5-5-43

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

WILLIE ALEXANDER, Trackman II, Plant Maintenance, Emp. 4-7-55
HAROLD ENWRIGHT, Order Control Clk., Stores-North, Emp. 11-19-47
CHARLES JOHNSON, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 4-26-44
BOOKER McDANIEL, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 10-13-51



MARVIN BROWN
Billy Brown
South Shops

June Graduates In CTA Families

(Received too late for last month's gallery of pictures)



IRA LEE DAVIS JR.
Ira L. Davis Sr.
63rd Street



DOROTHY E. GAESS
Roy C. Gaess
North Avenue



SHERIAL HALL
Paul Hall
Campaign Area



FRED KELLY JR.
Fred Kelly Sr.
Campaign Area



STEPHANIE LEE
Robert E. Lee
Fair South Area



GALE PRINCE
Robert Prince
West Section



JANE SCHULTZ
Ervin Schultz
North Park



ELAINE SCOTT
Nora Scott
North Park

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT -

If a person is on the job for a substantial length of time, knows who's who, is an extrovert, loves to chatter, has a flair for getting news and information and putting it down on paper, he would be a candidate for the top reporter in this magazine. Two-to-one, he'd get it too. But the brand new employee of less than eight weeks when given the opportunity of reporting for the department will probably read all the old Transit News issues available, read a book on the world's leading columnists, scan the biographies of Irv Kupcinet and Maggie Daly, take a course in journalism, visualize her name in bold print at the end of the column, and sigh a lot. As the deadline date for copy draws near, she'll have writer's cramp trying to tactfully put into words her apologies and excuses for the blank space between the name of the department and the reporter's name. The latter is your new reporter. The former reporter for this department, PRISCILLA KAMRADT, has a new position in Claims Law. Congratulations, Priscilla, but gosh, how did you do such a great job of running down the news, writing it up, and getting it to the editor before the deadline? Guess I'll have to get rid of all the reference books, newspapers, old magazines, etc., and get with it...First of all, the welcome mat is out in this section for DOROTHY HARMON, a former ticket agent, and to BILL ROMAN...Get well wishes to TINA RODRIGUEZ and BARNEY GAGNON...On the brighter side, we wish to congratulate SAM ELLIS of this section. Sam will receive a degree from Kennedy-King college this month. 'Lest we forget' MELANIE PRYOR, IRMA's daughter, coming out of grade school, and my very own DEBORA will enter college come September. Incidentally, double congratulations to Debora. She received an award for being the top student in her touch shorthand class... One last word to the fellow employees who

have news items for this column. Please-- tell me all about it. This column needs you because you are the news.

- Delores Duff

KEDZIE -

I want to start by saying I had a talk with Superintendent R. KEAG about our high accident record at Kedzie, and he's not pleased at all. Instructor R. ANDERSON says defensive driving is the answer. Allowing more space between parked cars, more distance from the car ahead of you, and by all means you drive the bus--don't let the bus drive you. These few rules alone will decrease our accident record, so let's all pitch in...Congratulations to Operator W. SIERON and his lovely wife who celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary. They have four daughters, and one of them is Sister MARY HOPE. They also have six wonderful grandchildren. Many, many more years of happiness... Operator W. RUSCICK's daughter, KIMBERLY, joined the two-digit club May 22 when she became ten years old. Happy birthday, Kim...Your reporter's brother-in-law, MIKE FLORITA, came back from Tucson, Ariz., where he spends the winter with his wife, AMELIA. Mike wants to sell his house in Chicago now and stay down there. He says hello to everyone at North Avenue garage where he retired from. He just loves pensioned life...Instructor EGGERSDORF's wife was in Gottlieb hospital and had surgery. She's home now and we wish her a speedy recovery...Congratulations to Operators H. MOORE, J. THOMPSON and J. ROBINSON, who graduated from the supervisor training program. They'll be out on the streets soon. Best of luck to you on your promotion...To all of you on the sick list, we wish a speedy recovery and hope to see you back on the job soon...Don't forget your credit union, Save

a little each payday and watch your happiness grow!

- Raymond Graham

NORTH AVENUE -

If I may borrow a phrase from the vernacular of the song writer, I shall start out saying welcome back to Operators ROBERT FARRELL, who was hospitalized; ROBERT COWAN, who was off due to injury; GILBERTO CORREA, who was hospitalized; WALLACE WHITE, who was hospitalized, and Chief Custodian JOE AMBROGGIO, who was also hospitalized. AMY EGGERSDORF, the wife of Instructor DAVID EGGERSDORF, is at home recovering from surgery...Our deepest sympathy is extended to Operator BENNIE ROSMID in the death of his mother...Our visitors during the month were two pensioners who were bursting out all over with smiles. Ex-operator JOE PELICAN, who was presented with his first great grandson, the ex-supervisor STANLEY LECK, whose son, ROBERT, is an anesthesiologist, and his son, LAWRENCE, a corporation counsel. Such accomplishments are deserving of great smiles...Our congratulations to Operator NORA SCOTT and his wife, SARAH, on the graduation of their daughter, ELAINE, from grammar school...As we approach the peak of the vacation period, please be reminded to slow down and observe the speed limits and drive with the utmost of caution...See you next time print.

- Aaron Pruitt

NORTH PARK -

The 19th annual Little Flower leaders awards dinner was held on Saturday, May 17, at the Conrad Hilton hotel. Several operators and their wives were in attendance.

enjoyed a most gratifying evening... Operator GEORGE PLANT was a recent winner in the Illinois State Lottery. Congratulations to him on his good fortune... Pensioner ELMER REIDEL is leaving the friendly confines of Chicago, at his new address will be 1201 Gregory St., Ojai, Cal. 93023. Elmer would like many friends to drop by and visit him you are in the area... MARTHA VALDEZ, daughter of Operator ARTURO VALDEZ, was graduated from Alvernia High school and will attend Centro de Estudios Universitarios located in Monterrey, Mexico. Arturo's other daughter, LILIANA, will be a senior this fall at Alvernia, and her sister Martha as a member of the National Honor Society... DAVID ARGUIN Jr., the son of Operator DAVID ARGUIN Sr., was graduated from Ogilby North High school on May 24 and will attend Loyola university on the North Side this fall... PATRICIA KNIGHT, the daughter of Operator WILLIAM KNIGHT, was graduated from Kelynn Park High school and will enter the world of business at a position at the National Tea company... ROBIN E. STERN, the daughter of Operator LEO STERN and Ticket Agent ELDRED STERN, was graduated from Sullivan High school and will enter the University of Illinois Circle Campus in the fall... PATRICK KOZIOL, the son of Operator FRANK KOZIOL, was graduated from Holy Cross High school on May 26 and will enroll at the U of I in Champaign... DELBERT REED, the son of Board Member JIMMER REED, was graduated from Douglass Grade school and will begin classes at Jefferson High school where his athletic prowess will be utilized... JOANN MUSCARIELLO, the daughter of Operator SAM MUSCARIELLO, was graduated from Waterford school on June 12 and will attend St. Benedict High school... JANE SCHULTZ, daughter of Operator ERVIN SCHULTZ, was graduated from Niles East High school on June 11 and is still deciding on a college... Sergeant KEVIN SAUER, the son of Operator CHARLES SAUER, was graduated from Wyler Military Academy in Evansville, Wis., on Saturday, May 31. Kevin attended the academy for five years and has achieved scholastic honors for the last three terms... DAWN DIESEL, the granddaughter of Pensioner WILLIAM STEINBRING, was awarded second place in the "Pride in Transportation" art contest sponsored by CTA. Dawn is a sophomore at Mather High school... Our sympathy and condolences are extended to Operator FRANK VON SCHWEDLER in the loss of his beloved wife, BETTY.

- Melvin Norring

OPERATIONS PLANNING (Schedules) - Congratulations to WILLIAM F. WORCESER, the son of Director WILLIAM WORCESTER, who was graduated from North Central college in Naperville... Congratulations

also to MARY LYNN JACOBS, the daughter of DAVID JACOBS, who was graduated from Mother Guerin High school... DOROTHY ETSCHIED flew to Texas to visit with her daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter... GEORGE GRIFFIN and his wife drove to Onalaska, Wis., to do some fishing. He was most successful and came home with a lot of fish for future eating... RUSSELL DUSZAK and his wife flew to California for a short visit... We welcome to the Schedule Department DAVID BARNES as a trainee... KAY BATINA, Schedules, RITA DEAKIN, Accounting, and BERNIE KIZIOR, Engineering, recently spent a delightful 12 days visiting in Mexico. Highlight of their trip was a stay of a few days at a health spa in San Jose Purua where they really received an insight into Mexican family life.

(Routes & Systems)

Since BOB VANCE moved into his new apartment, he has been surrounded by luxuries. As part of the apartment complex, there is a tennis court and swimming pool. But even this life isn't perfect: his eyes are strained when staring at the girls around the pool and his check balance is strained when he pays the rent... One of our flock has left the fold, BETTY PACZKOWSKI has found greener pastures in Personnel Administration. Everyone wishes her well and the best of luck. As our "mother," we will certainly miss her and the thoughtful things she would do for us... Birthday greetings are extended to HOWARD BENN and DICK BRAZDA... JILL LINNE does not know that Memorial day is a holiday, and that holidays are supposed to be fun. Over the Memorial day weekend, she did some spring cleaning and boy, that's no fun. How are your sore arms and back, Jill?.. This reporter just purchased a home in beautiful downtown Burbank. Burbank? It is a beautiful home, loaded with extras. One of the best features is a natural fireplace in the living room. My problem won't be restoring the home, just paying for it... CHARLIE DROZDA has left his transfers behind and has gone on a little vacation.

(Passenger Controls)

You would think ROD SKOCZ would be having a terrific time in Denver, Col. He probably is, but there is just one hitch—he is serving his two weeks in summer camp for the naval reserves... GRACE IACONO and JOHN P. O'CONNOR are on vacation. We hope they are having a good time.

- Kay Batina & Linda Gysbeck

SOUTH SECTION -

Happy vacation time!.. Clerk EARL JONES was so happy and elated when his wife, daughter, MICHELE, and son, North Section Conductor EARL Jr. gave a big surprise birthday party for him at his son's house. He never suspected that he was

going to have a party and all his friends and relatives and co-workers were there to greet him. The food was just delicious and we all had a good time helping Earl celebrate his birthday... Good luck and best wishes to our newly appointed supervisors, Motormen DAVID CURRIN, LEON FEAGINS, ALFRED THOMAS, and Switchman BERNARD TOWNSEND... Our hearts go out to the family of Motorman GEORGE JEFFERSON who passed away quite suddenly. George was such a quiet and good employee. He will be missed by all... Welcome back from the sick list to Motorman FRED GREGORY... Instructor MYRON WOODS had a super vacation in Las Vegas. He said that it really is the place to go for a vacation, there is so much to do and see... Hello to our newly-hired employees: Conductors RONALD ROACH, ROBERT HOLMES, CHARLES BROWN, TERRY CARROLL, BRENDA LLOYD, AFIDALE PRINCE, and back for the summer as part-time help: EARL BRAKES, CHARLES HAWKINS, and ANTHONY SPEARS, the son of Division 308 Board Member WILFRED SPEARS... Sincere sympathy is extended to Motorman MACK WILLIAMS of 61st Street in the loss of his son, to Supervisor FRANKLIN PETTIS in the loss of his son, and to Conductor JAMES MOSS in the loss of his mother who passed away in Ireland. James went to Ireland for the funeral... Conductor GEORGE ROSS went on pension May 1 and 61st Street really had a "wing-ding" of a going-away party for him and his lovely wife. George had been employed since March 1, 1952. The luncheon was delicious with sandwiches and salads and cakes, etc. Everyone came out



Christ, Morris and Ross

to greet George. Assistant Station Superintendent ARDIS MORRIS presented George with a radio from all his co-workers. HARRY REDDRICK, area superintendent, and Station Superintendent STAN CHRIST were also present, along with our other superintendents, supervisors and instructors. Some pensioners also came out to see George off: Retired Conductors THOMAS DOUGLAS and PHAROAH CAIN, Retired Clerk THOMAS O'HARA, Retired Towermen LEONARD DEGROOT and PATRICK HICKEY, Retired Former Division 308 President JOHN BURNS, and Retired Shopman THEODAS (Cowboy) DEGAN. Our union was represented by Board Member WILFRED SPEARS, Janitor EDWARD

FREEMAN and Assistant Superintendent ARDIS MORRIS are to be congratulated for having such a wonderful party. And did I enjoy the food! Also saw many of my old friends from 61st Street I haven't seen for awhile. George looks just wonderful and he and his wife plan to stay in the city and just take some trips. May you both have many, many years of happy life on retirement...Congratulations on their 15th wedding anniversary to Motorman GORDON BUTLER and his wife, West Section Clerk LUDARISH...Retired Motorman WILLIAM BROPHY has sure had tragedy in his life. While in the hospital recuperating from two operations, his wife passed away. Our sincere condolences to Mr. Brophy. The latest is that Bill is now home from the hospital. Hope you return to good health soon...Clerk AL RAKESTRAW had a barrel of fun vacationing down in Atlanta and then West Palm Beach, Fla., basking in the sun...Conductor JOHN KALTSAS sure had bad luck for this summer. He fell and broke his leg and was in the hospital to have it set, but now is home recuperating. Here's hoping you can come back to work soon, John...Received a call from ROSE and MICKEY CESARE (retired work train motorman) that said while down in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., they visited with Retired Supervisor HUGH KELLEY who lives in South Miami. Hugh celebrated his 75th



Hugh Kelley

birthday recently and his daughter and her family gave a big party for him. They also visited with Retired Motorman MICHAEL FADDEN and his wife, MILLIE, and a former employee, JOE HURLEY, and his wife, MARY, in Ft. Lauderdale. Then they went to Hollywood, Fla., and visited with Retired North Section Division 308 Board Member ALEX MUSCATO. The Cesares said all the pensioners looked well and are happy in Florida...Clerk EARL JONES has another big reason to be happy. His son, PHILIP, who attends Chicago Vocational High school, represented his area on junior officials day. His post was that of School Superintendent Redmond for that day. They also attended a luncheon...On the sick list at this writing are Conductor GEORGE MAY and Motorman JAMES PRESTON. Here's keeping fingers crossed you both will be back to work soon...Re-

ceived a letter from the son of Retired Conductor HARRY ANTONION, telling us that Harry is still going strong at 80 and wishes to say hello to all his old friends. He retired in 1960 with 42 years of service and now lives in Oak Lawn...A commendation was received from the North Rail District commending Motorman WILLIAM MOUNT, OLIVER BAYLOR, and Switchmen GUY BROWN and GEORGE RICHMOND, who while working the work train did an excellent job in helping out with a derailment recently at Clark Junction...Condolences to Supervisor THOMAS STAPLES in the recent loss of his grandson, and to West Section Chief Clerk JOHN CAROLAN in the loss of his mother...Good luck to Collector LYN FLOWERS who resigned recently to go into the insurance business...Assistant Superintendent ROBERT E. LEE is mighty proud of his daughter, STEPHANIE, who was graduated from Gresham Elementary school.

- Vera Hartley

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE (Skokie Shop) -

There's a song from way back when that starts out, "Summertime, and the living is easy." Can't recall the rest of the words, but that's what everyone dreams of. When the "Good Old Summertime" rolls around, just easy living. Some husbands claim they have a "honey do" vacation--honey do this and honey do that. Your co-reporter, MARY, lays claim to the only "honey don't" vacation. Her husband, ED, retired Skokie Shop superintendent, informed her during her two-week vacation in April, "Honey, don't start anything you can't finish in two weeks by yourself." So, there. But, all kidding aside, we are all anxious to hear about your vacation plans for the new vacation period. So keep us posted...Of course, we still have some of last year's vacations to report. ALYCE MAY, shop clerk, is finishing up hers spending time at home with her husband, ED, who retired from Skokie Shop recently. Alyce will return to work for a couple of weeks, only to be off to California, where she and Ed will visit their daughter, KATHY, and son-in-law, DAN, and their two grandchildren, GREGORY and JENNIFER...ED BLICHARZ, Production Supply Control, finished up his vacation in a leisurely fashion, at home. But instead of returning to work after his vacation was ended, he checked into St. Elizabeth's hospital to have an ailing foot taken care of. Hurry and get well, we do miss you. Ed, if you see your doctor coming into your hospital room with a saw, jump out the window...IVO DIPIERO, carpenter shop foreman, and his lovely wife, IVY, are flying to Norwich, England, to attend a 30th reunion of the 8th Air Force 2nd Division. Norwich is Ivy's hometown, and they met during World War II and were married in St. Catherine Anglican church, way back on Jan. 7, 1945. So a belated happy anniversary to both of you,

and do have a lovely trip...We are proud to announce Berry Bearing No. 2 won the C Friday night bowling league championships. We hope you'll come in the office at Skokie Shop and see their trophy. It is placed alongside the other trophies they won over other years. It was a bitterly fought battle, and at the end of the three games it was a tie. A final game roll off was needed for Berry Bearing to pull off the championship. The team consisted of WALLY OLSIO, EVERETT ENGLAND, Captain OLSIO, COLI, JOE ROMBOUT, GARY WILSON, LARRY VANDERHORST. We're mighty proud of you boys. Keep up the good work...Although the softball season began on May 21, two of the team's key players were on the disabled list. Star outfielder VIK SKORUPSKI, carpenter, is suffering from a broken left hand, and veteran first baseman DICK WILSON, carpenter, received four stitches in his right hand as a result of a dog bite. What the team needs now is some moral support from all of us at Skokie Shop. So why not find out where they are playing and try to get out to the games and cheer them on to victory. To the rest of the members of the team--no more accidents, please. Watch the bulletin board for the schedule of all the games...At last report, GRANT GREENE, machine shop, was recovering very nicely from his surgery. Keep up the good work, Grant, and before you know it you'll be back to work.

Service anniversaries in June

35 years

W. F. Fox, Forest Glen
E. J. McSweeney, Claims Law

30 years

W. G. Bernal, Archer
L. Colasimo, South Shops
R. H. Daren, Medical
S. Glover, Mechanical Maint.
J. A. Haas, Utility

25 years

T. Love Jr., 52nd Street
J. Marshall, 52nd Street
W. Onysio, Skokie Shop
H. Reddick, Far South Area
E. J. Springer, North Park
E. W. White Jr., District C
R. Zaccariello, 77th Street

RALPH KEMPE, truck shop foreman, decided to help the economy by putting some of his money back into circulation, so, he went out and bought a Ford window van--1965 model, no less...CASIMAR JOZEWIK, painter, was proud to announce the marriage of his eldest son, WALTER, on April 18. Casey is the proud father of four kids. He still has one at home and he's wondering if there is someone who is trying to get rid of a daughter, as he's trying to marry off No. 4...JAMES PANKOVICH, superintendent of rail vehicle maintenance, accompanied ROBERT BERGER, carpenter, to an award dinner at the Glenview Naval Air Base, where he received a 10-year service award as a volunteer in the Red Cross as a first aid instructor. You deserve the award, Bob, at we're all proud of you...Well, folksies, this is the end of the line for this month, all with your help, we'll be back next month. Without your help, there will be a blank space where the Skokie Shop article would be.

- Mary Hendrickson & Pat Farnett

(with Shops) -

The South Shops opened its 1975 baseball season on a winning note by beating Howard Street "L" 16 to 8. The CTA Softball League started May 25 with 17 teams competing for the championship...JOSEPH RIVID of the brake department and CHARLES GERARD of the machine shop are back to work after their recent illnesses...JOHN TARCZUESKI is recuperating at home after being in the hospital for a few days...A big welcome goes out to the following employees who joined our ranks: JOHN STOKES, ELMER HERRON, WILLIE ALUMS, JOHN HENNESSY, RICHARD GRZA, MACK PAGE and WILMOTH SPISON...Mechanic PAUL BROTT is still recuperating at home and we'd all like to see him back soon...TOM CICIURA and his wife, CAROLE, were blessed with a new son on April 28--PHILIP JAMES weighed 6 pounds 6 ounces at birth. CONGRATULATIONS!...RICH and MARGIE ZAJAC celebrated their 27th year of married life by taking an eight-day vacation to Mexico City, Taxco and Acapulco. Rich failed to listen to the advice of friends who have travelled there before and experienced the fumes of Montezuma when he returned to Chicago...The print shop's CAROLINE ELKAS is resting at home after her recent visit to the hospital. Her co-workers wish her a speedy recovery...MICHAEL LIGEN, the son of Mr. and Mrs. ROY LIGEN, works for the architectural firm (Skidmore, Owings and Merrill) and he is for Iran on April 20 for about three months. In Iran he will be working on the first phase of a new town for 200,000 people, coordinating architects and contractors. Roy's other son, TOM, received his associate in applied science degree in general business from Southwest college...congratulations to MARILYN and JERRY

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

ELIZABETH BAILEY, 91, South Section, Emp. 3-16-20, Died 1-25-75
WALTER BIELAT, 76, Logan Square, Emp. 4-8-20, Died 4-6-75
ANACLE BURTON, 72, 77th Street, Emp. 4-17-42, Died 4-2-75
JOSEPH CANDELLA, 88, Way & Struts., Emp. 10-3-21, Died 4-25-75
THOMAS CARTY, 72, 52nd Street, Emp. 8-12-47, Died 4-11-75
HAROLD CLIFFORD, 74, Keeler, Emp. 2-15-45, Died 4-6-75
THOMAS CONLEY, 76, Limits, Emp. 2-25-27, Died 4-5-75
WILLIAM EAGAN, 78, Lake Street, Emp. 1-7-24, Died 4-7-75
CORVIN FIELDS, 81, South Shops, Emp. 10-23-29, Died 5-2-75
WALTER GRADY, 87, 69th Street, Emp. 1-17-23, Died 4-20-75
JACK GUARINI, 70, Engineering, Emp. 4-16-34, Died 4-7-75
EDWIN HARDER, 66, Keeler, Emp. 10-29-29, Died 4-2-75
MICHAEL HARRITY, 81, Devon, Emp. 1-14-20, Died 4-20-75
WILLIAM HAYES, 74, Forest Glen, Emp. 11-17-25, Died 4-16-75
DAVID HISSONG, 76, North Section, Emp. 12-28-42, Died 4-19-75

CHARLES HUCK, 71, 77th Street, Emp. 9-12-42, Died 4-26-75
PETER HOWLEY, 77, Forest Glen, Emp. 7-22-25, Died 4-20-75
THOMAS HUGHES, 85, 77th Street, Emp. 4-10-17, Died 4-14-75
JACK JACOBY, 79, North Section, Emp. 2-13-45, Died 4-18-75
PAUL KLIMEK, 86, Kedzie, Emp. 4-30-23, Died 4-17-75
JOHN KUGLER, 71, 77th Street, Emp. 8-26-26, Died 4-6-75
VICTOR LeBEAU, 81, West Section, Emp. 6-6-47, Died 4-17-75
AUGUST MORELAND, 84, Stores, Emp. 9-25-23, Died 4-19-75
ROBERT MUENCH, 71, Beverly, Emp. 11-9-33, Died 4-29-75
EDWARD NELSON, 85, Track, Emp. 5-25-15, Died 4-8-75
ALBERT NICPON, 74, Security, Emp. 9-6-29, Died 1-25-75
CATHERINE O'BRIEN, 82, West Section, Emp. 7-6-28, Died 4-29-75
JAMES O'CONNELL, 87, 77th Street, Emp. 5-9-10, Died 4-7-75
EDWARD J. TIMPE, 80, Devon, Emp. 11-17-24, Died 4-21-75
NICK XANOS, 78, 77th Street, Emp. 3-8-44, Died 4-5-75

WALTER on the birth of a baby son. JEROME EDWARD Jr. was born on May 28 at 7 pounds 10½ ounces...Air Force Staff Sergeant RAYMOND HOWE, the son of Mr. and Mrs. VERNON HOWE, was graduated from the Alaskan air command NCO leadership school at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. Sergeant Howe, who was trained in military management and supervision, is a precision measuring equipment specialist...Good luck and health to the print shop's RITA NELSON who retired after 32 years of service with the CTA. The same goes for Mechanic JOHN KANIA who put in 28 years of hard work in the converter department. That department won't be the same without you, John. Good luck!

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. REPLINGER on the birth of another granddaughter, KELLIE was born on the Memorial day weekend at 7 pounds 14 ounces. Her proud parents are PATRICIA and LARRY CADY. Congratulations!...Congratulations also to DON STURENFELDT on his recent promotion to supervisor, bus garages...ELAINE MCGREGORY is at it again. The \$100,000 wasn't enough, she won \$10 on the Indy 500. What luck!...LINDA KELEHER has a new baby brother, DANIEL JASON. Linda's mother, Mrs. WINKLER, gave birth to Daniel on May 14. He weighed 8 pounds 7 ounces. Linda and Danny are 21 years apart. Doesn't that make you feel old, Linda?...MARY GARRETT just returned from along week-

end in Washington, D.C. That was Mary's Mothers day present from her daughter, MARY KAY, who is attending the University of Maryland. Mary Kay is also working at Walter Reed Army hospital. Mary had a wonderful time sightseeing, eating, etc. Mary claimed that all she did was eat down there. Oh, well, you can start your diet next month...Happy birthday to JUNE LETT who celebrated her birthday on June 1. We don't know how old she is, and we were afraid to ask. Happy birthday anyway, June...We had to say goodbye to RUDY GOODE who's been taking ERNIE NELSON's place while he's been on vacation (which we will write about next month). It was nice having Rudy in the office, although he's probably glad to get back to the Shops...I would like to end this article on a farewell note. We were all sorry to see CHARLIE KARKO retire on June 1. Charlie has worked for the company for 28 long years. We will all miss Charlie and we hope that he will be very happy in his retirement life. Hurry back for a visit, will you, Charlie, we miss you already. Good luck and much happiness!

- Jeanne Diehl & Lawrence Bernas

WEST SECTION (Agents) -

Our sympathy is extended to both ANN CINCETTI and the chief clerk of Jefferson Park, JOHN CAROLAN, in the loss of their beloved mothers. Also to Retiree FRANK

MARTIN in the loss of his son and Retired Agent ED MARTIN in the loss of his nephew. May they rest in peace...MARY VIDAS is enjoying a one-week vacation at home as we write this. She says she is having a good time visiting friends and family and just being lazy around the house...Belated congratulations and birthday greetings to VIRGINIA OJER who had a birthday on April 10 and her 34th wedding anniversary on April 11. Virginia and her husband bought a 1975 Pontiac Grand Lemans to celebrate both occasions. Wow!...We are very sorry to report that KAY FORBIS, Lake Street agent, is hospitalized at this time with spinal meningitis. We do not have all the details at this time. We do hope to report a complete recovery very soon...DAVE GRAFMAN celebrated his birthday on May 3 and took his pension on May 29. Congratulations and may the years ahead be spent in good health and happiness...SANDY MAHONEY plans to spend her week in June doing a thorough cleaning in her apartment. Ugh! Sandy says she has more exciting plans for the rest of her vacation in August. More about that later...MINNIE DIKEMAN had a luncheon given in her honor by the Salvation Army. Rain or shine, Minnie was on her corner on donut day for 26 long years. Such faithful service deserves to be rewarded. Modest Minnie did not give us explicit details. We are all happy for her and also very proud of her...Retiree GRACE MOUNTS entered Northwest hospital early in May as an emergency patient. A series of tests and X-rays did not reveal the cause of the extreme pain she was suffering. Exploratory surgery was scheduled for May 29. Our thoughts and our prayers are with you, Grace...DAN and MILDRED DOYLE have just returned from a three-week vacation in Palm Beach, Fla. While there they found and purchased

a beautiful home. They have it completely furnished and ready to move into. Mildred plans to go back in August to break it in and give it a lived in look. Right now she says it's like something you dream about but never really acquire. We are happy for you and intend to take you up on your invitation to visit your new dream house.

- Mary Wirted & Zita Doulin

69TH STREET -

Pensioners JACK WILSON and HANK RISCHE visited Las Vegas but I don't know if their wives went with them or if they got any action. All they said was that they were young and beautiful. Now that takes some doing...I met Retired Superintendent JACK MORRIS and his lovely wife, DOT, while fishing for the stripers in Winnetka, Wis. They have a place right on the "Wolf" and can fish out of their front yard. Dot is quite a boatsman and fisherman, and I can attest to that. Jack says hello to all his friends, and a special hello to DAVE HINMAN, relief superintendent on the South Side...Superintendent VIC COLEMAN was very proud of us when he was presented with the safety award plaque for the first quarter of 1975. Let's do it again for him, fellows...I have seen another first. I met and talked to our first female bus driver at 69th, AMA PONCE. Ama is married and the mother of six children, four boys and two girls. Give her a hand, fellows, until we get liberated, too...With W. WALTERS and G. FERGUSON watching over poor old JESSE DANIELS, he hardly has a chance. Yet he says that P. ALEXANDER should be ordained a minister as he certainly goes through all the motions...Clerk RAY KOCMOUD is really proud of his nine grandchildren: JOANNE, JAMIE, KIMBERLY, DAVID, CHRISTOPHER, JAN-



Seated: Joanne, Jamie, Kimberly, David and Christopher. Standing: Janice, Carl, Carrie and Craig.

ICE, CARL, CARRIE and CRAIG. He and his wife, LUCILLE, are kept busy the year around celebrating someone's birthday. GUS MELANDER and ALBERT JOZA are both hospitalized at this writing. Here's wishing them a speedy recovery and quick return to work...I hardly recognize G. JAMES on 55th Street without his beard. You sure look good to me now, fella. DEBBIE YOUNG, the daughter of MICK YOUNG, was graduated from Queen Peace High school. Mickey and his beautiful wife, ELINOR, held a reception for her at their home with at least 80 people attending. They dined and danced and lived it up all evening. It was really great, Elinor...Sorry we misspelled your name, WALLY, for we all know it's NORTON and not HORTON...JIMMY AHERN is on vacation, so we don't have any garage news. His next column may be his last as Jim planning on retiring in the fall. We hope you enjoyed his vacation and will enjoy his retirement as well as the rest of our pensioners are...I hope all you fellows go on vacation will drop me a line and let me know where you went and what you did.

- Art Bussing & Jimmy Ahern

Trouble Shooter (Continued from page 1)

I had to get underneath to release the brakes.

He did it in 15 minutes.

Johnson chuckled and said, "Probably the most unusual call I've had is when the engine dropped out of a bus at 91st and Commercial a while back.

"Yeah, the bus was goin' down the street," he elaborated.

"What it was, the two motor mounts supporting the engine broke. As they broke, the engine shifted and the driver lost pedal control.

"Well, I went in the back and opened the door, and here's the engine sitting sideways. There was nothing I could really do but call a tow truck," he said.

Johnson admitted his on-the-spot analysis has not always been perfect.

He said that during his first day on the job, he was so nervous he had a bus towed in when it would not start. Later he found out he had forgotten to turn the ignition key on.

However, despite being the youngest mobile mechanic rolling, Johnson has had years of experience.

His expertise goes back to the days of high school drag racing in the 50's.

"I really knew nothing else. I had a '56 Chevy--oh, I was

proud of that! I drag raced at U.S. 30, Oswego, and Union Grove, and won four trophies," he said.

Johnson took every shop course offered at Tilden Tech. Then, after studying sociology at Kentucky State university for a year, he packed his bags and left for what turned out to be a four year stint working in diesel engineering in the Navy.

"I had a ball," he said enthusiastically, mentioning a tour of 37 different countries.

Back in the States, Johnson worked as a CTA bus repairman for seven years, working out of the 52nd Street and Bevel garages before bidding for traveling maintenance two years ago.

By then, he had learned everything there is to know about bus--the prerequisite for this job.

He said, "The point is, when I get there, the bus is sitting there. I haven't driven it; I don't know what happened. A can do is evaluate what the driver tells me, or what he thinks. I've got to be right or it's going to show."

What does Johnson do when he's not dodging traffic and tinkering with things mechanical?

You guessed it. He goes joyriding. Only on horseback riding through the gentle sloping hills of Kentucky.

cta window

BUTTONS, BUTTONS, HE'S GOT THE BUTTONS and makes them himself. Tony Abbinanti, 57, CTA ticket agent at Addison, says it is not hard to do -- and has made 500 buttons to prove it. Also interested in photography, Abbinanti takes pictures of friends, then pops them into the button frames. He wears one button a day. What's the reasoning behind his button-a-day concept? "It doesn't cost anything to smile, and I like to make people smile," he says.



One of CTA's international set is Elio Ohep, Vazuela, who assisted Elda Leal with the article on Page 6 (see July 5 paragraph). Elio is a project coordinator in Marketing Research and Planning and holds a masters in management from Northwestern university.



HELPS THE HANDICAPPED. Steven P. Hastalis, 23, who is blind, was hired as community relations coordinator to work on programs for the handicapped. Hastalis, a 1973 graduate of the University of Illinois, has ridden the CTA since childhood. He is currently helping prepare a braille guide for CTA riders who are sightless.

SIGN OF THE TIMES? This Loop bistro seems to have borrowed an idea from CTA.



what's news

New type of door-opening equipment known as "touch bar" has been ordered for 1,055 of CTA's buses now in service plus 500 new buses on order. The equipment makes it easier for riders to alight from rear doors. All a rider has to do is to touch, lightly, the rear door bars or handles.

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Approximately 11,500 union employees of CTA received a cost-of-living boost of 1.86 per cent per hour effective with the first full pay period in June. Latest adjustment, made in accordance with cost-of-living provision in union contracts, brings maximum rate for CTA bus drivers to \$7.13 per hour.

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A train named after The Minutemen who fought in the Revolutionary War has been added to the CTA's Spirit of '76 fleet. It operates on the Skokie Swift. A bus named after James Bowdoin, Boston patriot, has been assigned to the #62 Archer route and one named for Robert Treat Paine, an attorney in the trial following the Boston Massacre, is on the #3 King Drive route.

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Marvin Braude, Los Angeles city councilman, visited CTA recently when in Chicago to receive an alumni award from his alma mater, the U of C. Braude heads transit considerations for the L.A. council and is interested in developing an expanded and improved system for that metropolis. He considers CTA a good model to study. In his visit, Braude focused attention on funding and development planning. He is shown here in an interview with CTA's Manager of Development Planning, Joanne Vlecidis. Bill Baxa of our Public Affairs Department served as Braude's guide on a tour of CTA facilities and management offices.

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CTA Charter Has Ed Barry

CTA Profile By Arline Datu

If you ever want to know the number of figurines inside the Old Town Wax Museum or how many gallons of water the Shedd Aquarium holds, go ask Ed Barry. As far as trivia lovers are concerned, he's got everyone beat.

Barry, a driver on the No. 149 Stateliner route, professes to know more obscure facts about Chicago than anyone else around. And he can talk a blue streak about any one of them to prove it.

Barry has been collecting information like this for as long as he can remember. "I made it a hobby. A lot of it I get by word of mouth and through interviewing people," he says.

Information, Please

If you're ever riding on his bus, don't be surprised if this feisty Irishman should ask you where you're going, where you live, or what you know about the building you're living in. He's just trying to gather more interesting tidbits about the city.

But for Barry, it's more than just a personal pastime. He puts his knowledge to good use on the charter bus he drives during his off hours. "I've been working charter about eighty years, and I really like them," he says.

Playing the role of tour guide was not really part of the job when he started back in '67. But Barry decided it would be a good idea and consulted the people who ran the charters.

I asked them 'do you want me to tell them a few things', and that's the way it started," he recalls.

Not in Books

Barry's charter caters primarily to out-of-towners who come in on the Rock Island train. Tours are loosely structured so Barry has a lot of leeway in showing off the city. He takes his bus just about anywhere and everywhere, spinning off facts and details you won't find in any handbook on Chicago--like when he mentions there are 846 apartments inside the Lake Point Towers or informs you there's

a convent atop the Chinese school in Chinatown.

Barry's tours have covered almost every spot from the Baha'i Temple in Wilmette to the Museum of Science and Industry. And he looks aghast if you even suggest that any two tours cover the same territory.

"Oh, no, no, no," he'll say with a trace of brogue reminiscent of Barry Fitzgerald, "we always branch off."

On request, Barry will even take the tour through the skid row area along west Madison street.

"Everyone wants to see skid row," he says.

"Once there was a fellow on the street drinking from a bottle. I said I'll tap my horn and he'll wave at us, so we'll wave back at him."

Barry also claims whenever he's driving through the South Side, he tries to drive past the Mayor's house. "They all think he lives in such a mansion. I want to show everyone he's right out there with the rest of the people."

The eight hours Barry puts into the tours begin at 10:25 a.m. when he picks up his charges at the train station. Not a man to stand on formality, Barry is ready with a bag of candy to pass out among his passengers.

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Ready for another tour group: self-styled Chicagoland guide Ed Barry greets his guests in Cook fashion.



Spading For A Turnaround

CTA Vice-Chairman James R. Quinn is congratulated by Alderman Thomas J. Casey of the 37th ward at groundbreaking for new off-street bus turnaround at the southeast corner of Division street and Austin boulevard. Also donning hard hats for the occasion were CTA Board Member Wallace Johnson, ward spade, and State Senator Philip J. Rock, 18th district, assistant majority leader.

The bus turnaround will be used as the west terminal for the No. 70 Division buses. Buses will no longer operate on the residential streets of Mason and Thomas once the terminal is constructed.

The area will be paved, lighted, and landscaped. Shelters will protect waiting passengers from the weather. An architectural brick screen wall will add to the beauty of the area. It will be backlighted at night.

Construction is scheduled for completion by mid-December. The project is being funded by the federal and state Departments of Transportation.



CTA Latin-Americans Honor Puerto Rico

Spanish-speaking CTAers rode our bottail horsecar in the Puerto Rican Parade on State street in mid-June. On board were Maria Grabowski, Customer Service; Santos G. Perez, Howard Rapid Transit; Roberto Diaz, Francisco Hernandez, Gladys Hernandez, Joaquin Hernandez, Alcedo Leon, and Jorge Rojas, Limits; Elio C. Ochoa, Marketing; Juan Hernandez, John Isaac, and Santos Rodriguez, North Park; Irwin Aguayo, Travel Information; Maria Benitez, General Administration, and Elda Leal, Public Affairs.

City's Largest 'L' Station Modernization Program Announced

THE LARGEST single program of modernizing rapid transit stations in Chicago's 82-year history of elevated train operations has been announced by the CTA.

Also announced by Vice Chairman James R. Quinn at a July 11 statement to the press were these other major CTA improvement programs made possible through new federal funding:

- *Installation of modern fluorescent lighting at all the Loop elevated stations and at 11 other heavily-used rapid transit stations, along with the installation of all of those locations of "people heaters," the overhead infra-ray units for eliminating the chill on station platforms.

- *The modernization of 13 electrical substations to provide greater reliability for the flow of power for operating rapid transit trains.

- *The installation of new radio facilities in the State, Dearborn and Logan Square subways for instant communication with the CTA's operation control center and the police and fire departments.

"These important improvement programs have been made possible by the latest grants from the federal government's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) and by the Illinois Department of Transportation," explained Quinn.

Federal grants totaling \$77,474,000 for these and other CTA projects were announced by Judith Connor, acting UMTA Administrator, at a press conference held in the Marina Towers offices of the Regional Transportation Authority. State "matching funds" totaling \$20.8 million for the CTA were announced by Ingborne Bond, Illinois Secretary of Transportation.

"The station modernization program calls for the reconstruction or major remodeling of 16 stations at a cost of approximately \$15,600,000," said Quinn.

"In this important program, one of the most significant features will be the installation of escalators wherever feasible from an engineering standpoint," he explained.

"The station modernization work is scheduled to begin next year and to be completed for all 16 stations by 1978," Quinn added.

Stations scheduled for modernization, along with funds allocated for the work, are:

- *North Elevated Route: (1) Loyola, \$1,965,000; (2) Belmont, \$1,238,000; (3) Lawrence, \$914,000; (4) Garville, \$914,000, and (5) Morse, \$914,000.

- *South Elevated Route: (1) Cermak, \$708,000; (2) 47th Street, \$715,000; (3) 51st Street, \$610,000, and (4) Indiana, \$750,000.

- *Englewood Branch: Racine, \$725,000.

- *Eisenhower Median Route: New Medical Center station at Wood street at cost of \$1,940,000 to replace Paulina-Ogden-Damen station.

- *Douglas Route: (1) Polk in Medical Center, \$781,000; (2) Pulaski, \$810,000, and (3) Cicero, \$590,000.



GRANTS: In conference at RTA's Marina Towers offices, Judith Condon, right, acting administrator of Urban Mass Transit Administration, announces new federal grants including \$77.5 million for CTA. She came personally in tribute to excellence of public transportation system in Chicago. RTA Chairman and former CTA Chairman Milton Pikarsky, presided at meeting. Also attending from Washington was Jerry Premo, left, capital assistance official for UMTA.

- *Ravenswood Route: Western, \$1,097,000.

- *Skokie Swift: A new terminal station at Dempster street costing \$980,000 and featuring a center or "island" platform which, with track re-arrangement, will eliminate the necessity of Chicago-bound riders having to cross tracks.

Within the last year, the CTA opened modernized station facilities at the Kimball-Lawrence terminal of the Ravenswood route, at Kedzie on the Ravenswood, and at Bryn Mawr on the north "L" route. Nearing completion is a modernized station at 43rd street on the south "L".

Installation of the fluorescent lighting and overhead "people heaters," costing approximately \$2 million, is scheduled to be completed at the Loop "L" and other stations by 1977. The Loop "L" stations are Clark-Lake, State-Lake, Randolph-Wabash, Madison-Wabash, Adams-Wabash, LaSalle-Van Buren, Quincy-Wells, Madison-Wells, and Randolph-Wells.

The other stations to get the new lighting and heaters are Merchandise Mart for the Ravenswood and Evanston Express trains; Chicago on Ravenswood; Clinton, Halsted and Ashland on the Lake "L" route; 35th on the South "L"; Ashland on the Englewood branch; 54th Avenue on the Douglas route in Cicero; Central and Main stations in Evanston, and the Linden avenue terminal in Wilmette.

Completion of the new radio communication system for the State, Dearborn and Logan Square subway tubes is scheduled to be com- (Continued Page 10)



CTA Sports News

MEL ALEXANDER, Sports Editor



Going Into Playoffs

308 Rail Runners In Softball Lead

WITH THE season drawing to an end in the CTA softball league, four teams seem to have "put it together" as the eventual opponents in the playoffs Aug. 3.

As of July 13, the unbeaten 308 Rail Runners look like repeat winners as they prepare to play the final two games of the season. But the 69th Street team is pushing them hard with a 10-1 win-loss record. They will play the Rail Runners in the first game of a double-header on July 20. Tied for third place is 77th Street and Kedzie at 9 wins and 2 losses.

The league is planning to hold a family style picnic on Aug. 3, with refreshments for the young and old. Highlighting the day will be a softball game pitting the wives and sweethearts of the players from the North Side against those from the South Side. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the festivities.



Jerry Lewis, pitcher for the 308 Rail Runners, shows the pitching form he used in keeping his team unbeaten so far this season. Infielder Jerry Figgins is keeping a close watch for anything that may come his way.

North Avenue Operator Wins 241 Golf Tournament

BEAUTIFUL COG Hill Country Club was the site for the ninth annual Division 241 golf tournament a banquet.

Located in Lemont, Ill., Cog Hill has four 18-hole courses. Division 241 played course number one.

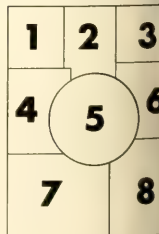
With 65 entrants participating in this annual event Charles Bridges, a bus operator out of North Avenue Garage, won the championship with a scratch score 77, five over par.

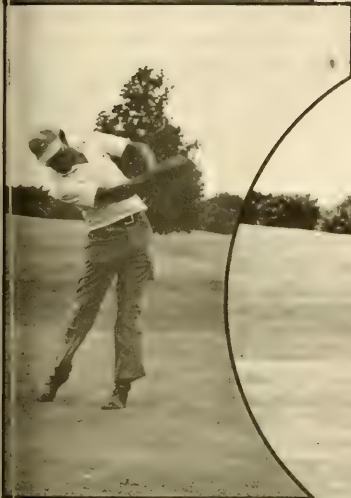
Tanzell Govan, a bus operator from 52nd Street Garage, was the handicap winner, shooting a sub-par 65.

The two champs were presented their winning trophies by Division 241 President Earl Barley Sr. and Carl Gibes, director of transportation personnel.

Attending the banquet following the tournament were John Aurand, general administration manager and Fred King, personnel manager.

Pictured on the following page are: (1) Former Division 241 President Warren Scholl pitching a shot to the eighth green. (2) Tim O'Rourke Jr. blasts out of the sand trap at the 13th green. (3) Will Candy, Kedzie bus operator, driving off the tee on hole 14. (4) Luster Morton, 1974 champ, showing form which made him runner-up this year. (5) Charles Bridges, North Avenue operator, 1975 Division 241 golf champion. (6) Bill Reynolds, supervisor, playing his second (third, fourth?) shot from the fairway. (7) Carl Gibes, director of transportation personnel, Tom Stiglic, director of instruction, and Frank Wsol, superintendent of 77th Street Garage, posing before teeing off. (8) Tim O'Rourke Sr., Claims Law, missing a putt on the 14th hole.





CTA, International

41 Ways To Say CTA Serves The Public

By Elda Leal

DURING A recent survey carried out by the Employee Relations section, it was discovered that there are many CTA employees who speak, write, read and/or understand one or more foreign languages.

Should the need arise, the CTA could communicate in 41 languages, as well as the sign language of the deaf. These are:

Arabic		Iranian		Spanish
Assyrian	German	Italian		Swahili
Bikol	Greek	Japanese	Pakistani	Swedish
Chinese	Gujarati	Korean	Polish	Tagalog
Croatian	Hebrew	Latin	Portuguese	Thai
Czech	Hindi	Latvian	Russian	Ukrainian
Danish	Hungarian	Lithuanian	Serbian	Urdu
French	Indian	Marathi	Sinhalese	Yiddish
Gaelic		Norwegian		Yugoslav

The Personnel Department staff's ears welcome the sound of the broken accent from applicants. The above "Bank of Languages" would not be possible without their sincere efforts to observe the Affirmative Action Program and give all an equal opportunity. It's like a miniature of the "Organization of the United Nations" except there is no need to travel abroad to get together.

And now let's talk about a great Danish genius whose literary works crossed many borders and were translated into nearly 100 languages. Young and old

have enjoyed his immortal fairy tales throughout the world.

Hans Christian Andersen was born of poor parents at Odense on the Danish Island of Funen on April 1805. His family lived in a single room that also served as the workshop for his father who was a shoemaker. Years later he became known worldwide and mingled with the royalty and social elite of many parts of the world. He died Aug. 4, 1875.

I truly enjoyed reading the article about the 10th anniversary of Andersen's death in the Danish Journal, kindly sent by Mr. Hugo Petersen of the Royal Danish Consulate General in Chicago. One author, Jens Kruuse, says of Andersen, "He never traveled without a long rope to save his life in case of fire."

Among Andersen's essays are "The Nightingale," "The Bell," "The Shadow," "The Snow Queen," "The Tinderbox," "The Princess on the Pea," and "The Adventure of Thistle," to name just a few.

Although Andersen traveled abroad extensively, he never visited the United States. This, however, didn't stop him from writing about imaginary characters and happenings in America as in the "Twentieth Century Muse," in which he wonders where the Muse might choose to live... "Would it be California where the redwood lifts its head high above any other living thing?"

Four countries celebrate independence anniversaries during the month of August. We wish a happy holiday full of pleasant memories to our co-workers of the following ancestries:

BOLIVIA—The fifth largest South American country and one of the richest in mineral resources. Large deposits of tin from Los Andes as well as copper, gold, silver, zinc provide their natural resources. Population is estimated at 5.5 million. Bolivia attained its independence in 1825. From Aug. 5 to 15, its people celebrate the anniversary.

SWITZERLAND—The beautiful European country with its snowy mountains and clean environment became independent Aug. 1, 1291. Three official languages are spoken in this country: German, French and Italian. Population is estimated at 6.5 million. This is a highly industrialized country, famous for producing precision instruments, electrical equipment and industrial machinery. However, its best known industry around the world is watchmaking.

INDIA—The seventh largest country in the world with an estimated population of 602 million celebrates its independence on Aug. 15. It is a fascinating country with people of many different races who speak about 180 languages and 14 major tongues. This presents a problem because persons from (Continued Page 8)

Danish writer-hero Hans Christian Andersen is subject of 1893-erected statue in Lincoln Park which, as you probably know, is served by CTA's 'L' elephant bus.



Tennis, Anyone? Everyone!

By W. B. Wolfan

COLLEAGUE in the Public Affairs Department mentioned the other day that he thought it would be a timely idea to write something about tennis. Seems there are more tennis addicts around today than ever before in history.

Actually this is a game that is right up my alley. After all, many years ago I was the tennis editor of the only morning and Sunday newspaper in western and northern Michigan.

The title of tennis editor didn't mean much, since it was in addition to my other duties, and besides there was nobody else available. It gave me a week away from the office out at a plush country club.

I played a little tennis myself and picked up the fine points from the better players before I was assigned to cover a tennis tournament, the annual Western Michigan Open, which brought the greatest names in the game to that area.

Among them were Jack Kramer, J. Donald Budge, Bobby Riggs (then he was a quiet softspoken young man), Gene Mako, Ted Schroeder and a host of others.

This was a period in their careers when they were playing in the junior ranks. The breeding ground for tennis stars was the Everly Hills, Cal., Tennis club which sent its young juniors on a circuit to the Western Michigan Open at Grand Rapids, the Highland Park junior tournament at Grand Haven, the Western Juniors at Delafield, Wis., and the national junior championships at Culver Military Academy.

Kramer was absolutely brilliant, a star whose temperament bordered upon the edge of personal egotism, but he could back it up on the courts.

Don Budge was my personal favorite. The redhead was the first to complete a grand sweep of the major championships of tennis in 1937. Consistency was his forte. In his peak year, he won the U.S., British, French and Australian titles. He won again at Wimbledon and Forest Hills in 1938.

As a junior player, we saw Budge defeat his doubles partner, Gene Mako, in the national junior singles finals at Culver Military Academy. Mako and Budge were a great doubles team as well.

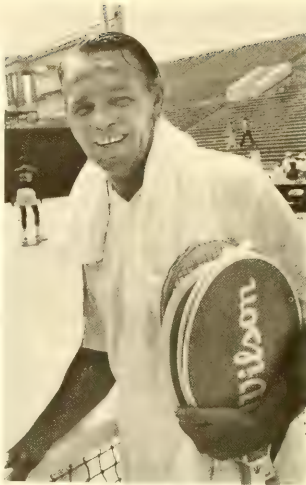
Jack Kramer was blessed with more all-around ability in tennis than anyone I've ever seen. He simply overpowered opponents with a ferocious attack. His service was overwhelming and Jack could cover the back court like no one else. He was erratic on occasion, superbly brilliant most of the time. Budge and Kramer could keep up with any of the younger stars of today. In their youth they had it all on a tennis court. Budge, in our opinion, ranks with Bill Tilden, whom many consider the greatest of all stars. Kramer also rates with Budge.

In women's play, there will never be another Helen Wills Moody. (We interviewed her right after she had won at Forest Hills.) Mrs. Moody won eight singles championships at Wimbledon. She monopolized women's tennis for years, and if my memory serves me correctly, was one of the most gracious ladies we've ever encountered in sports or elsewhere.

The Bobby Riggs we remember was a quiet softspoken scholarly looking kid, who didn't say much, but won a lot of matches. And in his younger days he employed that tantalizing lob which was very effective. It was quite a contrast to the actor-tennis player Riggs of 1975. But, then, anything for a buck goes these days.

It's amazing the changes brought about by the passage of time.

Tennis of yesteryear was very, very different. It was not profitable except for a handful of play-



Jack Kramer, tennis great in his day.

ers who turned pro.

The amateur stars usually would be given free housing by prominent people who hosted the tournaments and there was minor spectator interest. Even the best of tournaments in regional areas failed to attract large galleries; only Wimbledon and Forest Hills drew major attention. A professional was unwelcome. Once a player cast aside his amateur status, society favoritism was lost forever. The Davis Cup, which the U.S. dominated for so long, was the ultra event of amateur competition. But statistics show there are now 35 million tennis players in the U.S. It has become a highly popular pastime overnight.

However competitive tennis now is involved with the ever present dollar, so forget the trophies on the mantelpiece.

Perhaps television exposure did it, but seldom has a sport undergone such a drastic change in public acceptance as has tennis.

Somehow, one like myself seems more fond of the days when it was lacking in the commercialization of today.

But things change--and today tennis has its day in the sun--and at the box office.

Minority Trade Pacts Signed Here

CTA is doing its utmost to provide minority suppliers with equal opportunity to bid for CTA business.

A visible recent example was participation in the eighth annual Chicago Business Opportunity Fair, held in the Conrad Hilton's Exhibition Hall.

Arrangements for the CTA booth were made by Frank Johnson, director of purchasing, and Fred King, manager of personnel.

In the picture, right, Paul C. Williams (standing) of Servicemaster Building Maintenance introduces himself to Martin Flannagan, second from left, a buyer in CTA's Purchasing Department. Looking on are Anderson Turner, left, executive director of the Cosmopolitan Chamber of Commerce, one of the co-sponsors of the Fair and a former CTA bus driver, and Richard Tesch, also a CTA buyer.

Flannagan and Tesch manned the CTA booth during the two days of the show. Betty Edwards, CTA Public Affairs, covered CTA's participation and provided



news on the event to the media serving the black community.

This year's Fair was hosted by the First National Bank of Chicago. Nearly 1,000 minority vendors attended.

James P. Baxter, senior vice president of the First, was chairman of the 1975 event. In 1976, Illinois Bell will be the host organization.



They're Supervisors Now

FOR 28 CTAers graduation on June 17 meant not only diplomas, but new badges too -- badges which distinguish them as supervisors with the responsibility of maintaining CTA service.

All 28 are graduates of the 1975 Rail Service Supervisor class. Listed alphabetically, the graduates are: D. Alexander, V. Alwar, J. Anderson, F. Biggs, O. Bufkin, J. Collier, G. Condit, L. Cowens, D. Currin, L. Feagins, L. Few, R. Franke, R. Grant, H. Guyton, A. Hearn, J. Holifield, C. Jackson, C. Kibble,

M. McNeal, V. Moore, S. Newell, A. Phillips, V. Rogers, W. Smiskal, R. Smith, J. Stovall, A. Thomas and B. Townsend.

On hand at the graduation and pictured above with the uniformed supervisors are, from left, Ronald Baker, superintendent of operations training; George Krambles, General Operations manager; James Blaa, Transportation manager, and Thomas Stiggle, director of instruction.

Summer hazards

Transit News *Family Fare*



"I Refuse To Testify"

Grouchy neighbor Jones, sitting on his front porch, sees a reckless driver plough into your parked car. Later, trying to collect damages, you need Jones to be a witness for you in court. But he balks.

"I refuse to testify," he says. "The whole thing is none of my business."



Can you force him to take the stand? Indeed you can. Testifying in court is not a matter of choice but a matter of civic duty. The citizen who has useful information in a lawsuit must tell what he knows, willingly or not, because justice is entitled to his assistance.

One "persuader" is the court's power to hold him in contempt. But beyond that, if Jones' refusal should ruin your claim, he may even have to pay you the damages himself. Most states now have statutes allowing damages against the unwilling witness.

Thus, one court imposed damages on a businessman who was "too busy" to testify at a shopper's lawsuit against a supermarket. Conceding that the duty to testify is "rarely pleasant or desired by the witnesses themselves," the court added:

"Public authority has preference over private interest."

On the other hand, a witness need not submit to embarrassment or hardship beyond the legitimate needs of justice. For example:

A woman witness in a homicide case was asked whether she had been quarrelling with her husband—a question that had no connection at all with the trial. The court threw the question out as improper.

As one judge put it: "Witnesses have a right to be protected from abuse by improper questioning and gratuitous attacks on (their) character."

An American Bar Association public service feature by Will Bernard.

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VACATION TIME creates an opportunity for many of us to travel and seek adventure. New countries, places and activities are wonderful, but at the same time may be hazardous and present new health problems. Some of these will be discussed and hopefully sufficient information will be provided to make your traveling and vacation more enjoyable.

Water Accidents--Obeying safety rules and getting proper training and instruction in water sports is an absolute requirement. When you participate in water sports, be careful and avoid dangerous situations. Drowning resulting from a bathing, water-skiing or skin diving mishap is a tragic experience. Make sure you are able to administer cardio-pulmonary resuscitation which consists of mouth to mouth breathing and closed cardiac massage.

Jet Lag--Even early flyers were quite aware of the phenomenon of jet lag which occurs upon traveling through several time zones. It results in the rhythmic biological cycle temporarily being out-of-phase with time. This is known as "circadian" rhythm. Our biological mechanisms continue to function on the time schedule from which we originally started. Upon arriving at our destination after having crossed a number of time zones, the time schedule has changed but our body mechanisms have not as yet made the change. As a result one feels tired and peepy. Mental function declines as well as respiration, heart rate and body temperature. The sleep center shuts off higher conscious centers. Human performance at a low ebb.

In reality, there is nothing that can actually be done to hasten the rate of biological adjustment. There are no medications to take. Formulas are available to calculate specifically the amount of rest needed but they are very complicated. Some suggestions when flying overseas include:

1. Drink lots of liquids in the form of water and fruit juices. Avoid coffee and quor.
2. Eat lightly.
3. If possible, move around in the plane.
4. Allow a day of rest upon arrival at the destination.

Insect Bites and Stings--There are more than a half million known species of insects in our world but, fortunately, man comes in contact with only a few. These include spiders, scorpions, blister beetles, bees, wasps, hornets and fire ants. Bites of such insects can be harmful in causing a local reaction (rarely a fatal one) in the form of anaphylactic shock and sometimes death. Most venoms resemble one another qualitatively and are proteolytic, neurotoxic or hematoxic. A local reaction usually consists of redness, wheal formation, itching, swelling or pain at the site of the bite and is due to chemicals, enzymes or toxins. A systemic reaction in the form of anaphylactic shock is due to hypersensitivity or allergy.

Local treatment includes cold compresses and ointment to relieve itching and pain. Orally, antihistamines and analgesics may be taken. Identification of the specific insect should be made when possible.

A systemic reaction in the form of anaphylaxis requires emergency life-saving measures preferably in a hospital. Insect sting kits are available commercially and contain necessary drugs and a tourniquet. Immuno therapy or hyposensitization in allergic individuals should be considered because of their susceptibility to severe reactions.

Sunburn--Exposure to sunlight results in the all too familiar burn due to high energy ultraviolet light that penetrates our atmosphere. The ozone layer protects us very effectively against exposure but this protection is not (Continued Page 10)

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pleted in 1978 at a cost of approximately \$14 million.

Another major program funded by the latest federal and state grants calls for more than \$18 million worth of work on 14 elevated bridges and for further reconstruction of track.

Included in the track work will be the reconstruction of tracks No. 1 and No. 2 on the north elevated route between Lawrence avenue and the Howard terminal. The reconstruction of tracks No. 3 and No. 4 has already been completed for this stretch of right-of-way.

Other new CTA programs include an allocation of \$1,400,000 for providing modern signs and graphics at elevated stations and an allocation of \$1,980,000 for a "wheel truing" facility for removing so-called flat spots from train wheels for noise reduction and rider comfort.

As previously reported, the latest CTA grants from the federal and state governments also provide funding for 100 extra buses that have been ordered and for 20 articulated buses. Also included in the latest funding are provisions for more radios for CTA buses and for the construction of seven off-street bus turnaround areas.

Summer Hazards (Continued)

complete. The sunburn reaction begins several hours after exposure with redness and becomes maximum in 24 hours. Blistering, pain and fever may occur if exposure is excessive. Ultraviolet rays are most intense between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and can be present even on overcast days. Reflection of ultraviolet light may also occur from pavements or sand.

Despite many warnings of the dangers of permanent damage to the skin from sun exposure, many individuals pursue the acquisition of a sun tan as a status symbol and a sign of good health. Dry leathery wrinkled skin, pigment spots, warty growths and even skin cancer are the result of repeated and excessive exposures. If you must sun bathe, precautions must be taken to minimize these adverse effects.

He likes to kid around, tell jokes—his running commentary is well-laced with them. By the end of the afternoon, when Barry goes back to the static, his passengers may be tired, but they'd have to admit to being well-entertained.

Barry has been a driver for almost 29 years. Before coming to CTA, he was a ship's cook in the navy. He lives with his wife and seven-year-old son in Villa Park. In his spare time, he likes to tinker with the Lionel train sets he has in his basement.

Barry draws no comparisons between driving his regular line and the charter bus. His one comment: "Working with the public is always interesting." For any of his passengers, the feeling must be mutual.

International (Continued)

different parts of the country may not understand each other. Hindi, however, is the official language. I was amazed to read that in the State of Madhya Pradesh, people speak over 375 languages and dialects. (They beats CTA!)

ECUADOR—A tiny but very picturesque country in

South America, won its independence Aug. 10, 1822. It is surrounded by the giant Andes mountains. Luis Cobo, 29, Human Relations Specialist, emigrated with his family from Quito, Ecuador, when he was 13 years old.



tending the length of the country. The mountain peaks rise as high as 20,000 feet. Some of these are volcanoes. Cotopaxi

19,347 feet high, is the world's highest active volcano. Ecuador is winning worldwide prominence and its future seems brighter after the recent discoveries of petroleum that have ranked it as the second exporting country in the western hemisphere.

1. Limit periods of exposure to 10-15 minutes especially on the first day. Gradually increase the exposure time by 10 minute increments on successive days until tanning is complete. The skin darkens as melanin pigment builds up. This is the normal protective mechanism of the body.

2. Use a protective sun-screening preparation which effectively screens out the ultraviolet rays. Re-apply periodically, especially after swimming.

3. Fair skinned people should be extra careful since they are more sensitive to ultraviolet rays than others. Also, older people do not tolerate the sun as well.

4. Mid-day sun is most intense.

5. Reflecting surfaces such as sand, water or pavements intensify the ultraviolet rays.

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

CTA SECURITY -

We welcome JACK SHEEHY to the department. Mr. Sheehy is a former member of the Chicago Police Department and is now assigned as superintendent of the uniform police...Congratulations are in order for the following patrolmen who enrolled in the basic law enforcement course at the J of I police training institute: Lieutenant BOB CULBERTSON, Sergeant RAY WISNIEWSKI, G. EVANS, W. TALBERT, F. BARRETT, W. COSTLEY, K. PAVLAK, A. SPANGLER, T. BOSLEY, D. ANGLE, S. PAMON, E. PASCHEL, G. MUNYER and F. PICKETT...Our latest officer to be sworn in was A. NOVAKAVICH who came from the Markham Police Department...Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Patrolman JOHN HIGENS in the loss of his brother...FOP Lodge 89 is now chartered and open for membership to all sworn in peace officers of the Security Department. For further information contact Patrolmen D. MARTINAK, president; G. EVANS, treasurer, or F. BARRETT, recording secretary.

- Pat Wasson

ARCHER -

Congratulations to THOMAS O. LYLES, the son of Board Member OWAN L. LYLES, who received his doctor of medicine degree from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. Doctor Lyles received his B.A. degree from Southern University, Carbondale, Ill., in 1969. He will begin his internship at the Jewish hospital in St. Louis, Mo...Congratulations to DEBERAH E. JACKSON and ABRAHAM B. PERKINS Jr. who were united in holy matrimony on June 21 at St. Stephen's Lutheran church. The new Mrs. Perkins is the daughter of Operator JAMES JACKSON Jr...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. BERNAL on their 33rd wedding anniversary June 6. On June 7 he celebrated his 30th year with he company, and on the 17th, he celebrated his ?? birthday...Congratulations to HERBERT MATTES who will retire on July 1 after 34 years of service. Good luck, Herb, and enjoy your pension...A speedy recovery to Supervisor R. ROGERS who is convalescing at his home from an eye operation...It is good to know that Pensioner PERCY JOSEPH is doing well after his recent illness...A speedy get well to EDWARD KAMINSKI who has been on the



Thomas and Owan Lyles

sick list for the past eight weeks...A speedy recovery is also wished to CHARLES BAKER who was injured in an accident. Drop him a card, he would like to hear from his friends. His address is 6734 S. Normal Blvd. 60621...Our belated and deepest sympathy is extended to the family of WARREN IMES who passed away. ...CAROL ANN STRAM, the daughter of Operator THEODORE STRAM, was graduated from St. Barbara High school. An honor student, Carol was seventh in her class with a 93.5 average. Carol plans to attend Northern Illinois university in the fall...I wish to thank all who sent pictures of their loved ones for the June graduation issue...Mrs. VERA GROOM, the wife of Operator JOHN GROOM, will celebrate her birthday on July 16. Happy birthday, Vera...A speedy recovery is wished Superintendent JOHN PETROSIOUS who is convalescing at home from his operation... School is out and children will be playing everywhere, so watch out for those that may dart into the street.

- Owen Wassendave

DATACENTER -

JOHN ECKEL and his family vacationed in Florida recently. They saw Disney World and while at Sea World, they visited the Japanese Village and his wife, JOAN, fished for pearl oysters. She caught an oyster with a pearl 10 millimeters in size. It's the largest blue pearl ever caught at Sea World, and it's valued at over \$200. The pearl has now been set in a ring. Their son, MIKE, was graduated this month from Simmons Junior High in Oak Lawn. Mike was third in a class of 350. Congratulations to the Eckel family...MARIE POLZ has a new grandchild. KRISTINIA MARIE was born Sunday, June 22, to BARBARA and JIM MULKa. Congratulations to the Mulkas family. Marie can now fill her free time babysitting with her lovely granddaughter.

- Jane McGuire

ELECTRICAL (Chicago Avenue) -

May 29 was a cloudy and overcast Thursday, but that didn't diminish the fervor of the festivities at Blue Island. The occasion was a retirement luncheon for FRED LUNDIE who retired May 30 after 38 years of service. BILL REHDER acted as master of ceremonies, and Superintendent RON SWINDELL made the presentation of the gift. Many retirees were there: C. SCHUMACHER, AL BRONZELL, JULIUS CICHON, MIKE WHITE, CLYDE PETERSON and JOHN MICHNICK. Julius Cichon says

he enjoys being on pension and was officially 65 years old on June 14. Mike White says he has been traveling back and forth to Florida the past year. Al Bronzell is building a home in Bass Lake, Ind. Clarence Schumacher looks great. John Michnick is working on his second million with the bridge division of the City of Chicago...BILL POWELL, former communications technician, looks fine and enjoys traveling. He just returned from a Caribbean cruise...BARNEY JAUMAN and his gang are still alive. I saw them... The summer illumination crew, MIKE RICKSON, JIM BOOTH and PETE GRAF Jr., are back to make the lights glow in the subway...BILL SHEAHAN has left for the West Coast. He is going to pick up his daughter in Denver and his son at Nellis AFB near Las Vegas. Then the whole family will visit in California. Providing they don't get too badly bent in Las Vegas... KATHLEEN DEVLIN, the daughter of ED DEVLIN, is a temporary resident at Palos Community hospital after a disagreeable incident involving her bicycle and an automobile. Kathleen will be wearing a white leg for quite awhile. CAROL ANN DEVLIN, Ed's 21 year old daughter, was graduated as a registered nurse from Elmhurst college on June 27 and is pictured in this issue with other graduates. She will start her nursing career at Christ hospital in Oak Lawn, Ill...We are sorry to inform you that Pensioner ED MOLINE was killed in an automobile accident in Florida. We extend our deepest sympathy to Ed's family...Here's a little quote from the Suncoast Beacon newspaper in Largo, Fla., that we received about Pensioner GEORGE UNWIN, former lineman: "With the closing of schools on June 6th, no longer will we see one of our residents, George Unwin, taking his little angels across the busy intersection. George is deputized and it is heart-warming to hear the happy greetings the children give George as they approach. There is perhaps a little reason (secret) but it is evident that they truly love George for his goodness to them, and

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JOINING THE ranks of the retired on July 1 were the three employees pictured here who had 40 or more years of transit service each with CTA and its predecessor companies.



J. T. DUPERE
46 Years



H. A. COYNE
46 Years



E. L. CARLSON
41 Years

NEW PENSIONERS

JAMES BAKER, Janitor,
West Section, Emp. 7-15-63
CHARLES J. BARAGLIA, Box Puller,
North Avenue, Emp. 8-8-41
JOHN D. BECKER, Substation Attendant,
Electrical, Emp. 9-3-30
WILLIAM BLUME, Operator
North Avenue, Emp. 8-10-48
MICHAEL BRASHAVETZ, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 10-24-52
NICHOLAS BRINDL SR., Lineman Helper,
Electrical, 3-14-47
JOHN BURGESSON, Supt., Travel Info.,
Marketing, Emp. 8-11-41
EARLING CARLSON, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 2-26-34
RAYMOND CLAIR, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 4-3-51
JIMMIE CLARK, Janitor,
West Section, Emp. 1-12-52
HAROLD COYNE, Sub-Unit Supervisor,
Substation Maintenance,
Electrical, Emp. 11-5-28
CHARLES DANSBY, Car Serviceman,
98th Street, Emp. 9-4-47
JOHN DuPERE, Supv., Legal Investigators
& Statementmen,
Claims Law, Emp. 5-8-29
RAYMOND GEHRKE, Clerk,
Forest Park, Emp. 8-19-41
GEORGE HOLLAND, Collector,
77th Street, Emp. 7-17-47

OSCAR JOHNSON, Service Truck Chauff.,
Utility, Emp. 2-28-45
RAYMOND KRAUSE, Bus & Truck Mech.,
South Shops, Emp. 4-3-41
HERBERT MATTHEWS, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 6-26-41
ROSE McANDREWS, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 3-30-53
JOSEPH PLANT, Supervisor,
District C, Emp. 7-2-52
RICHARD SCHOLTENS, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 6-30-37
JOHN SPRINGER, Stock Clerk II,
Stores South, Emp. 8-11-42
ANNE TOMLINSON, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 11-19-66
DELROE TOSH, Unit Supervisor, Power
Operations,
Electrical, Emp. 12-20-40
BRUNO UGINCHUS, Bus Repairer,
77th Street, Emp. 8-30-48
JOSEPH VALITIS, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 3-30-37

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

CASIMER MARCHINSKI, Machinist,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 10-2-48
WILLIAM M. STAUNTON SR., Laborer A,
Plant Maintenance, Emp. 3-14-47

I might add, we grown ups do too. He not only gets us across, but regularly saves us the bother by posting our letters for us, and we give him a hearty thank you, George; we shall miss you." What a wonderful feeling it must give you to know that so many people care. Good luck, George. ..FRANK BRISON is on vacation, using this time to move to the new Brison mansion. 73

Don Nelson

(Rapid Transit Signal Division) -

COY CAUSEY, the "ole fisherman of the lake," has done it again. He purchased a Winnebago home to replace the tent he and his wife, LITA, have used for their many, many fishing trips. Coy has mastered the art of fishing on Lake Michigan. When you go fishing with this guy you come back with fish. Coy recently took H. BARENDREGT

on the lake for a bit of on-the-job training. ..DAVE BARR is back on the job again and is glad of it. As you know he was off for an operation a few weeks ago. He said he hated sitting around the house. Glad to see you, Dave...ROBERT BROWN recently purchased a motorcycle and is now taking up cycling. I don't know if he is getting economy minded or just doing it for pleasure. All I can say is when he calls for help this time, he will really need it...As you might know there still are a few of the older electro-pneumatic interlocking plants around. DAVE BATTERSON is fortunate enough to be maintaining one of these at 61st Street on the main line. Dave loves this kind of work and says it's important to remember air storage tanks have to be drained at regular intervals because of condensation collecting in them. ..TED WASHINGTON has more than worn out paint brushes to show for his bout with

home ownership. He had worked his way through nine gallons of paint fixing up his newly purchased home, and was standing back admiring it when his vacation ran out...Signal Foreman PAT STAUDT has returned from vacation. He kept in shape while on vacation by doing a bit of home maintenance...Big DAN MORIARTY has been off sick with severe back pains for over two weeks and has high hopes of returning to work soon. You are a hard man to understand, Dan. We hope you are well soon...Retired Signal Foreman BILL (The Gypsy) BAKER really hasn't settled down. Bill is keeping active in his hometown, Homewood, Ill., with his civic spirit. He was re-elected for his third consecutive term as alderman. Congratulations, BILL. EDDIE McCLINTON has a lot to show for his get-away time this vacation season. He did a magnificent job of decorating the stairwell entrance to his apartment. Actually, the stairwell now is an art gallery in miniature. Not only does it have a color scheme that is live and meaningful, but it is sprinkled with an array of recognizable works of art. With appropriate lighting to bring out its beauty, there are scenes representing country, city, early America, music, African, modern as well as abstract art to name a few. Mack said he had wanted to do something like this for a long time, and his wife said "why not now?" Just let me stand out here in the hallway. Mack, I don't want to come into your apartment...The Electrical Department's paint gang is back again this summer for a bit of beautification and preventive maintenance. We welcome back JAMES HASTINGS, SYLVESTER (Sly) LOWERY, DOMINIC A. GUAGENTI and our old stand-by CHARLIE SEMON. Charlie is enjoying more this season. He got his big break and now he is painting up a storm...Signal Maintainer ART LUPESCU spent a portion of his vacation visiting the Indy 500 race. Art doesn't follow the races as religiously as in the past--racing his own cars--but he said he still gets close. Probably too close...ROBERT BROWN is nearing the end of his month-long vacation. EARL BELL was last seen heading out toward the vacation lands of the upper end of Florida. RICHARD GAVRYS is lapping up the few remaining days of his vacation. LEON WILSON's vacation is being spent around home seeing that things are growing right...My wife, MYRNA, is fine, my newly born baby girl, TRACEY, is fine, so is MARK, 10, TERRI, 12, KELLY, 10, and CINDY, 8." This is the kind of verbal reaction I got from Signal Maintainer DON TOPOLINSKI when I approached him to see what all of the fuss was about at his house. Although little Tracey weighed in at only 4 pounds 10 ounces, she managed to cause quite a bit of excitement when it was time for her to do her thing. Congratulations...A number of our signalmen suddenly turned up in the "one year older" club. This is something that happens to you when you keep breathing. Anyway, happy

June Graduates



CAROL ANN DEVLIN
Edward Devlin
Electrical



BILLY GLISTA
Stanley Mazurek
South Shops



MARY GLYNN
James Glynn
Beverly



RICHARD JOHNSON
Jerry Johnson
N. Rail District



RUSSELL JOHNSON
Jerry Johnson
N. Rail District



JANET LEGG
Robert Legg
North Avenue



CYNTHIA A. MORGAN
Abraham Morgan
North Avenue



KEA RENEE MURRAY
Melvin Little
North Avenue



ALAN QUINN
Donald Quinn
West Shops



DONALD QUINN
Donald Quinn
West Shops



NAPOLÉON SIKORA
Napoleon Sikora
South Shops



CAROL ANN STRAM
Theodore Stram
Archer



CAROL TUGGLE
Larry Tuggle
North Park

birthday to ROBERT ARNOLD, June 19; ARL BELL, June 10; DENNIS DOBBYIN, June 16; VINCE GASPARAITIS, June 26; JOHN GAY, June 6; RAY WORKMAN, June 7; DONNIE COOTS, June 13, and ART [OLI], June 27...Congratulations to DEL-ROE TOSH, unit supervisor of power operations, on his retirement. Del began his career with the company in 1940 as a ticket agent. He is still remembered by some from when he worked as a towerman.

Curley's wife gave birth to a 10 pound 2½ ounce baby boy, and if you've seen Curley, the baby will be chasing him out of the house soon. And don't mention the food bill. Wow! Mother and baby are fine, and we wish the best to the Brown family...The next time you see the Big 'O', pat him on the back. His son, MARCUS XAVIER OTIS, took an IQ test at the University of Illinois and scored between 135-150 on his test. What makes it so good, he is only four years old, and will be starting kindergarten this year. How about that!..Don't forget--if you have any news let me know. ..Until next time, smooth sailing.

- Charles Turner

time like the present to go over there, say Patrick and Smokey...Congratulations to ELAINE MARIE HENRY, the daughter of ED HENRY, who was graduated from Queen of Peace High school and was awarded a presidential scholarship from St. Norbert's college in DePere, Wisc... JOSEPH A. PUDLO, the grandson of ART and BERNICE HUBACZ, was graduated on June 8 from Holy Rosary school in North Chicago, Ill. Joey gave the valedictory speech at the graduation and then received a most pleasant surprise when his god-child, ARTY W. HUBACZ, and his mother, KAREN, came in from San Diego, Cal., for the graduation.

(Insurance & Pensions) -

MARIA HESS together with her sister, SUE HESS, Placement Department, flew to Las Vegas for the weekend and lost their hard-earned money...Glad to see HECTOR ROCOURT back to work after his recent surgery. He seems to be looking younger by the day...HOLLY ROSCHMAN, along with her mother, father and another family, took a Caribbean cruise visiting the islands of Haiti, Jamaica and Bahamas. She came back sporting a beautiful tan but I guess the sun was too much for her, and just recently returned to work after having surgery. We are glad to see you back to work, Holly...JIM MADDEN and his wife, AILEEN, Executive Department, spent a week basking in the Florida sunshine.

(Treasury) -

GENEVIEVE BAGGER spent two weeks on a Scandinavian tour taking in Norway, Sweden and Denmark. She says it was fantastic to see the people dressed in their native garb...As of this writing, CHARLIE ABT is home from the hospital recuperating and we wish him a speedy recovery.

(Medical) -

REGINA DAREN and her husband spent

GENERAL OFFICE (Personnel) -

MIKE MCCARTHY and his family made a trip to Kansas City, Kansas, to attend a wedding in which his daughter, KAREN, was a flower girl. They visited the Harry Truman library and spent a fascinating day at Worlds-Of-Fun Amusement Park...ERV HARRIS' daughter, son, niece and nephew were graduated from Avalon Park Elementary school on June 12 finishing 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th out of a class of 176. Erv's son, MAURICE, did the honors at the piano for the graduating class. They will be attending Luther South and Lindblom High...KAREN KLINE, co-op student from Roosevelt university, has joined the artists' staff of this department...MARIE and BILL CLINE are still celebrating the birth of their second daughter, ELIZABETH ANN, born April 30 at Gottlieb Memorial hospital. Marie formerly worked in Public Safety...PATRICK MCINERNEY has returned from his two-week vacation in Ireland. He and SMOKEY CUMMINGS drove over 1,500 miles and thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it. Their visits to Dublin and Doonley, County Clare, were the highlights of the tour. No

Joan and Del Tash with Art Sandberg

Friends from all over the system stopped in the power supervisor's office to congratulate Del and his wife, JOAN, at an open house on June 27. An associate for nearly three decades, Manager of Engineering ARTHUR SANDBERG presented Del with a gift from his co-workers.

- Tommie Lowery

LIMITS -

reetings -- your on the case reporter is here...We haven't any vacation news as yet, but I'm looking forward to getting some soon. If you have any interesting hit-chat pertaining to your vacations get it to me...Get well wishes go out to E. MARTIN and B. SMITH who are to undergo surgery...To HERNANDEZ, get well soon, we miss you...We have a real proud papa in our midst. He is Operator CURLEY BROWN who came to us from 52nd Street.

two weeks flying to Buffalo, New York, and Toronto, Canada, taking in the scenery.

(Marketing) -

EILEEN NEURAUTER and her husband, RUDY, bus operator from Forest Glen, flew for a vacation in Los Angeles, Cal., and Las Vegas, Nev. A happy time was spent by both...Retirement came July 1 for JOHN BURGESSON, Travel Information superintendent, whose service with CTA



Tom Coyne with Violet and John Burgess

and CSL spanned almost 34 years. At an open house in the General Offices, John and his wife, VIOLET, received the best wishes of many friends and co-workers. Director of Consumer Services THOMAS COYNE officiated.

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neurauter

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT -

For the first time in "ump-teen" years, BOB PIEPER, Materials Management, took three weeks of vacation at one time. He locked his calculator in the desk drawer and took off for parts unknown. Last word from him was a card from the Long Branch saloon on Boot Hill in Dodge City, Kan. Bob says he's filling up on Coors beer and kicking'em high with Miss Kitty's Can-Can girls...JIM QUALLS and his spouse celebrated her ten-year class reunion in Arkansas. They had a real ball...YOLENE CLAUDE is back after a leave, and so is TINA RODRIGUEZ...KAY SMITH, formerly a ticket agent, is now working in Materials Management. Welcome, Kay...It's real nice to have LINDA LUNDBERG in this section. She has a beautiful pantry and keeps a great supply of salt-free sesame stix on her desk for the weight watchers...BARNEY GAGNON had a birthday this month and came by to give us an opportunity of saying "happy birthday" to him...Birthday greetings went out to JOAN THOMAS, ANNE JOBARIS and DICK TESCH of Materials Management also...DAN McREDMOND, who has been home recuperating from surgery, gave us the good news that he is expecting to return to work. This is welcome news to everyone at Storeroom 42...We are sorry to report that JIM WHITTELEY left us on June 20. After making a lateral move to the South Shore Store Department, Jim was the clerk in Storeroom 42 and we wish to compliment him on a job well done. We

also wish him loads of luck in his new venture...GEORGE LINDEN, supervisor, Stores-North, and his wife, MILDRED, spent a week visiting the Dickson Mounds in Southern Illinois. This Indian burial grounds is very interesting. From there they went to Hannibal, Mo., and visited the home of Mark Twain and other spots associated with his life. From there they drove to the Browning Museum at the Rock Island arsenal and then to the John Deere administration building which was a very interesting place to visit. George then went on a fishing trip with his son, ALAN, and friends to Canada where they enjoyed a wonderful week of fishing and eating. The shore lunches were really something...TONY GORZKIEWICZ had the pleasure of a visit from his in-laws who are from San Diego, Calif., and while visiting they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house at Tony's home. Incidentally, Tony's wife, JEAN, was a former employee of CTA in the Stores Department...ALEX FRITZLER, clerk I, Storeroom 42, had the misfortune of losing his father-in-law. All at Storeroom 42 extend our deepest sympathy to him and his family...Well, for all those who didn't know, Stores-South did it again! On Thursday, June 12, the men of South Stores, along with their wives, kids, and women friends invaded White Sox Park. The Sox had lots of support in getting a 9 to 2 victory that night. The backers were: T. MARASOVICH and friend, VICTOR GRIFFIN and his fiancée, Mr. and Mrs. B. HOLTANE, Mr. and Mrs. J. STEINMETZ, Mr. and Mrs. E. HARRIS, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. (Termite) COLLIER and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. D. SMITH and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. C. DICKERSON and daughter, J. ASKEW and friend, Mrs. D. MILES, Mrs. W. GRIFFIN and daughter, T. SHERIDAN, W. RAVITZEE, LEE WALKER and we pulled ANDY CUNNINGHAM from Storeroom 61 at the Mart along with us. Although we had most of the backers, Boston wasn't to be shut out. They had a few die-hard fans like Mr. W. GRIFFIN, Mr. D. (Bird Chest) MILES and Mr. W. (Froggy) COBB. The secret weapon who was not able to make the game, but was rooting for the Sox and holding off the rain was old man CRUSOE with a cold six pack at home. Plans are in the making for another outing in the near future.

NORTH PARK -

Clerk RON MILLER won first prize for his 9 pound 1 ounce lake trout caught on Lake Michigan while fishing 11 miles from shore. Salmon Unlimited sponsored the contest, and Ron was awarded a rod and reel, a tackle box, lures and other fishing gear...Mrs. ELIZABETH DOLAN, the mother of Operator PETE DOLAN, who resides in Dublin, Ireland, is vacationing in Chicago, staying at Pete's home. Mrs.

Dolan also has four sons and two daughters living in Chicago. Pete's wife, ROSA LEEN, underwent open heart surgery at Edgewater hospital and at this writing is recuperating satisfactorily...Street Collector SAM POSNER had major surgery at Skokie Valley hospital, and at this writing is at home recovering...Operator LEON STERN won the most improved bowler of the year award at the Oakton Bowl Lanes while bowling with the Edgewater B'nai Brith Bowling League. Leo's son STEVE, took second place in high series with a 669...CATHERINE DOLAN, daughter of Operator PETE DOLAN, who graduated from Queen of Angels Grace school on June 10 and will attend Amnussen High school...JANET LEGG, the daughter of Operator BOB LEGG, was graduated from Stowe Grade school on June 12 and will attend Kelynn Park High school in the fall...Operator HAROLD ANDERSCH and his wife, ANNE, along with Pensioner HENRY SCHRAMM and his wife, BETTY, spent a week in Forsyth, Mo., where they enjoyed the hospitality of Pensioner RALPH DONESKI and his wife, EVELYN. The fishing and weather were reported to be the best...Pensioner HAROLD SEDIN and his wife, SOPHIE, who are living in California, spent a couple of weeks in Chicago visiting their children and grandchildren. Pensioner STEVE HERMAN and his wife HELEN, of Forsyth, Mo., attended the graduation exercises of their grandchild born here in June and enjoyed the company of their friends while here...Our sympathies and condolences are extended to the family of Pensioner MARTIN BAKKA in his recent death.

- Melvin Fornag

NORTH AVENUE -

The solemnity of graduation ceremonies is behind us as well as the hustle and bustle of union elections. The normalcy that once prevailed at our station is again with us...We congratulate our board members from North Avenue -- Operator HORACE BROWNING, re-elected in the primary; Operator CURTIS JACKSON Jr., who defeated incumbent ANTHONY KEMP, and Repairman EDWARD PALA who defeated incumbent JOHN

RIDDLE...Our spotlight this month is on Box Puller WHITEY SZYMEL who celebrated his 37th wedding anniversary on June 25. His daughter, CAROLE ANTON, celebrated her 34th birthday June 11. His son, DONALD, celebrated his 32nd birthday June 12, his daughter-in-law, BARBARA, celebrated her 32nd birthday June 20, and his grandson, RALPH ANTON, was graduated from grammar school in June, with Father's day being thrown in



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- Dolores Duff

at good measure...Penisoner VIGGO T. WINDFELD visited us after vacationing in New York and other points east. After leaving the station, Windfeld met with me violence in the form of a shooting. Details of the incident are not known; however, we understand that Windfeld is hospitalized at Cook County. A speedy recovery to you, Viggo, from all of your friends...It's the 35th wedding anniversary of Operator ED GUNDLACH and his wife, MARGE, July 6. Ed also celebrated his 40th birth year on July 15, and his daughter, MARSHA GRILLO, celebrated her's (July 12...Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Penisoner WALTER STRAUBLING who died on June 19, and to LYDIA LABOY, the wife of Operator DOMINGO LABOY, in the death of her sister in Guayabal, Puerto Rico...The illness that rang that old familiar tone on June 27 were wedding bells ringing for Operator JACK MCNIFF and ELAINE AWALKIEWISZ who exchanged vows and became husband and wife...Congratulations to me never late, and are always in order. We offer ours to Operator MELVIN LITTLE and his wife, LUCILLE, on the graduation of their daughter, KEA R. MURRAY, from Rezin Orr High school, and to Operator ABRAHAM MORGAN and his wife, SHEILA, on the graduation of their daughter, CYNTHIA ANN, from Longfellow Junior High school in Oak Park...The place is too limited to mention the names of all individuals going on vacation. However, if you visited some unusual places, had some unusual incidents take place, please don't hesitate to get the information to your reporter as quickly as possible...Our office vacationers went to the following places: Switchboard Operator OM DOBBYN spent a "honey do" vacation in Riverside, Ill. Where else? Chief clerk JIMMY O'BRIEN and his better half probably spent the month hunting--antiques at his. BOB WITTENBERG and his Mrs. returned back from Minnesota. Superintendent ARD and MARGE CHAMBERLAIN headed to the State of Georgia to attend a convention, and then up to a small town in New York State that Ward calls home. No doubt the banners across the main street belled out the following message on their arrival: "Local boy makes good." YO-ANDRA DRAKE, the eight-year old daughter of Operator ALICE DRAKE and her husband, DDIE, placed fifth out of 110 competitors qualifying for entrance to the Gifted Program for exceptional IQ students at the Howe School...We all want to thank the owners of Christiansen's bakery on West North Avenue for their token of appreciation we received for finding their daughter's purse that contained a good deal of money given



Yolanda Drake

to her for graduation...After a good bit of heart surgery, Clerk HANK ZYCH's wife, ESSIE, is doing real well. Welcome to the club, Essie. . . Switchboard Operators JOHNNIE STICH and LOUE DRAPP are still on the list of the ailing...Box Puller CHARLES BARAGLIA looks and feels like a million after having surgery...Fullerton Avenue Operators MIKE BYSTREK and STANLEY KALINOWSKI have both been off sick. Mike is out of the hospital after undergoing surgery, and Stan has had a bit of ticker trouble. Come on, fellas, Fullerton can't be all that bad...Retired Collector ART BASEDOW had the misfortune of having to submit to leg amputation while visiting his son in California...Don't know who will arrive at Clerk GRANT and BERNADETTE MOSELY's home first, the stork or Santa Claus. We're betting on the stork, but only time will tell...See you next time in print.

- Aaron Pruitt

OPERATIONS PLANNING (Schedules) -

Vacations by Schedule Operations personnel were spent in many different ways. Here's how some spent theirs. JAKE SUMNER painted and gardened. BOB LAVOIE also painted and performed other chores around the house. JOE VIOLA took it easy and drove his nephew to Cincinnati. ED JOYCE was busy painting his garage, but claimed it was too hot and didn't finish. PHIL LEAHY was busy making order in his apartment, but took time out for a short trip to Michigan. JOE LYNCH and ED JURIC played golf, but not enough of it. NICK ZAHN was busy painting the house in preparation for his daughter's wedding. What a way to spend vacation time.

- Ray Batina

PLANT MAINTENANCE (West Shops) -

Sorry for missing last month's news, but I will try to make this column a long and newsy one...STEVE CUNNINGHAM, unit supervisor, janitors, used his vacation as a honeymoon. Steve got married and we wish him and his bride many, many happy and healthy years together...EILEEN GILL, the daughter of Paint Foreman PAT GILL, was married to PAUL CAHILL at St. Angela's church on May 24. Eileen is a recent graduate of DePaul university. The best of everything to you both...We want to welcome LENA JONES, clerk, Building Maintenance. We hope your stay will be a long and happy one...Mr. and Mrs. HARRY PAOLICCHI spent their vacation visiting their ten-month old grandson, MATHEW GREENWOOD, in Las Vegas. As far as Harry is concerned, Mathew is the one and only. Harry is an ironworker foreman... We wish to express our deepest sympathy to BILL STROZEWSKI and his family in the death of his sister. Bill is general foreman of ironworkers. Also to BILL HASKINS and his family in the death of his

Service anniversaries in July

40 years



J. R. Dillon,
52nd Street



R. E. Gunderson,
Forest Glen

35 years

J. A. Baratta, Property Accounting
R. F. Vance, Limits

30 years

R. Boschert, Electrical
C. C. Cudek, Electrical
A. Fennema, Electrical
W. J. Millar Jr., Forest Glen
R. A. Peluso, Utility
J. R. Quinn, Transit Board
D. Weinberger, Forest Glen
L. A. Wilkins, South Shops
D. L. Young, 77th Street

25 years

L. J. Anderson, Buildings & Grounds
P. J. Burke, Buildings & Grounds
A. Conroy, Buildings & Grounds
C. W. Cremieux, South Shops
T. Dunleavy, Forest Park
F. G. Ellis, South Section
C. Lusk, 69th Street
S. W. Maginnis, Personnel Dev.
P. McGing, Buildings & Grounds
F. J. Mullen, Corporate Law
P. E. O'Connor, North Park
J. O'Shea, Electrical
M. J. O'Toole, Electrical
D. R. Perk, Treasury
R. B. Stamper, Archer

mother in Texas. Bill is unit supervisor. To JOHN and BILL HEFFERNAN in the death of their mother. Bill is a track foreman and John is a carpenter...Another grandchild for GEORGE MILLONAS--a baby boy named THOMAS LEE WETTSTEIN and appropriately born on Mother's day. Give him lots of love and tender care...The T. H. STAUNTONS finally hit the jackpot. His wife presented him with a baby girl on June 21. Tom has three sons, and a girl is most welcome. Congratulations to you both...In our last news regarding our 13th annual retirement party we forgot to mention that a great time was had by all. There were about 300 people there and quite a few have told me how much they enjoyed the affair. The food was plentiful and delicious. The music of course was by none other than PAT HALLAHAN and his boys. The piece de resistance of the evening was the belly dancer...Congratulations to J. R. CIRILLO, sheetmetalman, Buildings and Grounds, on his 30th anniversary with the CTA. Seems like only yesterday, John...I heard from a reliable source that BARNEY HOLTANE, retired ironworker inspector, who lives in Florida, has a secret gimmick and it's how he is able to keep his golf score so low. He keeps it at the 18th hole...Congratulations to C. J. MAJEROWICZ, plumber foreman, on being named to the West Lake View Association (WLVA) board of directors. They are trying to get a new regional library built in the Lincoln-Belmont-Ashland area.

- Jennie Scott

SOUTH SECTION -

And away we go--with our column...Superintendent STAN CHRIST and his wife, RUTH, were very proud parents when their son, STAN, West Section agent, was married to JUDITH STACHNIK on June 14 at St. Dionysius church with the reception



Stan and Judy Christ

being held at the Royalty House. The wedding and reception were beautiful affairs. Congratulations, and much happiness is wished the happy couple...A hearty welcome to our newly-hired conductors: EMMA ANDREWS, ALBERT MOORE, JERRY GILLESPIE, CLEMENTE BLANKS,

JAMES BURTON, CAROL WILLIAMS, BONNIE CARR and JOHN LIPTAK. Back for the summer are students: RONALD NASH, the son of District Superintendent WILLIAM NASH, RONALD WHITENHILL, CHARLES GAGE, KEVIN HENNIGAN, CARL BOWENS, STEVEN JAMES, MICHAEL ROBINSON and BRIAN MITCHELL, the son of Yard Foreman JOHN MITCHELL...Our sincere condolences to Motormen WILLIAM BROWN and WILBERT BROWN in the recent loss of their father. Good luck to DOROTHY HARMON, the wife of Clerk ERV HARMON, who transferred from agent to the Purchasing Department in the General Office...A warm welcome back from the sick list is extended to the following: Conductor GEORGE MAY, Motorman LOUIS WATKINS and Switchman HERMAN LOUISVILLE. Hey-Hey! Conductor LENA PHILLIPS is really doing a super job. Not only was she our first motorman, but she is now also our first switchwoman. The gals and fellows are sure proud of Lena...I heard that Motorman JOSEPH GRIFFIN, who was in the hospital for such a long time, is now home. Hope your health returns real soon, Joe...Agents WILLIE VAUGHAN and ESSIE DANNES wish to thank everyone for all the kindnesses bestowed on them when their mother passed away recently...Clerk JESSE FARLEY is a mighty lucky guy. While down in Georgia recently he took some chances and he won a free vacation trip to Miami Beach. Now that's what I call lucky...Clerk JOHN BARRY and his wife and Assignment Agent LILL CULLINAN took a trip down to the Ozarks to visit Retired Superintendent JOE TVRDIK who lives in Oakland, Ark. Joe and John went fishing and you should hear all the fish stories. Joe has a nice home there and is involved in civic projects and his fishing is very happy. The Barrys also visited with Retired Motorman CHARLES McMORROW who lives in Mountain Home. Charlie had just returned from traveling on a tramp steamer to the South Seas and he looks just great. The retirees say "Hi" to all their friends back in Chicago...Conductor KNOX REEVES is still receiving commendations. Most recent was a commendation for the efficient and courteous manner in which he handled an abusive passenger on his train. Conductor Reeves is a credit to our South Section. Also receiving a commendation was Conductor JOHNNIE PALMER for the polite and friendly manner in which he makes his announcements...Received a nice letter from Motorman ED HENNESSY and his Missus, VIOLA, who reside in Phoenix, Ariz. They recently had a visit from Retired North Section Conductor PAT FLATLEY and his wife, SARAH, and Retired North Section Conductor W. COOK and his sister who is a retired agent now living in Tucson. They all had a good time talking over "the good old days," and say hello to everyone at the CTA...Assistant District Superintendent

JERRY JOHNSON, North-Rail, is mighty proud of his two sons who were graduates this summer. RICHARD was graduated from Hales Franciscan High school, a RUSSELL was graduated from Our Lady Peace Grammar school...Clerk JOE MULLIGAN and his wife vacationed Philadelphia, Pa., and had a super trip until their car broke down and they had stay on for a couple of additional days have it fixed...Another nice letter was received from Retired Motorman LOU GRYGIEL who lives in West Palm Beach, Fla. He said he was doing OK and had surprise visit from Retired Motorman a Mrs. MICHAEL FADDEN, and former employee Mr. and Mrs. JOE HURLEY. He took him out to dinner and had a nice visit. Our retirees sure are getting around and seeing the country...On the sick list this writing is Conductor JOSEPH MARTIN. Hope by the time I write next column Joseph will be back at work.

- Vera Hawley

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE (South Shops) -

Since Technical Services and Methods at Standards have made practically all the office news, I might as well start off with them...We are sorry to say goodbye to JIM GEBIS who transferred downtown to work with FRANK VENEZIA. I know Jim is happy as downtown is much closer to his home than the South Shops. Also goodbye to LINDA KELLEHER who is going to work for the Law Department. Good luck to both of you...Welcome back to JIM HEYLAND in Technical Services for the summer...Methods and Standards have gotten some extra help too. Welcome to MOHAMMED BASHIRI and JIM LEVIAN, summer helpers, and CHUCK LIEDTKE permanent Methods and Standards engineer...Some come and go, but ART BEAUCHAMP and ZABEN GUEDEGUAN have been sent to the West Shops to set up at M&S office out there. Good luck...Speaking of Methods and Standards, STAN SARNA is on a four-week vacation in Virginia Beach. Meanwhile, RICH JUVINALL is acting supervisor. Keep it together, Rich...JIM DUDLEY is leaving for Ireland next month. I hope to have some details of this trip...Well enough for Technical Services and M&S--in the general office news we would like to welcome back JOYCE COLEMAN for the summer...WINMON LEWIS is leaving for Mexico with his family in a few days. I hope Lewis takes my advice and stays out of the sun--he might get burned...JIM FELTZ just spent an undisclosed amount of money on stereo equipment this month. I hope you don't get any complaints from your neighbors, Jim. P.S. When's the big party?...Congratulations to ELAINE MCGREGORY and her husband, WILLIAM, on their future arrival and addition to their family. Elaine's house is coming along fine. They are having it built in Cret, Ill. I saw the blueprints,

nd it's a mansion.
AKE WEBER, Area
33, was recently
worn in for his last
e-enlistment in the
laval Reserves.
With 33 years in the
lavy and reserve,
e is now in training
as a 2nd flight
ngineer on a P3A
ircraft at Glenview
laval Air Station...



Weber and Cmdr. Wolf

FRANK GRAY Sr., vault handler at Archer, and his son, FRANK Jr., utilities mechanic, just returned from a fishing trip near Spooner, Wisc. The highlight of their vacation was when Frank Sr. pulled in a 16 pound northern...MIKE KEELE had a fish fry at his house recently. On the menu was angelfish fillets and patties. Mike would like to thank his son who was responsible for the event...ALEX GASICK, Print Shop, tells me that his daughter, GAYE ZANNING, will co-star with actress Gloria DeHaven at Pheasant Run Playhouse near St. Charles. Gaye will play Miss DeHaven's daughter in the play, "George Washington Slept Here," which runs from July 8 through Aug. 17. Alex and his wife, HELEN, are also celebrating 36 years of married life this month...Carpenter BILL SAVARINO is looking for some hidden talent in our ranks at the bus shops to play on his Juventus Soccer Association team...A big welcome back goes out to JOHN TARCZUESKI of the Brake Department. John was off for the past couple of months recuperating from a recent illness...Mr. and Mrs. LOUIS ALLEVA are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter, NANCY, to LARRY ALQUIRE. Larry is a bus mechanic at 69th Street Garage. The happy couple honeymooned in Florida. Congratulations...The TOM WASHACK family just came back from a camping and fishing trip on the Sugar River here in Illinois. Tom says they had a wonderful time and reports that the fish weren't biting too well, but the mosquitos were.

- Jeanne Diehl & Lawrence Bonas

(Skokie Shop) -

Ho-hum, summer's come and are we loaded—with news that is. Yes, you really came through with the news this month and we are really very grateful. We have some happy news and some not so happy news to report, so here goes...The date was June 14, the lovely bride's 21st birthday, the place was St. Joan of Arc Catholic church in Evanston, and the bride and groom were KATHLEEN GRAYBIEL and JOHN HRUBY, both of Production Supply Control. At long last they are Mr. and Mrs. and we all wish them many years of happiness. Kathleen looked lovely in a gown of white chiffon, satin and lace with full length train. Their wedding reception was held at Cantania's Jolly Club, where everyone enjoyed a very wonderful time.

We understand the father of the bride, GERRY GRAYBIEL, honored the wedding guests with a lively demonstration of the Charleston...It's been 32 years since JAN BRODA, painter, came to America from Poland. He decided it was high time he went back home to visit his family, which includes his father, mother, two sisters and a brother. Jan and his wife, ADRIENNE, are flying on a Pan-Am jet to Warsaw, Poland, then on to Ogdorona, Jan's hometown, and will spend the next four weeks just catching up on all the news. This is the first time Adrienne has been to Poland, so it should be a great trip for her. We all hope both of you have a very happy trip. We will be looking forward to hearing about it when you return...Did you hear about the fish that didn't get away from ANDY HODOWANIC, machinist? It was a 16½ pound, 34 inch northern Andy caught in Lake Koshkonong, Wisc...We're sorry to announce that ED BLICHAZ, Production Supply Control, is still on the sick list. Ed, we all hope that foot starts to show some improvement, as you are missed. Not only is Ed among the missing at Skokie, so is GEORGE MICHAUD, Production Supply Control. George underwent heart surgery and we are all wishing him a speedy recovery. Hurry and get well,

George, you too, are missed...ANDREA ELEANOR BERG, the daughter of GEN BERG, clerk-typist, finished her first year at the University of Wisconsin at Green Bay, and did very well scholastically...LINO LUPEITINI, electrician, is proud to announce that his daughter, MARIA, was graduated from Loyola university in Chicago with a bachelor of science degree. She was graduated Magna Cum Laude. Maria is going on to the University of Minnesota for her masters degree...We are always happy to see our retirees when they drop in, and such was the case when BOB METROW, retired painter, stopped by. We were also happy to see BILL HEBERT, retired electrical worker...Did you ever hear the advertising motto, "Watch the Fords go by"? Of course, if you remember it, it dates you. But, anyway, do watch the Fords go by, because you'll see ED REYNOLDS, tinsmith, in a brand new LTD. He said he's going to drive up to Spring Grove's fireman dance this fall in high style. Also, Ed, should you have any trouble with your new Ford, see JAN BRODA...Congratulations to BILL MEANY, laborer, who was recently elected president of St. Timothy Holy Name Society. Wedding anniversary congratulations also to Bill and his lovely wife, ELIZABETH,

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

MATHIAS ALLARE, 74, North Park, Emp. 12-8-44, Died 5-27-75
ANTONIO AMATO, 90, Track, Emp. 11-22-30, Died 5-12-75
PERCY ATKINSON, 76, Beverly, Emp. 2-23-25, Died 5-7-75
ROBERT BAXTER, 71, Accounting, Emp. 10-11-33, Died 5-30-75
ROBERT CONAGHTY, 84, 39th & Halsted, Emp. 5-15-08, Died 5-9-75
BRUCE DAVIS, 39, Security, Emp. 10-13-67, Died 5-28-75
PATRICK DEASEY, 74, North Park, Emp. 4-28-26, Died 5-16-75
ALEXANDER DEITHLOFF, 76, West Sec., Emp. 2-19-45, Died 5-1-75
ROY ENGSTROM, 79, Devon, Emp. 9-8-27, Died 5-23-75
LAWRENCE FRANCOEUR, 86, Accounting, Emp. 10-25-11, Died 5-28-75
DALE GILMER, 64, North Park, Emp. 4-30-46, Died 5-3-75
CHARLES GLAVIANO, 62, Buildings & Grounds, Emp. 6-4-41, Died 6-20-75
WILLIAM HACKBUSCH, 88, Wilson, Emp. 11-6-15, Died 5-8-75
JAMES HIGHAM, 76, Kimball, Emp. 10-22-17, Died 5-2-75
ALBERT HOFER, 63, South Section, Emp. 11-5-42, Died 5-4-75
WARREN IMES, 57, Archer, Emp. 2-24-58, Died 6-12-75
MICHAEL KIDNEY, 89, 61st Street, Emp. 10-20-08, Died 5-20-75
JOHN LEAHY, 80, North Section, Emp. 9-10-23, Died 5-22-75

GEORGE LINDERBORG, 80, 77th Street, Emp. 2-15-17, Died 5-12-75
EDWIN MOLINE, 82, Electrical, Emp. 1-1-43, Died 5-29-75
LOUIS MONAHAN, 68, 69th Street, Emp. 1-15-34, Died 5-25-75
GILBERT NEAL, 32, North Avenue, Emp. 10-14-74, Died 6-13-75
JOSEPH PECORARO, 77, Way & Struts., Emp. 6-25-41, Died 4-30-75
FRANK PETRAITIS, 87, Beverly, Emp. 7-17-23, Died 5-23-75
JOHN PONSEIGO, 71, 77th Street, Emp. 9-3-42, Died 5-22-75
JONAS PRATAPIS, 86, 77th Street, Emp. 4-27-20, Died 5-19-75
RUDOLPH QUANT, 84, 77th Street, Emp. 3-15-26, Died 5-28-75
THOMAS REILLY, 84, 77th Street, Emp. 12-23-19, Died 5-26-75
ALFRED SCOTT, 82, South Section, Emp. 6-15-43, Died 5-8-75
OTTO SMITH, 65, South Shops, Emp. 10-7-47, Died 5-21-75
JOHN SULLIVAN, 79, Wilson, Emp. 3-12-23, Died 5-13-75
SALVATOR TRENTACOSTI, 75, Limits, Emp. 2-14-51, Died 5-20-75
CHARLES VACHA, 83, North Avenue, Emp. 10-20-21, Died 5-26-75
GERALD WEBB, 66, West Section, Emp. 12-18-45, Died 3-12-75
JOSEPH WOJCIECHOWSKI, 81, South Shops, Emp. 11-19-37, Died 6-2-75

who celebrated their 20th anniversary on June 11...MARK DUNDOVICH, electrical worker, reports his little league team, the Indians, is doing alright this season. They have won three and lost three. Mark is the manager of the team, and his son, MARK Jr., is the team's catcher...Our deepest sympathy is extended to KEN METTLER, upholsterer, whose mother passed away...Skokie Shop is proudly displaying the Industrial Award for 1974 for outstanding safety performance...We have rolled out the welcome mat to ANGELIA FORD, temporary summer clerk-typist, who is a student at DePaul university...We finally got this article all together and we do hope you enjoy reading it. We'll be back next month, providing you bring us the news. If you do as well as you did this month, we'll be real happy. See you all next month.

- Mary Hendrickson & Pat Farnett

WEST SECTION (Agents) -

Hi! First of all we extend a warm welcome to all the new ticket agents hired for the summer--new and re-hired...Janitor JUAN MONGE and his wife welcomed a 6 pound baby girl named MARLENE into the family. That makes two girls and one boy for the Monges...We're all glad to see SARAH ABINGTON back at work after being off sick for five months...As of this writing Janitor ORA MILLER was in the hospital due to a back ailment. Agent GEORGE REZMER is off sick. Hurry back, George. Assignment Agent JERRY LOMAX is in the hospital, and we all wish you a speedy recovery...Motorman RON SENO is now back at work after being off since April with a fractured foot and pneumonia--the walking kind. Ron and his family just moved into a new home and we wish them much luck and happiness...Janitor L. LATHAM, Douglas, told us his daughter is getting married...SHARON LOVE is leaving us to work in the Accounting Department in the Mart...Well that time of the year that we've all been waiting for has finally arrived--vacations. CAROL BOWMAN spent her vacation moving from her third floor apartment to the first floor and decorating...W. SKORUPSKI after all these years at Division and Milwaukee, left and is now working at Chicago Avenue. Since I picked the station after you, I have to tell all your people where you went. Anyway, VITO had a week's vacation which he spent in and around Chicago...SAM and MARGE STPATI had a week off and went here and there...Agent JULIUS JOHNSON, better known as "JJ", also had a week's vacation. I think it turned out to be a "honey-do" one...Agent OSSI GRAHAM and her husband went to Canada for a week, and DEBRA MYLES spent her week in Lake Geneva...Your scribe, ZITA DOUBLIN, babysat with her two nieces while their folks were in Canada, and now Zita needs another week to recuperate. Zita also reports that any news for the column can be

sent to her at Division in the a.m., or send it to Jefferson Park.

Our thoughts are with LEONARD LACHOWICZ who is recuperating from surgery. We wish him a speedy and complete recovery...MARY RITTER and BILL McNALLY of the Congress line are out of the sick book and back to the Visi-Fare once more. Welcome back...KAY FORBIS is out of the hospital and convalescing at home from her recent illness. We hope to see her back on the job soon...Pensioner GRACE MOUNTS is now home after spending five weeks in the hospital. She is recovering nicely from her surgery. Our sympathy to Grace in the loss of her sister in Michigan while she was hospitalized...OPAL WOZNIAK has taken a disability pension. We all wish her good health and much happiness in her retired years...On June 6, HATTIE ROHR's son was graduated from Wright Jr. college and is now enrolled at the University of Illinois studying engineering...FRED FRIEB and JOHN MATUSZEWSKI both had a one week "honey do" vacation, and are now back at work (recuperating?). Belated birthday greetings to John who added another year on June 20...MYRTLE APITZ had a week's vacation in June which she spent visiting with her family in Arlington Heights. While there, she made a few trips to the track...VIRGINIA OJER plans to spend her two-week vacation playing with her two-year old grandson. Now I ask you--what could be more fun?...JULIE MATTRAN had a very happy Mother's day. On May 11 little BRUCE BLASE made his entry into this world weighing an even 7 pounds. Our congratulations.

- Mary Wisted & Zita Doublin

77TH STREET -

Hi, fellow operators, summer is upon us. At 77th Street that means tune up the car, get out the luggage, and hit the road. The vacation season is now open. One of the first to come busting out was Assistant Superintendent W. WHITENHILL who reported that everything was mellow and that he enjoyed his vacation immensely. I didn't press for details, so we will just have to let it go at that...We are all feeling the economic crunch, maybe that's why so many of my fellow operators expressed a little doubt as to whether their vacation plans would materialize. Here are some of our hopeful roadrunners on the vacation express. W. (Big C) GARNER wants to take on Las Vegas. He says it will take a little luck, but he's ready. C. AYERS, better known as "Antionne", is putting his bid in for California. He informed this reporter that it would be another first for him as he has never been to the Golden State. Halsted Street SMITTY reports that he has hopes of visiting Canada. WILLIAMS will be wherever the fish are biting. I understand he is quite a fisherman. I haven't seen my friend and

co-worker, G. VAUGHT, but I know Kansas is on his list of vacation spots. Operator W. HENDERSON motored to Mississippi and reported that everything was most enjoyable. Henderson doesn't say too much, but ROBBY and I are watching him. To all my fellow operators we wish you all a safe and pleasant vacation...Our lady bus drivers are really moving ahead. Operator NAOMI CALDWELL has received 12 accredited hours from Northern Illinois university towards her bachelor of science degree in science. Mrs. Caldwell, better known as "Ponytail", is a licensed cosmetologist, and also instructs...I lost my star reporter behind the cage when Clerk WILLIAM FISHER transferred to 52nd Street. I would like to wish him good fortune and good health. Thanks for the support, Fish...My apologies to Operator and Mrs. J. MILLER for an error I made in a previous issue of Transit News. I mistakenly identified their newly arrived daughter, JAMEE, as a boy. Sorry, folks, maybe next time...I'm glad to see Operator FAMOUS HOOKS up and around after a severe injury. I award him the "you can't keep a good man down" award...Operators J. J. KERSH and A. E. BEARDEN have left our ranks for their chosen field of education. We all wish them much luck and success...Our softball team is putting up a courageous fight for a top spot in the CTA sports program softball league. Led by Operator KARL FLEMMING, we wish the team much success and we are all pulling for you...Our sincere condolences are extended to Clerk HENRY CHAMBERS in the loss of his beloved wife recently...Our congratulations to all the newly elected union officials. May your task be ever before you and your courage never failing. You represent us and that's an honor, and we'll support you and that's a promise.

- Allison De Bonnett

69TH STREET -

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family of FRANK WALSH who passed away recently...We all wish CHARLIE WESLEY many long years of health and happiness in his retirement...MIKE MCGROARTY looks great and is really enjoying his pensioned life. Also enjoying their pensions to the fullest are JOE SIMEL and JACK BARRY...HARVEY BROCK has gone on another fishing trip. Here's wishing him the best of luck. Also enjoying vacations at this time are C. FIZER, F. MOORE, S. MURRAY, D. DAUGHERTY, J. DALY, A. CLARK, L. USPEL and P. SZAFRANSKI. Have a good time, fellows, and come back safe...Our sincere condolences to MIKE DWYER in the death of his brother...Congratulations to PETE SZAFRANSKI and FLIM MOORE for winning 69th Street the Tire Service Award for 1974 from the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company.

- Art Buesing & Jimmy Ahern

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MELTON DAVID TENNELLE, the son of District A Supervisor and Mrs. Antonio Tennelle, was recently appointed to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. A June graduate of Gary East High School, Tennelle was in the senior fourth of his class.

He was nominated for the appointment by Representative Ray J. Madden, D-Gary, and was informed in a letter from Rear Admiral W.A. Jenkins that he had competed with 7,000 other applicants to be appointed. Tennelle reported to the academy at New London, Conn., on June 30 to begin his cadet training. Upon graduation he plans to enter flight training.

A member of the high school National Honor Society, Tennelle is listed in the Who's Who Among American High School Students.



SAFETY AWARDS: For safest years at Archer and Forest Glen Garages, also at Skokie Shop, the Greater Chicago Safety Council presented awards for 1974 to representatives of the three CTA locations. Accepting were (from left) Robert S. Winther, rail vehicle shops supervisor; John H. Lynch, Archer Garage superintendent; George W. Daubs, Forest Glen Garage superintendent. Behind are James R. Pankonen, rail vehicle maintenance superintendent; Thomas D. Boyle, manager of safety; George Krambles, general operations manager; James R. Blaa, transportation manager.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM PREXY: Ruth Brown, interviewer in the Personnel Department, received congratulations from none other than President Rolf A. Weil when she received her degree in psychology from Roosevelt university. Ms. Brown, who earned her degree while working full-time, is studying Spanish this summer in order to improve her interviewing skills. Also studying Spanish with mom are her three children.



VOLUNTEER 76ERS: Richard Hannigan (left), sign painter, and Alfred Haas, foreman of Body Shop C in the South Shops, collaborated to beautify school storage cabinet and pay tribute to the nation's Bicentennial anniversary at the same time. Hannigan has created the patriotic design on the cabinet's exterior aisle wall and enlisted Hannigan's aid in painting in the red, white and blue colors. That's the Bicentennial spirit.



what's news

Latest issue of Chicago's Great CTA Getaway brochure is now being distributed -- in time for the summer vacation season. It's a handy pocket-size guide to Chicago's museums, ball parks, and other major attractions and how to get there via CTA. The guide also features a map of the elevated-subway system along with a listing of ethnic and other restaurants within easy walking distance of CTA stations. Copies are available from Public Affairs, Room 734, Mart. Writers for copies should send stamped, self-addressed long envelope.

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Edward Brabec, business manager of the Chicago Journeyman Plumbers Union, Local 130, is the newest designee of Mayor Richard J. Daley to be a member of the CTA Board.

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Chicago's first mass transit rally Sunday, Oct. 19, will find hundreds of Explorer Scouts transferring between CTA trains and buses making trips of up to 50 miles in length. Their routings and final destination will be sealed inside envelopes to be opened only at checkpoints. CTAers are invited to volunteer their service and participate in the adventure by manning city-wide checkpoints. For further information contact the Transit News Editor, Merchandise Mart, Room 742, P. O. Box 3555, Chicago, Illinois 60654.

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Summering -- busily -- in CTA are these attractive young people. Arline Datu of Public Affairs is shown interviewing Lynn Maginnis, a music senior at Northwestern U., who is serving in the Executive Office.

The U.S.-born daughter of Philippine parents, Arline received her master's in journalism from the Medill School at Northwestern and intends to build her career in the magazine field. Lynn is the daughter of Stuart Maginnis, director of personnel development. Mary Beth Blaa, daughter of James Blaa, manager of transportation, is spending her second summer on the Public Affairs staff. She was a freshman at Ohio State last year. Greg Garmisa, son of State Rep. Benedict Garmisa, 19th district, is also working in the Public Affairs office. He is a student in the Latin School of Chicago.

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Somebody's Watching Our Performance

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One of Watchman Lee's view of Chicago traffic. For pictures of Lee in action, see Pages 2 and 3.

The CTA has a new eye in the sky. Not of an orbiting satellite—but a working relationship with the Midwest's most modern traffic studio located high in the Skydeck of the world's tallest building, the Sears Tower.

The site is the new WBBM Newsradio 78 computer traffic control which monitors 270 miles of highway and 3,680 miles of street traffic, as well as 468 miles of commuter and rapid transit rail lines leading into Chicago. Broadcasting from the 103rd floor of the

Sears Tower, Gary Lee, traffic control director, has the best view of area expressways, arterial streets, railroads, rapid transit lines, and waterways.

The CTA is a partner in the program, feeding direct line information to Lee, who integrates it into his traffic reports every 10 minutes from 6-9 a.m. and in the afternoon, from 3-7 p.m.

WBBM opened its Skydeck control room May 19, following five years of broadcasting rush hour traffic conditions from its studios at 630 N. McClurg court,

with spotters stationed at various points across the city.

The new setup features a unique computer which can project how long it will take a motorist to get into town. The computer reads signals from sensitive reporting devices built into the pavement every half-mile along area expressways--over 1,000 electronic sensors in all.

Signals From Control Room

In addition, this computer is hooked up to three dozen police/fire, and rail monitors, enabling Lee to hear of news events as they happen.

He can then get a closeup look at the trouble spot by looking through his 25 powered binocular which has a viewing capacity of 15 miles.

Lee doublechecks all this information with a direct call to the transportation centers involved, such as the CTA. He estimates he makes 100 calls a morning for his 18 traffic checks.

Realizing the need for CTA to further its public service, CTA Public Affairs Manager Tom Buck assigned Bob Heinlein to the job of traffic spotter at the same time the media began to recognize mass transportation as the solution to the energy and environmental problems; almost two years ago.

With the opening of WBBM's Skydeck control, and the subsequent live coverage given by Lee, CTA's relationship with this radio station has taken on new

impact.

With Lee going on the air, now WBBM shows a recognition of the importance of traffic reporting. Lee, in turn, is trying all the harder to get an up-the-minute picture just before he goes on the air, often checking with the CTA only 30 seconds before he makes his report. This means he can paint a picture of just what traffic is like throughout Chicago.

"Then, when he reports the CTA is running late, it's not only a nice reminder, it's the best advertising we could get," says Heinlein.

Stationed in Operations Control, Heinlein monitors communications from the more than 3,000 operational employees on duty throughout CTA's system during each rush hour.

These include calls to rail and bus controllers by telephone, CTA's two-way radio KSA-977, the bus monitor, trainphone, and intercom.

CTA's Roving Guard

He reports his information to radio stations WISN, WIND, WLS, and WYEN as well as WBBM. In an emergency, that number may double as Heinlein is sometimes be asked to go live with the facts of what weather conditions are affecting the CTA or another sort of traffic tieup.

Heinlein constantly moves from the bus to the rail and power sections of Operations Control, listening for everything from a fire which might block



gets to street light malfunctions.

Lee explains, "If a traffic light at a major intersection like Halsted and Madison goes black all four ways, that intersection is going to block up. Every car should come up and stop, just as if a stop sign was there, then go across the intersection.

Well, you do this at any busy intersection, and it's going to back up fast. But we've got two bus routes that go through there. So I get concerned about something like that and I'll pass the information on right away to the regular radio stations that call us.

Maybe this will not alert our bus riders at all; they may be already on the bus, on their way in. But 10 or 100 motorists hear this, and they avoid that intersection, our buses will go through there that much smoother," he said.

Feinlein says he is often asked for an analysis of CTA travel, particularly during times such as snowstorms when riders would be concerned about slowdowns, or when everybody seems to be heading downtown at the same time, like the first day of Christmas shopping or returning from a long holiday weekend.

So you have to know the system--and you have to report intelligently. There's no use scaring away riders for a couple-minute delay which affects only one train, for example," he said.

Feinlein and Lee both believe in reaching the rider while he is still at home.

Lee says he puts special emphasis on public transportation early in the morning rush hour.

Hopefully, people are listening as they're shaving or drinking their coffee, and we can give them the information they need then.

It's important to get on that early; if the street conditions are extremely bad, for example, we would be advising people to take rapid transit rather than buses because the rapid transit would be getting through with much less difficulty."

Who's Blocking The Road?

In this case, Lee says he is just echoing what CTA personnel would advise.

That's the type of thing we want to get on early so people can make their decision early as to what their going is, what mode of transportation they should use, and how much time they should allow for their trip."

Of course weather isn't the only problem leading to traffic jam. Nor is CTA always the first to know about it.

Lee remembers one afternoon recently when he spotted an expressway tieup while looking out of the window.

There was a huge rock sitting in the middle of the Ryan outbound, tying up two lanes of traffic at the street. It must have fallen off a truck. It looked like a boulder from some exotic excavation."

Lee's comment on the air?

I don't know who it belongs to, it doesn't have a license plate."





A Korean Reports On Koreans Reporting

by Sok Pong Paek

Three highway road engineers from the Ministry of Construction, the Republic of Korea (South Korea) visited the CTA recently during a tour of the United States, studying highway maintenance and construction engineering.

A team of three men--Zae Cheon Hwang, Seung Pil Park and Dong Su Chung--were briefed by Les Racker of the CTA Control Center and Elsie Smith of the Travel Information Center as they toured their respective facilities.

During the briefing, Chung remarked that he was deeply impressed with CTA's rapid transit control system that enables operating executives to keep constantly aware of the position of all trains and to communicate instantly with trainmen.

Although Park's learning mission in the U.S. was entirely technical, he reported that the trip has also had great educational values in learning to communicate internationally on a more successful basis.

Park studied English during the first weeks of seventh grade up to the last months of college--a total of about ten years. He also attended private language

On reporting assignment for Public Affairs, Sok Pong Paek, clerk-typist in Tom Buck's office, interviews three distinguished Korean visitors: from left, Zae Cheon Hwang, Dong Su Chung, and Seung Pil Park.

institutes and, in addition, studied Traffic Engineering at the University of Strathclyde in England.

However, there is a peculiar gulf separating Korean and the English languages, Park said. The grammatical systems are poles apart and there is little affinity between the words of the two tongues. Many idioms in English are really baffling. The use of articles and prepositions in Korean is esoteric and there are no Korean counterparts to relative pronouns.

In addition to such a linguistic barrier, there are considerable differences in the way of thinking reflected in conversation. The customs and cultural backgrounds are not the same.

Despite such differences, however, Park believes that there should not be such enormous difficulty in learning English as is usually encountered by Korean students. The crux of the problem seems to be the methods of teaching.

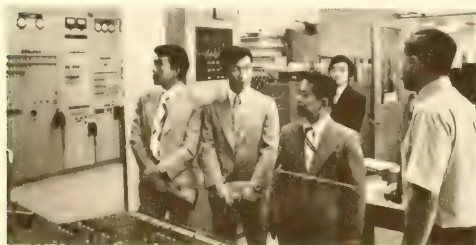
The most serious defect in his view, is the attempt to grasp the meaning of every English word, phrase and sentence through translation. At an English class, one hears word-for-word translations of the textbooks given by the teacher, which is silently noted down by the students.

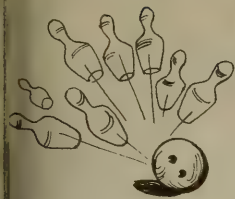
During his tour in America, Park has been learning to break away from the present obsolete methods of language teaching. Upon his return to Korea, he will organize a research and experimentation project.

Chung stated his impression that Chicago people are very loyal and hardworking. He especially noted the great contribution made by the women workers.

The three Korean visitors appreciated the personal escort services provided by Bill Baxa of Public Affairs.

Later, Paek (background) accompanied the Koreans in visiting the Operations Control Center.





CTA Sports News

MEL ALEXANDER, Sports Editor



69th Wins Tournament Playoffs

THE CTA softball league wound up on Sunday, Aug. 3, with one of the most dramatic finishes in tournament history.

After defeating 77th Street with a seventh inning surge, 69th Street entered the finals pitted against Kedzie who had soundly beaten the 83 Rail Runners.

Kedzie, runners-up for the championships in 1974, was determined this year to win it all. It was not to be.

The game between 69th and Kedzie was close until the bottom of the sixth inning when 69th went ahead by a score of 6 to 4.

Kedzie in its half of the seventh inning put it all together to score six runs and lead by four runs, 10 to 6.

In the last of the seventh Lawrance Hale, pinch-hitting for Syl-

vester Morgan, singled. Tommy Little grounded to short forcing Hale at second base. Leslie Baughn doubled to left center with Little stopping at third. With runners at second and third, Lee Bobo singled, driving in Little and Baughn. The score now was 10 to 8 in favor of Kedzie. Joe Dixon, batting for Eddie Hollis, doubled sending Bobo to third. Paul Thomas ran for Dixon. Robert McNeal then singled scoring Bobo and Thomas to tie the score 10 to 10.

With the winning run on third and two outs, Kedzie called time to plot strategy. If they forced the game into extra innings, they had their heavy guns coming up.

But 69th's Leon Harris blooped a single to right field to score McNeal and win the playoff.



I wonder what play could have caused the pensive look on Vic Coleman, superintendent of 69th Street, and Fred King, manager of Human Relations.



A jubilant 69th Street team whoops it up after winning the CTA softball playoffs for 1975.



Kedzie's Ron McKnight awaits ball as Lee Bobo begins slide into third base. Mel Webb watches the play.



Check, Check, Check

Travel Patterns Are Brennan's Business

A CTA Profile by Arline Datu

Wide windows are a convenience to Brennan. He can see everyone who's riding.

Have you ever tried to guess the number of people inside a crowded room and then wondered how close your estimate was? If James Brennan were there, he could probably tell you--and pretty near accurately, too.

Counting people is his job or, that is, counting bus riders. Brennan is a CTA traffic checker. He's out there on the streets during early morning and late afternoon rush hours, counting the bus loads of people that run through a particular line.

Brennan is usually standing on a street corner, looking like an ordinary passenger. Only difference is, he won't get on. You can spot him right off--he's the one with pencil and paper in hand.

No Guess Work

The second that bus pulls up, he's busy counting. No guess work involved here. And, no padding of numbers! "You have to put down what's actually there," he emphasizes.

So, what happens to all the numbers he collects? Well, that there are just enough buses running at any one time throughout the year is no accident. At the height of rush hour, there are some 2,200 buses on the street and riders number in the hundred thousands.

But that's only if you're talking about a specific time of the year. It's an entirely different scene from season to season, week to week, even day to day.

So, Brennan, as one of 34 traffic checkers, is out on the streets almost every day. His tabulations are a sort of measuring stick for the Operations Planning Department which schedules the buses needed on the streets.

The most important checks are the ones taken before each change in season. Then, Brennan says, he's

assigned to rapid transit as well as bus lines.

Once these seasonal checks are taken, a rough schedule for the buses and trains, the "picks", can be put into effect.

Brennan's been around long enough to know that ridership numbers change all the time, and in the 5 years he's been a checker, he's seen that and quite a few others besides.

Birthday Count Up

For one thing, he says, "It was a lot busier when I started out. There were a lot more buses, a lot more people riding."

One reason for the fewer riders, he explains, is the greater number of people driving cars today. "It's the young people who are driving cars. So, bus riders are generally older now. Your average rider is between 45-50 years."

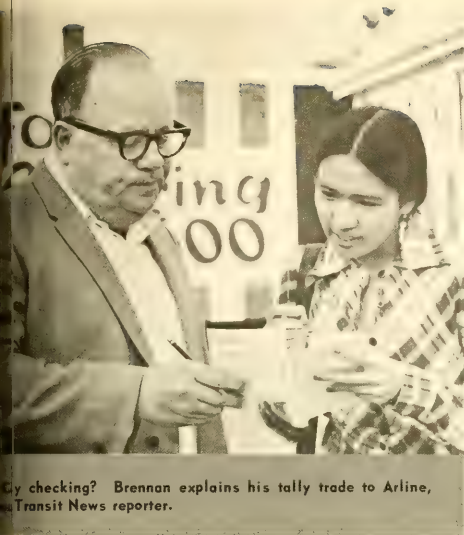
One of Brennan's traffic check points is the corner of Addison and Cicero. He's there at 6 a.m. and stays until 9 a.m. Buses start coming every seven minutes, he says. Later on, it'll be every three.

"You have to take the count quickly, especially when the buses start to come fast and furious," says Brennan.

Can Be Confusing

He recalls a time when he'd have to keep track of five or six different lines, all coming down one street. "It was really hectic then. You'd have to be careful you didn't mix up the different lines," he explains.

Brennan's career as a checker has included assignments to the now vanished streetcar lines. He says they carried as many as 135 riders. Buses these days carry a maximum load of about 95-105.



City checking? Brennan explains his tally trade to Arline, Transit News reporter.

The huge picture windows on the newer buses, he adds, make it easier to count passengers. "I can see almost the entire inside of a bus."

Keeping tabs on bus passengers is, of course, strictly outdoor work. While the rain and cold can make it uncomfortable, Brennan says, "Generally, I like working outside. I've got a lot of liberty, a lot of freedom."

Although traffic checks are a pretty routine thing, no matter which corner he happens to be assigned to, there are a few a cut above the ordinary, he says.

One of them is the corner of Halsted and Roosevelt--right around Maxwell Street. Brennan likes to watch the odd assortment of "merchants" getting off the bus with their "collection of wares."

"They're a bunch of characters, and they carry all sorts of stuff. Some are really loaded down with things hanging from their arms, packed on their backs. . . . I've only been on that corner three times, but every time I'm there, I see something different," says Brennan.

He's been all over Chicago, conducting checks. But if Brennan had his choice, he says, he'd prefer a point with a nice coffee shop on the corner.

All-Time High Suggestion Award!

THE LARGEST employee suggestion award in CTA's history--\$3,565--has been won by Frank Montefalco, machinist at our West Shops. Montefalco used scrap materials, which would otherwise be wasted, to invent a portable hoist threader that saves the CTA more than \$1,000 a year in maintenance costs.

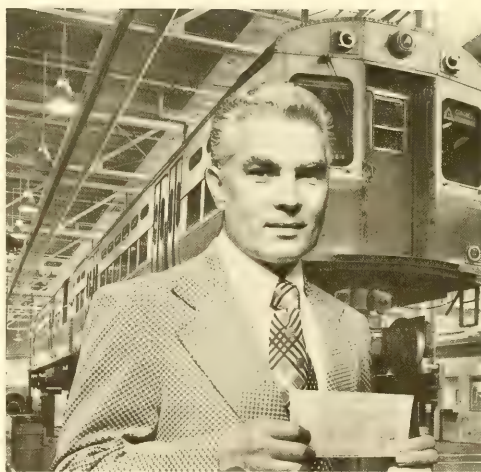
Maintenance work on CTA rapid transit cars is performed at 12 locations throughout the Chicago area. Coupled two-car units weighing 24 tons are raised on sections of rail for undercarriage work. At three of the maintenance locations, car hoists are operated with four electric driven screw type jacks. The under-the-floor jack screws for the hoists are 10 feet long and weigh 500 pounds each.

Previously, whenever threads on a jack screw had to be refaced (which is frequently, due to the weight of the cars) the entire hoist had to be dismantled over the weekend while the jack screw was transported to West Shops, resurfaced, and returned. This avoided interruption of the weekday maintenance schedule. Montefalco reasoned that substantial labor costs could be eliminated, and shipping delays prevented, if there were some way to do the rethreading work at the hoist.

The portable rethreader is easy to carry, weighing only 25 pounds.

The \$3,565 award is based on a percentage of the estimated reduction in costs to the CTA.

The check was officially presented to Montefalco by John Aurand, manager of General Administration.



With check for \$3565 in hand, Frank Montefalco stands before car hoist that he reduced maintenance costs for--by \$24,000.

Before joining CTA, Montefalco worked with a Chicago area electronics company. He attended Wright Junior college and completed courses in computer programming at Washburne Trade school. The Montefalcos have three sons.



Time out

with Anit Leppiks

Our new column about things to do in the Chicago area

● **THE ADLER PLANETARIUM**, thru Aug. Sky show focuses on the stars and portrays the legends of the constellations, vistas of other worlds, and unusual scientific discoveries. 1300 S. Lake Shore, \$1, children 50¢, seniors and members free. 294-4624

● **ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO**--Steuben: Seventy Years of American Glassmaking, Sept. 13-Oct. 26, A. Montgomery Ward Gallery. Edward Munch, an exhibit of lithographs, woodcuts and etchings commemorating the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the first Norwegian immigrants in America, Sept. 11 continuing, Galleries 108 & 108A. American Institute of Architects Awards Exhibition, Sept. 13-Oct. 5, Lacy Armour Gallery. Selected Landscape Prints, One Hundred Views of Famous Places of Edo (Tokyo), Sept. 19-Nov. 16, Gallery 114. Margaret Fisher, drawings and watercolors by the Chicago artist, Sept. 24 continuing, Gallery 107. Photographs by Charles Traub, Chicago artist, thru Sept. 7, Gallery 106. Prints of Summer Resorts, late eighteenth and early nineteenth century scenes of Japanese life, thru Sept. 14, Gallery 114. Primitive Art Masterworks, including African, Oceanic, Pre-Columbian, and American Indian Art, thru Oct. 5, Morton Wing. Mon-Wed, Fri-Sat; 10-5; Thurs, 10-8:30 (free); Sun & Labor Day, 12-5. Suggested fee: \$1.50. Students, children, seniors: 50¢; members free. Michigan at Adams. 443-3500

● **"BEGINNER'S LUCK"** with Bob Crane, thru Sept. 8, Drury Lane East Theatre, McCormick Place. From \$3. 791-6200

● **BIKE TOUR** of Frank Lloyd Wright in Oak Park, Sept. 7 at 2 from Unity Temple, Lake & Kenilworth, Oak Park. Ticket entitles you to discount for interior tour of Wright's own house and studio. Bring your own bike. \$2.

Hyde Park/Kenwood by bicycle Sept. 14, 28, at 2 from Harper Court, 52nd & Harper. Bring your own bike. \$2.

Riverside by bicycle Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28, at 2 provides view of 19th century houses and homes by Frank Lloyd Wright. Begins at library, Burling Rd. across from railroad depot, Riverside. Bring your own bike. \$2. Tours by Chicago School of Architecture Foundation. 326-1393

● **JERRY BUTLER** pop concert Aug. 27 at 6:45. Admission includes the racing. Sportsman's Park, 33rd and Laramie, Cicero. \$2. 242-1121

● **GEORGE CARLIN** in concert Aug. 28-31. **Run Theatre**, Golf and Milwaukee, Niles. \$70. 298-2170

● **"DARK TREASURES"**, four one act plays by Tennessee Williams, weekends thru Aug. **The Drama Shelter**, 2020 N. Halsted. \$3.50; students \$20. 549-6020

● **DEER PATH ART LEAGUE FESTIVAL**, Aug. 1, Sept. 1 from 11-6. Graphics, paintings, sculpture and crafts. Market Square, Lake Forest.

● **"DON'T PLAY US CHEAP"** (black musical comedy) with Melvin Van Peebles thru Aug., **Shuttr Theatre**, 22 W. Monroe. From \$6.50. CE 6-8240

● **ENDGAME** (apocalyptic drama) thru Aug. **San Quentin Drama Workshop** at Victory Gardens Theatre I, 3730 N. Clark. From \$3.50. 549-5788

● **FILM CENTER OF THE ART INSTITUTE**, **Paul LeMoko**, Julien Duvivier, 1937, Aug. 29 at 5:30. Michigan at Adams. \$1.25. 443-3737

● **FREE STREET THEATRE**, Aug. 29 at noon. **A workshop** at the South Chicago Neighborhood House, 8458 S. Mackinaw. Workshop Aug. 29 at 7 at **Sch Chicago Urban Progress Ctr.**, 9231 S. Houston. 81-0460

● **CHARLES GRUNNER** thru Aug. Copper wheel engraved glass. **American Society of Artists**, 700 N. Michigan. 751-2500

● **"HAY FEVER"** Aug. 26-30 at 8:30. **Fullerton Pavilion** in Lincoln Park, Fullerton and the Outer Drive. 294-2493

● **"A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC"**, Aug. 22, 23, 29, 30, Sept. 5, 6, 12, 13 at 8:30. **Athenaeum Theatre**, 216 N. Southport. From \$2. 622-5159 or 622-0954

● **LOGAN SQUARE LIBRARY FILMS** (documentary), Aug. 27 at 2. **"Pride and Prejudice"** and **"Night at the Peking Opera."** Logan Square Branch Library, 3255 W. Altgeld. BE 5-5295

● **MEET THE ARTIST** Sept. 6 from 10-4. **Painters Byron Wrigley, Tom Trausch, and Betty Odmark** will be on hand during a day long reception. **American Society of Artists**, 700 N. Michigan. 751-2500

● **MOLIERE'S "THE DOCTOR IN SPITE OF HIMSELF"**, Aug. 28-31 at 8:30, **Court Theatre**, U of C, 5706 S. University. From \$3. 753-3581

● **MOLIERE'S "THE MISANTHROPE"** thru Aug. **The Fortune Theatre** at Christ Church, Cora and Henry, Des Plaines. From \$2.50. 631-8209 or 827-6131

"THE NEARLYWEDS" comedy with Ann B. Davis, thru Sept. 28, Pheasant Run Playhouse, Rte. 64, St. Charles. Dinner-theatre combination from \$7.70. 34-7943 or 584-1454

OAKBROOK FINE ARTS PROMENADE, Aug. 30, 11-6; Aug. 31, 11-6, Mall, Oakbrook Ctr., Rte. 83 and Oakbrook.

CHICAGO ELECTRIC ODYSSEY, unique seven-screen, multi-media entertainment showing Chicago's past, present and future: The Chicago Fire, helicopter-sky line views, fire works, tourist spots, landmarks. 1608 N. Wells. Adults \$2, children \$1.50. Group rates. 266-0045

MARY MEIROSE OPPENHEIM thru Aug. 29. Women in Myth and Reality. Oils, acrylics and silkscreens. Mon-Fri 9-4:30. LaPetite Galerie, Levy Community Ctr., 1700 Maple, Evanston. 869-0727

"THE PHANTOM SWORD'S REVENGE" (swash-buckler) thru Aug. Travel Light Theatre Co. at TH Pediggles, 3510 N. Broadway. Wed-Sun at 8. \$2.50. 71-6170

POET AND THE RENT thru Aug. St. Nicholas Theatre Co., Jane Addams Theatre, 3212 N. Broadway. Adults \$2, children \$1.50. 549-1631

FIRST ANNUAL PULLMAN ART FAIR, Sept. 7, 10-dusk. Fine arts, crafts, jewelry, and sculpture. Mel Florence, 1/2 mile W of Calumet Expressway at 11th and Cottage Grove. 785-8181

OPERATION PUSH EXPO, Sept. 24-28, from 10-11. Over 600 exhibits, Exhibit Hall. Adults \$2, children 50¢. Shows nightly from \$4. Arena. International Amphitheatre, W. 43rd and S. Halsted. For information, call Operation PUSH, Gurnell Sims, 373-750.

"THE ROBBER BRIDEGROOM" (country folk musical) Aug. 26-30. The City - Center Acting Company, Murray Theatre, Ravinia Park, Highland Park. 27-3500 or 432-1236 from northern suburbs

AIR SCULPTURE thru Aug. Wind and air-related pieces, Illinois Center Plaza, Wacker E of Michigan. 64-1610

SCULPTURE FOR A NEW ERA, sculpture from 31 midwestern artists, thru Sept. 30. Lobby and piazas of the Federal Plaza, Jackson between Clark and Dearborn. Sponsored by Art In Public Places, the Bicentennial Commission and GSA.

SECOND CITY treats its audience to a CTA bus ride in its new revue, "Once More, With Fooling." The "Happy Driver" scene is based on CTA bus driver Owen Wardlow. Tues, Wed, Thurs, Sun at 9; Fri, Sat at 8:30, 11. 1616 N. Wells. From \$3.25. Reservations. 337-3992

SIGNATURE GALLERIES, Feminine Subjects in 18th Century Painting, thru Sept. 11. 320 S. Michigan. 341-0636

THE SINGLE FILE, Aug. 29-30, Polly & Co. open stage on Wed with Mike Dunbar. No cover or minimum. 934 W. Webster. 549-1176

"SPOON RIVER AND BEYOND" with Elizabeth Barry, thru Aug. Gallery Theatre East Inn, 206 E.

ACTION TIME

EDITOR: Thomas H. Sheridan

STAFF: Charles McWhinnie, Karen Koshner, Ruth Lee

Q. Who the heck was Hercules Mulligan? I recently saw a CTA Bicentennial bus dedicated to this man, but I've looked all through the library without finding a trace of him.

BICENTENNIAL BUFF



A. Hercules Mulligan, a tailor, was an undercover man for George Washington. According to the American Irish Historical Society, Mulligan was known in Revolutionary days as "the fashionable clothier" in New York, and he allegedly wormed vital war information from his English patrons—officers and civilians—which proved invaluable to Washington. In fact, a number of kidnaping attempts of prominent American leaders, Washington included, were foiled through the clothier's tips. Benedict Arnold, after his treason, charged the Irish patriot with espionage, but Mulligan cleverly destroyed any evidence. That same shrewdness evidently is the reason why not many people ever heard of him. He was, after all, an undercover man.

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Superior. Thurs-Sat at 8:30. Dinner-theatre combination from \$6.25. DE 7-9482

● "SUNSHINE BOYS" (Neil Simon comedy) with Harold Gary and Lou Gilbert, opens Aug. 26, Forum Theatre, 5620 S. Harlem, Summit. From \$5. 496-3000

● "SWEET BIRD OF YOUTH" with Irene Worth and Christopher Walken, Aug. 27-Sept. 21. Academy Festival Theatre at Barat College, Lake Forest, \$7.75. 234-6750

● THREE WOMEN with Roberta Maguire, Sandy Lipton and Cynthia Baker Johnson, thru Aug. Victory Gardens Theatre II, 3730 N. Clark. From \$3.50. 549-5788

● VIDEO ART thru Aug. International exhibit with video environments and tapes. Museum of Contemporary Art, 237 E. Ontario. Adults \$1; children 50¢. 943-7755

● NANCY WILSON guest stars with the Spinners Sept. 4-7, the Mill Run Theatre, Golf Rd. and Milwaukee, Niles. From \$7.50. 298-2170

● PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING, Sept. 6, 20 at 8:30. Arena, International Amphitheatre, W. 43rd and S. Halsted. From \$3. 927-5580

CTA, International

It's Mexico Month In September



By Elda Leal

ON SEPTEMBER 15, Mexico will be celebrating the 165th anniversary of its independence from Spain. In Chicago the Mexican Civic Society is actively preparing some of the main events to celebrate this anniversary. Among them are a banquet-dance at the Conrad Hilton hotel on Sept. 12, where a representative of the President of Mexico will be crowning the queen of the Mexican festivities who will lead the parade on State street the following day. The parade, from Wacker drive to Van Buren, is scheduled to start at 1 pm.

Also, on Sept. 15, starting at 8 pm there will be mariachi bands, singers and folkloric dancers performing at the bandshell in Grant Park to commemorate the actual anniversary date of Mexican independence which began on Sept. 15, 1810, at 11 pm when Don Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, a Catholic priest, rang the bells of his church in Dolores Hidalgo, Guanajuato, to call the townspeople to start the war against the Spaniards.

The Mexican-American community in Chicago is presently estimated at 750,000. Some people might ask why are there so many Mexicans, not only in Chicago but throughout the country. If we review the history of Mexico and the United States, we find that, in 1820, Mexico permitted many Americans to settle in Texas which was then part of the Mexican territory. A few years later, however, some Texans and Americans decided to revolt against the Mexican government to make Texas independent. They fought the battle of San Jacinto, which they won to establish the Republic of Texas. Mexico refused to recognize Texas and shortly thereafter, the Mexican war erupted (1846-1848).

Mexico was a poor and weak country at that time and lost the war. Mexico not only had to recognize the independence of Texas but also, through the Treaty of Guadalupe, gave up a vast territory comprising California, Nevada, Utah, most of Arizona and parts of Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico. Mexico received \$15 million for this land and in 1854, through the Gadsden Purchase, also received \$10 million for what is now southern Arizona and New Mexico.

Many Mexicans were born and had lived in the states that were turned over to the United States. They remained there for life for they could not recognize any other place as their land. Their descendants are now throughout the U.S.

Mexico is often called the land of contrasts. You can find the lowest level of poverty or richest man-

sions and fancy, plush buildings and hotels. The weather might be pleasant in one region and, a few miles away, it can be just too hot to stand it for any number of days. The country, however, has many attractions for the tourist. Many go to admire the scenery, enjoy the beaches, bullfights, food, and so on. Most of the tourists seem greatly attracted to the Indian culture, ruins, and pyramids.

The most happy season of the year is Christmas. Most Mexicans are very emotional and with very strong family ties. Friends, neighbors, grandparents, brothers and sisters get together to pray, sing and exchange gifts.

The "Posadas" were my favorite time. This period starts Dec. 16. In a "Posada," a group of people, mostly children, carry on their shoulders a Nativity Set. Candles in hand, they go singing, knocking on doors, asking in the name of the Virgin Mary and Joseph to be allowed to remain for the night. They are purposely refused in some places until they finally reach the pre-arranged place where they are permitted to stay. The group prays, sings and finally comes the expected moment for the children--breasting the "Pinata" that will be stuffed with candies and other goodies when they will try to get as many as possible.

The same is repeated every day until Dec. 24. That night housewives are busy cooking tamales and stuffing turkeys or whatever they can afford. The family goes together to hear midnight mass. Children go to bed promptly after returning from church to wait for the overnight arrival of Santa Claus.

The Mexican community in Chicago is concentrated in three areas: Pilsen, Little Village, and South Chicago. Within the last few years, active leaders have accomplished great improvements in jobs, housing and particularly education. There are many places throughout these communities teaching English, GED and citizenship courses, to improve the social and educational level of its residents. These classes are usually free.

Most of the schools in these areas provide bilingual education which is proving to be beneficial particularly for those children who recently arrived from Mexico or whose parents and the people they associate with speak Spanish only. Through this program not only the parent-child communication has improved, but would seem that it has increased their self-esteem knowing that their native language is accepted and that they are able to communicate in either language without losing their identity.

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ARCHER - Operator JOHN and Mrs. MADELYN MUSER celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on July 28. Congratulations and best wishes for them in the years to come. They are pictured in Florida with their son, JIM, and their grandsons. By the way,



The Musers

John could be an unsung hero and he gives the credit to the phones in the buses. On June 25 he was in service on Archer avenue when he noticed smoke coming from a service station. John stopped the bus and called the dispatcher to ask for the fire department. A man was burned -- who knows, John may have helped to save his life. On Aug. 7 John will celebrate his 34th year with CSL and CTA...Operator JOHN and FRANCES CHERNAK will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on Aug. 11. Congratulations to John and Frances and may you have many more beautiful years...Belated happy birthday to KENNETH McDONALD, ANTHONY JONES, H. WASHINGTON -- sorry I didn't get them in time...Now for some vacation news. Operator A. WOOLFOLK with his wife and son motored to Louisiana and points south. JOHN MCGARVEY jetted to Hawaii for ten days of rest. Hey, that can't be everything--drop me a note and let me know where you went too...Congratulations are in order for two fine gentlemen: Operator JOSEPH FREEMAN who retired Aug. 1 after 24 years of service and Operator CHESTER PIELUSZYNSKI who will retire Sept. 1 with 32½ years of service with CSL and CTA. Enjoy your sensions gentlemen, and nothing but the best is wished for you...Collector ERNEST TURNER has returned to work after being off ill for three months. It's good to have you back, Ernest...Guess who is living it up in Ireland? None other than Instructor ROY and Mrs. WILSON. They are visiting her father. I wonder what stories he will bring back to the fellows...Our belated and deepest sympathy is extended to H. BANKSTON, whose brother passed away...A speedy recovery to Operator ROY WOOLFOLK,

who is convalescing at home after surgery. Don't forget to give me the news--no news is bad news for me.

- Owen Henselove

BEVERLY - Hello, CTA world. Long time no see, but I have a good excuse. I've been ill four months this year, but as you can see I'm back on the job now. Just had a wonderful vacation in Atlanta and Miami. I also became a granddad again, AMOS FOSTER JR. and his wife, PEPITA, brought CTA Driver No. 3 on the scene July 14. Amos III weighed in at 6 pounds 3 ounces. And speaking of proud parents, you should see JIM GLYNN's eyes light up when he speaks of his daughter, MARY. She graduated from St. Mary of Nazareth Nursing School and will attend Southern Illinois university where she will work for her bachelor of science degree...Operator AL SHANK was vacationing and caught five nice walleyes, one 4½ pounds in center. Al is shown with grandson, MIKE, holding catch caught on Cass Lake, Minn. SCOTTY (Big One) has lost 40 pounds and is still losing. He says he is going to get streamlined and take RUTH away from me. I told him as long as he is taking, don't forget the house note and \$8,000 doctor bill, car note, child support and me...BANKS, SCROGGINS and MAHONEY were having their usual free-for-all with words and as soon as I walked in they all jumped on me. Fortunately for me, JIM BAKER was around. He rescued me and we went out. He was signed up with a new bus and someone stole it--guess who? See you next month.



Mike and Al

- Amos Foster

MARY GRACE CASTRO CASTILLO. The Castillos enjoyed every costly moment of their Las Vegas trip...TOM BOLDT and his family just moved into their new four-bedroom home. The yard measures 100' by 150' and is equipped with a swimming pool. It's perfect for parties. Do you think the Boldts can catch the hint? Congratulations!

- Jane McGuan

ELECTRICAL (Chicago Avenue) -

BILL PARKS is back to work after a two-month sojourn at home. JIM GIBBONS has been off for a considerable time now due to the removal of a disc in his spine. I saw him at a pension party and he looks fine, but it takes a long time for the old bones to knit...It was about 7 p.m. when I arrived at the Marina Towers restaurant, and it was a good thing I arrived when I did. The fellows started coming in groups of twos and threes and soon the bar was overflowing. It turned out to be a good crowd for the retirement banquet of NICK BRINDL, DEL TOSH and FRED LUNDIE. The picturesque riverside view was enhanced by fine food, a tasty libation and pleasant companionship. Del Tosh's son, ERROL, watched his dad get the business. NICK BRINDL Jr. was present to back up his dad. Not that the elder Nick needed it. Pensioners present were: TOM HENRY via Greyhound from Minnesota; L. B. FARBER, F. JONES, S. LUKAS, HANK GABAUER, C. SCHUMAKER and W. OLSON. IBEW Local No. 9 was represented by President F. HINCE and Executive Board Member ED MCKENNY. The Utility Department was represented by OLLIE JOHNSON, CLIFFORD JACOBS and CHARLIE FERRANTE. From the Signal Department came TED SZEWC and DANNY WATERS. This banquet was hosted by the 311 Banquet Club and sponsored by the many fellows who contributed by donations and attendance. Our thanks to you all for

DATACENTER -

Our vacationers made out-of-state trips to all points of the compass. TOM WODARSKI went east to Kings Island, Ohio; both LORRIE RILEY and JANE MCGUAN went south to New Orleans; MARGE HELGESEN went west to California, and for GERRY BLAIR, it was north to Canada...There's been a new addition to the JOE GINGRAS family -- Sparky, a three-month old "Hines". That brings the Gingras' tax deductions to nine...Just returning from the "better late than never" honeymoon is

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JOINING THE
ranks of the re-
tired on August 1
was **RICHARD**
DORGAN, Sub
Unit Supervisor,
Electrical De-
partment, who
had 49 years of
service with CSL
and CTA.



NEW PENSIONERS

GEORGE BACHELDER Jr., Operator,
Archer, Emp. 4-30-42
LEONARD BAEUCHLER, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 5-19-53
ALOIS BRANDSTETTER, Laborer,
Building Maint., Emp. 5-19-47
WILLIAM COONEY, Adjuster,
Claims Law, Emp. 12-7-36
RICHARD DORGAN, Sub Unit Supervisor,
Substation Operation, Electrical,
Emp. 5-7-26
JOE FREEMAN, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 8-14-51
PAUL GURAK, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 4-25-57
HARRIET GURGEL, Wrapper,
South Shops, Emp. 1-13-58
FREDERICK LOEBBAKA, Operator,
Howard Street, Emp. 7-26-44
JOHN MARSALA, Iron Worker Helper,
Plant Maintenance, Emp. 5-24-41
JAMES McMENAMIN, Box Puller,
North Park, Emp. 1-30-54
SAM MONTROSE, File Clerk,
Transportation, Emp. 1-29-48
JOHN PARKS, Security Officer I,
Security, Emp. 8-1-47
ANTHONY RAIMONDI, Laborer,
Building Maintenance, Emp. 5-9-42
JAMES RICHARDSON, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 11-9-36
IRVING ROSS, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 9-29-69
STANLEY RYCZEK, Painter,
Building Maintenance, Emp. 9-18-59
EARL SAENDER, Box Puller,
69th Street, Emp. 3-8-48
ARTHUR STAHL, Stock Clerk I,
Stores-South, Emp. 3-31-43
HENRY TAYLOR, Operator,
52nd Street, Emp. 1-25-46
WILLIAM VIGUS, Engr. Asst., Graphics,
Engineering, Emp. 8-14-41

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

MORRIS BURDA, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 8-18-52
RAYMOND DESMORE, Motorman,
Douglas, Emp. 12-31-45
FRANCIS MICETICH, Repairer,
Beverly, Emp. 3-24-63
CARL PELOW, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 10-16-45

making this a great occasion. I hope the retirees had a good time. I know I did...
WALTER OLSON, retired power supervisor, and his wife, **SYLVIA**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary some months ago. Sylvia must be taking good care of Walter because he sure looks good...
ROSE McANDREWS, the mother of our own **TERRY McANDREWS**, retired July 1. She is known as **Rose of Rockwell** (Ravenswood that is) and was well known by her many friends, employees and passengers alike, for her pleasant personality. She always wishes you a nice day. So, Rose, we wish you a nice retirement with many, many nice days...
BILL SHEAHAN and part of his family took off for Denver where they picked up more of the clan. After a night's rest it was on to Las Vegas to pick up another clansman, **TOM**. Tom is an air force cadet who was serving three weeks' training with the enlisted men. Well, anyway, after four days of high living the Sheahan clan took off for California. It was a much easier trip to California because **BILL** said his wallet was lighter. Los Angeles and San Francisco were the areas **Bill** and his family visited for the rest of their vacation...
ED DEVLIN and his family spent a few days at Six Flags in and around the St. Louis area...By this time **DON GIERHAHN** and his wife are back from a brief interlude to Nordic Hills. 73

- Ben Nelson

(Rapid Transit Signal Division) -

"I came back," From vacation, that is. Now all you other guys out there still on vacation enjoying yourselves ought to do the same. We have work here to be done. Lots of it. I took only a small portion of my family with me this time--my wife, **LENNIE**, and our three-year-old daughter, **ROBIN**. For something rewardingly different, I later picked up my parents who are not so young, and we all went to Hot Springs National Park for a most enjoyable time. The only problem we ran into was with the three-year-old at one of the hot water drinking fountains. She kept insisting that we give her cold water...
Signal Maintainer EDDIE McCLINTON, who often works the midnight to 8 a.m. shift, was injured recently as he stepped from a train while on a trouble call. This was a close one for **Mack** as his fall brought him in contact with the third rail. He is expected to be back at work soon. So hurry back, Ed, these other guys are afraid of the dark...
EARL BELL chose a beautiful way to get away from the noise and pollution on the Dan Ryan; by taking his wife, **JUANITA**, and daughter, **ANGELA**, on a trip southward to Florida. They visited Nashville, Tenn., Silver Springs, Fla., with swimming and relaxing in Miami Beach. Angela, who is ten, enjoyed the car ride and touring new cities, but her heart was set on seeing Disney World. Earl said the vacation was quite expensive but most enjoyable...Con-

gratulations are in order for **Signal Maintainer LEON WILSON** and his wife, **SUSAN**, on the happy arrival of **PETER DAN**, 8 pounds 2 ounces of love and joy. I think **Leon** was over-exaggerating when he said **Peter** had already mastered the track circuit but if this is true, this kid is a lot smarter than his dad...
Regrettably we report the death of **JOSEPH P. FEELEY**, financial secretary of **IBEW Local No. 1**, Mr. Feeley, who has been a member of the local since 1948, has also been its financial secretary for seven years. He will be missed by all...
Signal Maintainer DENN DOBBYN was recently visited by his sister, Mrs. **MAY CHELLEW** from Hong Kong. Mrs. Chellew who was accompanied by three of her children was gladly received by the Dobbys who had not seen her since 1962. Expecting to arrive back to her home in Hong Kong about January, 1976, Mrs. Chellew will visit other relatives along the way in Ireland, England and Tokoroa, New Zealand...
HENRY MURRY is off sick. We wish him a speedy recovery...I talked to **Big DAN MORIARTY** this morning. He is back on the job not after being in the hospital sick for awhile. Lots of luck to you, Dan...Even though I took them 12 months to do it, we are happy to report that more of the guys joined the "one year older club" this month. Congratulations and happy birthday to these signal maintainers: **ROGER COMER**, July 22; **JOHN KOEPKE**, July 3; **NORM MILLIES**, July 4, and **DAN MORIARTY**, July 4. There, now, that was not hard to do, was it?...
JOHN WOULDIE, apparently not being able to find anything better to do during his vacation, decided to go and build a house; a summer cottage or something like that. Good luck!

- Tommie Lowery

FOREST GLEN -

First I'd like to thank "Chappie", our fine terminal board man, for his wonderful job of repainting and lettering our Transit News box. He sure brightened it up. Now you can't miss it, so there's no excuse for not giving me news about yourself or your family...
On May 3 **ROY PICKARTZ** was married to lovely **JUDY** of our CTA Insurance Department. By now they are getting pretty well settled in their new home. See, fellows, how all our departments work together. Hope you two are very happy and enjoy many happy years. By the way, **Roy** celebrated his birthday June 25 while on the honeymoon...
Box Puller CHESTER BACHARA and his wife, **EUGENIA**, celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary May 20. Chester wishes to say hello to all his friends and says it's really great being back at Forest Glen...
RICHARD CRABB, the son of Operator **RUPERT CRABB**, is now driving for the summer months. He may like it well enough to just stay on. **Rupert** and his wife attended a double wedding July 26 when his

no nieces were married at St. George Greek Orthodox church. Their son, Richard, did the singing.

JOHN JOYCE, preman of the bus repairs, visited the zarks. Fishing wasn't too hot, but he did get plenty of rest. Well, you sure look good John. Must have been a fine vacation. Speaking of him, his daughter, ATY, graduated in June and is now at



Katy Joyce

resbyterian-St. Lukes hospital...Collector JOHN PLANTHABER, along with his lovely wife and daughter drove to Florida for three weeks. Now the old boy will sure get a rest after that trip. John says it was a change and he does love driving...Operator AL (Sweetlips) PLODZIN and his Mrs. went to the East Coast to visit friends and family...S. MIKA of the Repair Department is a grandfather for the first time. He sure is proud. By the way, he has a daughter working in the Mart...Operator BOB LEMKE announced that his daughter, LINDA MARIE, is to be married to DONALD TRIPICCNIO Oct. 18. Lemke now has 28 years of service with the CTA. Operator ART WHITFIELD and his lovely wife, GRACE, celebrated 20 years of happiness July 9. Did anyone notice the mustache Art is sporting? If it keeps up it will reach from ear to ear but it looks very nice on him...T. J. BASGALL is back after a short stay in the hospital and is looking for anyone interested in buying a rubber donut slightly used, but in very good condition...JIM HAGERTY and the Mrs. are going south for a few weeks for a well-earned vacation...Operator JOSEPH I. WILSON tells us his daughter, CAROL J. WILSON, was married to MARK HAMILTON July 19 at St. Francis Borgia Church. The reception was at the Golden Flame. The honeymoon was in Hawaii...Operator FRANK LIPINSKI just became a grandfather for the third time, and he's quite proud too. The baby girl was born July 6, but at the time Frank just couldn't think of her name. Be careful now, Frank, she is getting to you. His son-in-law is serving in the air force... Clerk JACK LOREAU says when his wife calls, the whole switchboard lights up. Jack, the Mrs. must have quite a bit of spark... Clerk SAM GIRARD sure starts your day off with a smile. I can't imagine where he gets his little jokes, but you can see he expects our chief clerk working. I suppose MISS GUNDERSON heard 'em all, so he stays away... Speaking of clerks, TOM KEALY on the p.m. shift has a real Irish mile for all. He's a fine young gentleman...Operator MITCHELL SZALWA and the Mrs. took off for California, driving and taking in all the sights...Retired Operator TONY RESZOTKO paid us a visit. He looks very well and wishes to say hello

to all his old buddies. He and the Mrs. are planning to fly out west for several weeks for their wedding anniversary of 38 years...Operator WEIL is taking in the City of New York. He just can't stay away from the large cities...Recently a former CTA bus operator and his wife, WALTER and ISABELLE BAKER, were the house guests of Night Superintendent JAMES BROGAN and his wife, EVELYN. The visitors are now living in South Gate, Cal. Operator BOB BAKER says his lovely 19-year-old daughter who entered the army for three years was home in July for two weeks, then reported to Ft. Sill, Okla., for assigned duties. By the way, Bob and his wife, JOAN, have been married 27 years... Board Member DELCONTE is getting around on crutches after an injury to his ankle. Were you getting in shape for the football season?...Supervisor G. O. HAND's wife suffered a knee injury this summer. I suppose from chasing the old boy around the house too fast...Operator CHRIS PANTOS' beautiful daughter, KATHY, was married July 5 to BRUCE BRUNS. I've seen a few weddings, but have to admit Kathy was the most beautiful bride I've ever seen and of course Bruce helped to put the gleam in her eyes. Mr. Bruns, those top hats and tails were out of this world...Received a letter from Supervisor WILLIE DUREN who went on disability and is now living in Florence, Ala. He had his kidneys replaced with plastic. Willie says hello to all and also states what a good job you all are doing. He also said what a fine company we have to work for; you never know how well off you are until you have to leave. Duren says drop him a line at 2709 Terrace Place, Florence, Ala. 35630. Good luck, Willie, from your friends.

- W. A. Henry (Don't let me forget)

GENERAL OFFICE (Administrative Services) - JOHN and ROSEMARY GRITS celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 29. At the dinner in their honor at Nielsen's restaurant were their five children and seven grandchildren.

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neumann

KEDZIE -

I'm sorry for not having an article in our last issue. I just didn't have any news to write about. I'm always looking for news, so please fill me in on your vacations or your fishing trips... Superintendent R. KEAG would like to see our accident record improve. Our Instruction Department will answer any questions you might have on how to improve your driving habits... Your reporter's niece, THERESA ANN VITACCO, and EUGENE STEPNIAK were married on July 13. Theresa Ann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. SOL VITACCO. Sol is a retired operator from Limits Garage. The happy couple had their re-

Service anniversaries in August

30 years

A. L. Bell, South Section
M. Borek, Forest Glen
R. Carpenter, North Park
M. Clemente, District C
A. P. DiBenedetto, Utility
R. C. Gaess, North Avenue
T. R. Govan, 52nd Street
J. P. Gubbins, Stores-Central
F. P. Hahn, 77th Street
R. J. Horosko, North Avenue
E. Jasek, Forest Glen
G. Karras, Forest Glen
R. LaFaire, South Section
W. Z. Mavrinac, Track & Structures
J. J. Mayer, Skokie Shop
W. Montoya, Buildings & Grounds
L. R. Mueller, North Park
A. J. Pinelli, Travel Information
J. N. Reding, North Park
S. F. Sadowski, North Avenue
H. J. Semon, Buildings & Grounds
E. W. Slamp, Utility
J. Sobieski, 52nd Street
L. F. Stroud, Archer
A. J. Swoope Jr., Harlem Maint. Term.
M. Tricoci, Travel Information
J. R. Turek, North Avenue
G. Vanderflute, Skokie Shop
W. A. Wangero, Utility
C. Weyer, Instruction-North Ave.
E. J. Whiting, Electrical
E. J. Witek, North Avenue
G. Wright, South Shops
J. P. Zalud, Electrical

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J. M. Bagdzius, South Shops
R. J. Bieniasz, Equip. Engineering
M. P. Connolly, Skokie Shop
J. C. Garrity, Limits
Z. S. Koczynski, Forest Park
C. J. Majewicz, Bldgs. & Grounds
J. J. Mauro, Buildings & Grounds
B. McBride, 69th Street
R. Michalski, Buildings & Grounds
W. B. Plair, Buildings & Grounds
J. V. Tunzi Jr., Transportation
J. L. Williams, Electrical

ception at the Golden Eagle on Milwaukee avenue in Niles. Everyone had a good time, including ADAM FIORITO of Maintenance Instruction and JOE FIORITO, foreman of the Tire Center at Archer Garage... The Kedzie baseball team is doing well under the management of CURTIS COLEMAN. Those of you who

can make some of these games, please come out and cheer them on...Our deepest sympathy to the following operators and their families in their great losses. Retired Operator G. WILLIAMS, whose wife, BERNICE, was laid to rest June 13 at St. Casimir cemetery. Also to Operator R. LUCAS, whose son was drowned at summer camp in Louisiana...Supervisor ED WHITE and his wife had a baby girl at Michael Reese hospital. ELIZABETH MARIE weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces. Supervisor White was formerly out of Kedzie, and now is in District C...Operator LEON BROWN is still on the sick list. Operator C. JAMES broke his arm. To them and others on the sick list we wish a speedy recovery. Hope to see you back on the job soon... Don't forget your credit union. Save a little each payday and watch your happiness grow.

- Raymond Graham

LIMITS -

Greetings, your on the case reporter here. Just a few weeks ago I was talking to ED PUNTIL about his upcoming vacation to Poland. Well, I just got a postcard from Ed and his lovely wife, HARRIET, and it's all go for the 34-day tour of their homeland. Man, that really sounds great. I can't wait until he gets back to hear all about it...Our softball team has really gone down the old drain, and that's being nice about it. I could say something else but I don't think it would be printed. Better luck next year, gang...A get well goes out to our men on the sick list: B. H. SMITH, J. R. VIZCARRUNDO, W. M. THOMPSON, A. SPARKS, R. L. FLEMING, LYDIA LEWIS, R. GOSHA, D. S. FINOCCHIO, S. POSNER and A. J. CANOVA...You people on vacation, don't forget to let me know where you went. You can find me on run 144 wearing badge 9509, or just leave a note with the clerk...Happy birthday to BILL GOSS, who at the age of 90 is really enjoying retirement. Bill retired from the Motor Coach in 1951 after 32 years out of Rosemont, Ravenswood and Keeler Garages. Watching TV, yard work and playing with his seven great-grandchildren keeps him occupied. Bill would enjoy hearing from some of his old Motor Coach buddies. Write him at 1333 W. School street, Chicago, IL 60657.



Bill Goss

- Charles Turner

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT -

DENNIS KUHN of South Shops and BILL ROMAN of Materials Management are beaming with pride. Both fellas became

proud fathers of sons. And by coincidence, they both named their sons MICHAEL... Congratulations to MARK FITZPATRICK, Storeroom 32, and TOM MARASOVICH, Storeroom 57, on their recent engagements...Get well wishes are extended to GEORGE CROFOOT, Storeroom 57, and AUBERT MUIRHEID, Storeroom 60. Hope to see their smiling faces real soon... We're happy to report that ANN GARRITY and ANN JOBARIS are recuperating from recent illnesses, and will return to work shortly. Their co-workers in Materials Management wish them a very speedy recovery...It would certainly be a shame if we neglected to congratulate TINA RODRIGUEZ's son, JUAN. Juan was graduated from grade school in June and presently he's attending the Technological Institute in Monterey, Mexico. In September, he will attend Holy Trinity High school... 'Twas vacation time for RITA KRUEGER. Rita described her vacation spent in Traverse City, Mich., as heavenly--and she had the opportunity of meeting President Ford...PATRICIA REED in Specifications Department spent her vacation resting in the shade while DORIS WINFREY and spouse took a tour of the sunny south--Florida and Mississippi. My co-reporter, JAMES RILEY, is really champing at the bit today. He's leaving for a two-week vacation and hopes to spend some time in Toronto, Montreal, and New York City. Have a ball, James--you deserve a break!...ANDY CUNNINGHAM of Storeroom 61 spent two weeks in San Francisco, Calif., with the national guard. Half the time he marched with the guard but the other half he spent in the movies. What were the names of the movies you saw Andy?...The welcome mat is out in Specifications for the new spec engineers, STANLEY MEEKA and STANLEY BATHELT. Happy to have ya...And last but not least, the people out in the South Shops are glad to see JIM WHITLEY back. And they wish to extend a "happy retirement" to JOHN SPRINGER and ART STAHL--they'll certainly be missed... Calling Storeroom 20, 43 and Skokie Shop--we want you in the news. Drop us a line or two.

- Delores Duff

NORTH AVENUE -

First, we roll out the old welcome mat to the new operators who have come to North Avenue Garage during the past month... Best of luck to Operator EARL THOMPSON who has changed his status to that of collector...We offer our congratulations to Repairman DON BALL and his wife, SHARON, on the birth of their son on Friday, June 13. It was also Don's anniversary date of employment. The Balls also have a daughter, SHEILA, age 3...Operator RICH PYTLEWICZ, his wife, LINDA, and their 1½-year-old son, MARK, all joined in the celebration of a newborn to the Pytlewicz family, STACY LYNN...Op-

erator HARLOW (Fritz) MOELLER and wife took a short vacation to Iowa. Upon returning, Moeller was hospitalized, operated on, and was off for six weeks. We are glad to report that Moeller is back on the job again...On July 23 as the big ball ascended into the clouds headed for Winnipeg, Canada, our own operator, HOLLY LEWIS, was among the many vacationers. Hollis has promised us pictures of some of his many activities while in Canada. Ti will tell... This reporter and his wife, WILONE, have just returned from a vacation in the Inglewood-Los Angeles area. Ti WILLIAMS, THOMPCKINS, PEREZ, CHAMERE, and GREENHOUSE families traveled this vacation one of the best that this reporter has had. Thanks to all of you. Keep the news coming and you will see your name in print.

- Aaron Duitt

NORTH PARK -

Your Credit Union officials, JOHN O'BRIEN, DALE PETERS, JERRY BUDZISZ and CHARLES SAUER, wish to announce a per cent dividend on July 1 on all share and savings accounts. Send or bring your passbooks in to be updated as soon as possible...The instruction force would like to take this opportunity to thank the line instructors and others for their time and effort training the summer students who are enabling us to enjoy summer vacations. Chief Clerk JERRY BLAKE and his wife, SHIRLEY, enjoyed a week's vacation in South Amboy, N.J., where Jerry's daughter, Mrs. CAROL WALLIS, and her family live...Operator LOWELL (Lefty) BRIDGES played his usual excellent round of golf and had the good fortune to defeat Clerk ART COOPER in the annual Division 241 golf outing held at Cog Hill Golf club on Friday, July 11...Superintendent ALEJO JOHNSON and his family enjoyed a visit to the Air Force Museum in Columbus, Ohio where Alex had many memories from World War II. Before leaving on vacation Alex had his home in Schaumburg side and was very impressive as the boss of the job...Superintendent LOUIS MUELLER and his family enjoyed their vacation at their country estate in Lake Delavan, Wisconsin, an accomplished water skier, was kept busy instructing members of the family on the fine arts of this sport...Operator GUS JONES and his son, DAVID, vacationed at Memphis, Tenn., and throughout Arkansas. A visit with Gus' uncle, FED DIX GREGORY, and aunt, HARRIET MORRIS, was also enjoyed...Operator BUCK WALTERS and his wife, DORCAS, had a week's vacation in North Carolina where they attended the National Wildlife Conference held in the Great Smoky Mountains...Operator LE ROY CARR and his wife, LOUISE, visited their son, TOM, and his wife, STEPHENIE, and children, MALE and TRENT, who reside in North Glenn, Colorado. Also on the agenda was a trip to

Adopts Korean Orphan

It's not every 15-year-old girl who decides to adopt a Korean orphan. But that's exactly what Michelle O'Connell, daughter of District A Superintendent Eddie O'Connell, decided to do.

She initiated the "Little Sister" program Elizabeth Seton High School in Dolton and enlisted the help of her fellow students



sponsor an 8-year-old orphan girl in Korea. The students raised enough money to provide her with housing, food, and clothing for one year.

For her role in this project, Michelle won the community's Service to Mankind award, sponsored by the Dolton-South Holland Junior Woman's Club. She is also the recipient of her school's Spirit Award.

Helping others is an ongoing concern for Michelle. While in school, she tutors children with speech problems as well as privately tutoring a 12-year-old mentally retarded girl. She's volunteered this summer to teach music to handicapped children at Echo School in South Holland.

Michelle's one other interest is music. She plays French horn and piano and plans to pursue a career as an entertainer. Her earnings, she says, will go toward helping other people.

While her father is proud of her, his one complaint is that Michelle's activities keep her away from home. "I hardly ever get to see her," he says.

ata Fe, N.M., to check on some property of Carrs own...Mrs. ELSIE LINK, the wife of Assistant Superintendent MELVIN LINK, her daughter, IRENE, and aunt, ELIZABETH GROTH, attended the 25th anniversary celebration for Mrs. Link's sister, AUDREY LIESE and her husband, Reverend ROBERT LIESE in Ashway, R.I. Tests and friends enjoyed a renewal of love and an evening of happiness...Operator HAROLD ANDERSCHAT and his wife,

ANNE, and Pensioner HENRY SCHRAMM and his wife, ELIZABETH, enjoyed two weeks in Forsyth, Mo., where they stayed at the home of Pensioner RAY DONESKI and his wife, EVELYN. Visits with Pensioners ART MUIR, ROY LEMKE and WILLARD GILL were also enjoyed. Also on the agenda was a stop at Harry Truman's birthplace in Lamar, Mo...CLERK RODERICK AUSTIN underwent surgery at Illinois Masonic hospital and at this writing is recuperating satisfactorily. Congratulations are extended to Rod on his receiving his Illinois Real Estate Certificate from I.R.E.M...Pensioner RAY SIMON has purchased a home and will be leaving the Chicago area. Ray's new address will be: 4442 E. 6th Street, Tucson, Ariz. 85711. Our best to Ray as he will be right at home with all the CTA families in the area...Box Puller DALE PETERS and his wife, SUE, became grandparents for the first time when their daughter, Mrs. PATRICIA ANN PARENTI, gave birth to a daughter named KATHERINE SUE, born on July 8 at St. Joseph hospital weighing 6 pounds 8 ounces...Operator GUS JONES and his wife, JUNE MARIE, became grandparents for the second time when their daughter, Ms. JUNE MARIE JONES, gave birth to a daughter named JANELL MONIET, born July 10 at Billings hospital weighing 6 pounds 10 ounces...Operator EARLING CARLSON began pensioned life on July 1 after 41 years of service. One of North Park's quiet and efficient operators, the best to Mr. Carlson in his golden years...Operator LEN BAEUCHLER with a combined total of 34 years of service with CTA, retired Aug. 1. Len, who has been one of Skokie's most popular operators, will spend his time remodeling his home and then his plans may be in Arizona...Our sympathy and condolences to Operator HILLARD DERENGOWSKI in the loss of his father, JOHN DERENGOWSKI.

Repair Department Chit Chat: Our heartfelt thanks to the repair department for their efforts in behalf of the fine job they are doing on our equipment...Congratulations are extended to Repairman EDWARD PALA who was elected board member for the North Side of Division 241...Repairman ROBERT KAPLAN was injured while off duty and at this writing is recuperating satisfactorily...The welcome mat is extended to Repairman GEORGE SERGOT and Servicemen JOHN HOLLAND and TOM JACOBS...Engine Blower ROBERT KRAMER has left North Park for a new position at Skokie Shop...Scheduleman EDWARD OLENDER and his friends went coho fishing on Operator CLARENCE VAN MIDDELSTWORTH's boat, "The Debtors Prison". A limit of five coho each was caught and a fine fish fry was enjoyed by all...On vacations at this writing are: Foreman PHIL O'CONNOR, Day Instructor GENE BRACH, PM Instructor ROBERT MILLER, ALEX FRITZLER, RAY LEONHART, PAUL SCHREVES, ROBERT VAN

DER MEIR, ROBERT JOHNSON, CLEO EVANS, JOE LOCKHART, CHARLES SCHAFFINI, HOWARD HALVERSON, BOB LORENTZ, PAT DALEY, TOM CHIVANO, MAX TSUCHIVA and GENE DRIZEWICKI...Stock Clerk MELVIN McDONALD spent his vacation on an Indian reservation near Niagara Falls and we will all be looking forward to seeing Mel's headress when he gets back...PM Foreman GUST HENNELLY and his family are enjoying a trip back home to Ireland to visit and renew acquaintances with family again.

- Melvin Horning

OPERATIONS PLANNING (Schedules) -

JOE BILLIS and his family drove to Florida and came back with a beautiful tan...FRANK CORBETT painted and performed other chores around the house...DAVID JACOBS was busy with his many house and garden chores...GEORGE WEST and his family took a trip to six southern states to put mileage on his new Chrysler with the sun roof...JOE SABOL at this writing is in St. Joseph's hospital and ED JOYCE is in Resurrection hospital. We wish them both a speedy recovery...Sympathy of the department is extended to FRANK PATTERSON, traffic checker, in the death of his mother...We welcome MARIO McMANUS, trainee, to the department.

(Routes & Systems) -

We welcome our summer employee, MARY BETH O'CONNOR, who will be with us only a short time but who has already made her presence felt especially with the male co-workers. Mary is in her third year of law school...The stork was really busy during the months of June and July a long time ago. Birthdaying are LOU REDDING, CHARLIE DROZDA, HARVEY MCCLINTON, BOB VANCE and LINDA GRYSBECK...Give a loud cheer to the Engineering softball team to which TOM PRENDERGAST (left field), FRANK O'DOWD (short-stop), MIKE GROVAK (second base) and HARRY HIRSCH (second base) belong. These gallant and daring, truly noble men have won only one of seven games, and that one by forfeit. It happened this way: our team was losing 26 to 3 and somehow the other team felt impelled to use an illegal player. What a way to win a game. Hey, guys, enough is enough. Start winning on your own merit...EVELYN MARTIN has been with us for four months and there has been speculation that she has toothpicks for legs since she has never worn a dress. But guess what? She broke her rule of thumb and wore a dress--believe it or not folks, she really does have legs and not bad looking legs either...Some strange and powerful force has been influencing the female employees. JILL LINNE has frosted her hair, JOAN HARRISON and GRACE IACONO had their hair cut. But the puzzling aspect of this situation is that

there has not been a new male addition to cause such a disturbance. Well, girls, who's next?

(Passenger Controls) -

Our get well wishes go to FRANK IACONO of South Shops, the husband of GRACE IACONO, who is recuperating after surgery...JOAN HARRISON and STEVE WOLGEMUTH recently served on jury duty. Although they didn't send anyone to the chair, they caught up on their reading...DAVID SIKICH, a cousin of our NEIL ST. JOHN, won the \$300,000 Illinois State lottery. But how long will it last? Neil is already making plans for the next poker game and what he will do with all the money he wins from his cousin.

- Ray Batista & Linda Gysbeck

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE (Skokie Shop) -

If they were giving prizes for magazine columns with loads of news--we wouldn't even come close to winning the booby prize--as we have very little news this month. But, we'll do our best with what we have, so here goes... We reported last month that ED BLICHARZ and GEORGE MICHAUD, both of Production Supply Control, were on the sick list. At this writing they are still home. In the meantime, RAY BRZECZEK, terminal clerk, was added to our sick list, and Ray, too, is recuperating from surgery. To all of you, we hope it won't be too much longer when you all will be back among the healthy ones at Skokie Shop...Vacation time is in full swing, but this month we haven't received too many reports as to who is going where. As they return we'll try to fill you in on how they spent their vacations. GENE RYMKE and JOHN SOPRYCH of Technical Services have been away on vacations. We didn't hear what Gene's plans were before he left and at this writing he is still away. John was pushing a paint brush some of the time, fixing up the homestead...GEORGE KIMMSKE, carpenter, and his wife, FRANCES, are very proud to announce the arrival of their 18th grandchild, CHRISTOPHER JOHN PERRY, who arrived on July 10 and weighed in at 9 pounds 11 ounces. Congratulations to the happy parents and grandparents...Now for some golf news. For the first time, the Skokie Shop golfers came out on top in the South Shops golf outing on June 28 at the Old Oak Country club. Skokie took first, second and third place prizes, with handicaps. JOHN ZDUNEK, upholsterer, shot a 66 and won a four-slice toaster. JIMMY OLSEN, machinist, shot a 67 and won a pocket calculator. GARY WILSON, electrical worker, shot a 68 and won a hedge trimmer. The other golf winners are LARRY VANDERHORST, upholsterer; MARIO ZIOCCHI, carpenter; TED LESNIAK, electrical worker; RALPH KEMPE, truck shop foreman; GENE (Smokey) SLICANI, shopman; FRANK KLINFEC, machinist, and GEORGE

MILONAS. All the golfers would like to congratulate JOHN JANKUS and his committee for the wonderful outing and dinner, and sincerely hope they can attend next year's outing...The Twin Lakes Country club, in Twin Lakes, Wisc., was the scene of a golf match and the participants were Electrical Workers JIM ARNOUX, LARRY VANDERHORST, PAT HARNETT and Carpenter DICK WILSON. Jim and Pat won the match easily and they both want to thank JOHN BEHOF for the great tips he gave them in order for them to beat Dick and Larry. If there is anyone who is willing to take these two winners on get in touch with Jim Arnoux...Sorry, but this is it for this month and, unless you tell us what you'd like published in the magazine, we have no idea what's going on. So, how about socking us with a lot more news next month. See you then.

- Mary Hendrickson & Pat Harnett

(South Shops) -

Let's start off the shop news this month by talking about the vacations some of us were on this summer. Electrician BILL ROHE and his family spent a few weeks in Southern California on his "freebie" vacation. Bill stayed at his daughter's house in Torrance. DAVE MAIDEN and his family were out camping on the East Coast and visited New York, Philadelphia, Washington and Boston. They also toured the Football Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass. ROY EVANS was out deep sea fishing off Dare Cove in the Atlantic Ocean. Roy reports that the fishing was just great and he saw no signs of the "great white shark." NICK SIMONETTI is back after a few weeks in Florida. TONY POLICH spent his vacation in Northern Wisconsin. JOE FRANCHI was up in Thunder Bay, Canada. BOB NORD vacationed in California. BILL RAFFERTY had his annual home-do vacation in Westchester...Get well wishes go out to Mechanics BILL TETYK, MIKE ROCHE, PAUL BROTT, GEORGE GEIS and GEORGE HAYES Jr...We are very sorry to hear that ROGER MULVIHILL's father-in-law, MAX WISE, passed away recently...CHARLIE BAREISHIS became a grandfather for the first time when his daughter gave birth to his grandson, SEAN ALEXANDER MCGILL, who weighed 8 pounds 4 ounces...MAX and LORETTA KUCHAN are the proud grandparents of LISA LAUREN who weighed 5 pounds 3 ounces at birth...Get well wishes and a speedy recovery go out to FRANK IACONO, PETER RACZON and "Pepsi-Cola", STANLEY PSZCZOLA. Hurry back to work fellows...A big welcome back to CAROLINE GULJAS of the Print Shop after her recent illness...MICHAEL VUJNOVICH, the son of Machinist TOM VUJNOVICH, won his letter in swimming from Schurz High school and he was also the recipient of the coaches most valuable player award...In closing, if you value your life please don't ask JAKE WEBER what a matador is.

I don't know what's going on out here in the South Shops office, but there are sure a lot of pregnant people. I would like to congratulate DENISE and RICH COX on their becoming parents in the winter month. Also ED SHIELDS of the Production/Supply Office, his wife is also expecting in December. There might be more, but not this time. Who's next?...GAIL HATHAWAY says the rumor that is spreading around the shops is false. What is the rumor anyway, Gail?...CHUCK LIEDTKE read a number on his car. It seems a trick got in his way. Crunch!...RICH JUVINIA is attempting to grow a moustache. Gail, luck, Rich, it still looks like you have a dirty lip though...JIM HAWORTH just returned from vacation. He and his family spent a week relaxing in the back yard of their huge pool with everything imaginable on it, Jim described it as being uneventful, but I don't know...BILL HAWORTH also returned from his vacation. With his family he went to Delevan, Wisc., for some water skiing and outdoor fun...Congratulations to GEORGE HAENISCH on becoming the father of a baby boy. Also his wife ARLENE. GEORGE Jr. was born July 10 and weighed in at 9 pounds 11 ounces. JIM FORRESTAL's son, FRANK, received his masters in journalism. He is now working on his law degree. Good going Frank, keep it up and who knows, maybe you'll become president or something. The South Shops Annual Golf Outing turned out to be a huge success. They had a record turnout of 88 golfers. Everyone enjoyed a family style dinner and also prizes... Another birth announcement! CHARLIE HAYNES and his wife, BETTY, became parents of twins on July 25. The two girls were born ten minutes apart, weighing 11-3/4ths ounces and 5 pounds 1-3/4ths ounces at 4:31 and 4:41 a.m. Congratulations! Happy birthday to ED EVANS who is now half a century old. You're not getting older Ed, you're getting better. In what, I don't know.

- Jeanne Diehl & Lawrence Brown

SOUTH SECTION -

Yours truly had the misfortune to break the little toe on her left foot July 4 by striking it against the end table at home. Of course, everyone said I was trying to kick my hubby, RON, and missed. Ha! Fortunately, I was able to work at the toe is good now and I can even wear regular shoes instead of gym shoes. And can golf again--which I'm very happy about. We were on vacation and just returned from a trip up to Dearborn, Michigan where we saw Greenfield Village and the Henry Ford Museum and took a tour of the Ford plant. So my column will be a little short this time...Other vacationers were Towerman CARL BRADLEY and his wife who spent a few weeks in Florida and saw Disney World and spent time in Tallahassee visiting his wife's family. They also were

Miami Beach...The traveling JAGLAS, Motorman TONY and his wife, MARIE, went to Europe again. This time to Barcelona, Brussels and Vienna. You should see his pictures of the bathing beauties along the Riviera...Our hearts are filled with sadness by the passing away of Motorman JOSEPH GRIFFIN who worked at 1st Street. Joe had been very ill for many months. Our sincere condolences to Mrs. GRIFFIN and her children. May he rest in peace...Assistant superintendent at 61st Street, ARDIS MORRIS, and his family vacationed in Shreveport, La., visiting their relatives...Back to their posts and off the job list are: Towerman WARREN LATMORE, Motormen JAMES PRESTON and GORDON BUTLER...Just heard that Retired Clerk JOE O'CONNOR passed away recently in New York. Joe was one of the best people to know, and we all just can't get over that he is gone...Janitor CLARENCE HALBERT had a whale of a vacation. First he went to Beaumont and Houston, Texas, and then to New Orleans. Our South Siders really traveled around this summer...As of July 15 the South Side "L" Credit Union appointed to its Board of Directors a new secretary-treasurer, CLARENCE KNOX. We are very joyed to have Clarence with us and wish to give a big thanks to Clerk EARL JONES who was secretary-treasurer for the many, many hours he spent doing so much for the credit union. Earl also to Janitor ED FREEMAN for all the help too. Both Earl and Ed had other commitments and could not stay on as treasurer and assistant, but they still are in the credit union on other committees. Here are the new hours: 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mon-Thurs-Fri, and on Saturday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Everyone come on in and see Clarence Knox and get acquainted with him. Our credit union is starting to boom so come on in and see us...Retired Supervisor E. MUNRO took a wonderful trip to Nova Scotia and said the scenery was the most beautiful he has ever seen. Our pensioners get around...Our hearts go out to Motorman FRED FUQUA who lost his son in battle recently. Our sincere sympathy to you and your family.

- Vera Fawcett

TRANSPORTATION (Utility) - CAR JOHNSON joined the pensioners' ranks July 1 and LARRY LINDNER and JULIUS KUTA were present to wish Oscar along and happy retirement...Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT POELLNITZ celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary. Congratulations...GEORGE FLEISCHMAN has returned to work after five months off due to illness...It was graduation time at the JAMES ROCHE household: LINDA from St. Elizabeth's High and CAROLYN from John F. Kennedy High school...A Agriculturist EDWARD SURRETT has inquired about the use of an aerial truck to pick his corn

this year. The nine-foot high stalks and Harold were pictured in the Daily Calumet...Mr. and Mrs. JOHN C. MILLER enjoyed and profited from their vacation in Las Vegas, Los Angeles and San Francisco. John wants to know if any other horse player ever sat through nine horse races without making a wager at the track...Pensioner PAUL DENNEHY passed away. Our sympathy to the Dennehy family.

- Colette Szegopanc

WEST SECTION (Agents) -

HELEN CHRISTNER became an instant grandmother when her son got married. Helen was on vacation and went to Florida to visit with her father...GEORGE REZMER is back to work after being off sick. Stay well, George. MARY WXTED was off sick too, but is back to work now...Congratulations to E. ANGEL who was made a janitor supervisor...MIKE MANOS and his family moved into a new apartment, and they are very happy with it...Congratulations to TED CARUTHERS who won \$1,000 in the Grand Slam lottery. If you're walking down the streets of Chicago and you see a policeman that looks familiar--look again because it just might be VERA CARUTHERS. She took the police exam and passed it...Celebrating birthdays in

August are none other than Area Superintendent J. P. HALLAHAN, Assistant Superintendent BOB JANZ, Agent JULIUS JOHNSON, and your co-reporter, ZITA DOUBLIN.

On July 1 a little beauty named DEVONNE TOPAZ, weighing 9 pounds 6 ounces (wow) made her debut into our big world. Congratulations to the proud parents, Agents PAT and LEON HEGWOOD, and welcome dear baby...Poor HATTIE ROHR just discovered that the cold she has been nursing along for months is really an allergy. We are certainly glad to have this cleared up. We were quite concerned about a cold that lasted so long...We hope that by the time this is in print EDNA KANTOR and LEONARD LACHOWICZ will be well on the road to recovery. Our thoughts are with you...GLADYS RUEDIGER celebrated her sixth company anniversary on July 16. We are sure she enjoyed her free day...A little bird told us that the "Vamp of V.B.", JUNE BAREKMAN, spent a wonderful week in Washington, D.C. Knowing our Junie, we are sure it was a fun week...GENNY RUSIN quietly slipped off on vacation without a word to us. Shame on you, Gen! We're only kidding--hope you enjoyed every minute of it...SANDY MAHONEY and her faithful Volkswagen hit the road on Aug. 8 and headed for Stratford, Ontario. Sandy,

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

MARTIN BAKKA, 72, North Park, Emp. 8-19-42, Died 6-22-75
STANLEY BARANOSKAS, 89, Cottage Gr., Emp. 7-3-20, Died 7-3-75
RICHARD BATZER, 88, Cottage Grove, Emp. 12-31-19, Died 6-22-75
EDWARD BERANEK, 80, West Section, Emp. 1-23-13, Died 5-23-75
ANTON BUCAN, 77, Const. & Maint., Emp. 11-6-41, Died 5-5-75
OLIVER CLANTON, 86, Ravenswood Gar., Emp. 4-2-29, Died 6-26-75
PATRICK CONSIDINE, 70, 77th Street, Emp. 7-7-37, Died 5-22-75
HERMAN DAMMEYER, 86, Devon, Emp. 7-16-26, Died 6-4-75
PASQUALE DIFINO, 79, Way & Struts., Emp. 1-26-25, Died 6-16-75
LOUIS DRAPP, 61, North Avenue, Emp. 10-3-56, Died 8-4-75
SIGURD EGELAND, 73, West Section, Emp. 9-11-23, Died 6-21-75
ALFRED EKELMANN, 71, Charter, Emp. 6-3-29, Died 6-4-75
WILLIAM FERGUSON, 84, Way & Struts., Emp. 3-4-30, Died 4-16-75
ANNE FLYNN, 87, 61st Street, Emp. 12-12-42, Died 5-1-75
EMIL FRIEDLUND, 87, West Shops, Emp. 11-29-10, Died 6-17-75
JOSEPH GRIFFIN, 62, South Section, Emp. 5-27-36, Died 7-8-75
JAMES HOWLETT, 69, West Section, Emp. 11-18-26, Died 6-26-75

RICHARD HUIZENGA, 61, 77th Street, Emp. 1-2-46, Died 7-26-75
JAMES KEAN, 85, 77th Street, Emp. 12-9-19, Died 6-11-75
DANIEL KELLY, 86, 61st Street, Emp. 10-15-25, Died 6-14-75
FRANK KIMMEL, 74, Forest Glen, Emp. 1-22-26, Died 5-20-75
STANLEY KLICH, 63, North Avenue, Emp. 8-2-42, Died 6-16-75
JAMES McNALLY, 66, Kedzie, Emp. 8-26-42, Died 6-11-75
PAUL MEILS, 77, West Section, Emp. 6-18-24, Died 6-16-75
WALLACE MELINE, 80, Armitage, Emp. 1-29-20, Died 6-16-75
EMANUELE MIGLIORISI, 78, Way & Struts., Emp. 4-18-24, Died 5-31-75
CHARLES MUTTERER, 84, 69th Street, Emp. 9-2-13, Died 6-18-75
THOMAS QUINN, 65, District A, Emp. 9-28-36, Died 6-2-75
EMIL SCHULZ, 90, West Shops, Emp. 9-26-21, Died 6-1-75
JOSEPH SOMOGYI, 57, North Section, Emp. 6-10-47, Died 6-28-75
WALTER STRAUBING, 69, Executive, Emp. 8-31-29, Died 6-18-75
SPIROS TSAMIS, 85, 77th Street, Emp. 5-17-27, Died 12-12-74
MORRIS VAN DER MEULEN, 73, No. Sec., Emp. 9-28-26, Died 5-15-75
FRANK WALSH, 82, 69th Street, Emp. 12-28-11, Died 6-17-75

who is a classical music lover, will attend the Shakespearean Festival. How nice!.. BOB NUGENT can't claim this July vacation was the best he ever had, but it was hectic. The Nugents had a fire in their home and had to move to a motel until the damage was repaired, Bob and his young daughter suffered some burns but we are delighted to report they have both recovered...We heard a true agent-passenger story that made us chuckle so we want to pass it on to you. A passenger leaving the station stopped by the agents' booth and said, "Miss, I just found a fur on the train." The agent started in surprise and asked, "What kind of fur?" The passenger answered with a broad grin, "A trans-fur." Well, we thought it was funny. We promised not to divulge the name of the red-faced agent, so don't ask!..We suggest you join our credit union now. Then we can write about your wonderful vacation next year.

- Mary Wirted & Jita Doullin

69TH STREET -

Did you ever go on a vacation with a relaxed feeling and then get two tickets for speeding and one, above all, for jaywalking? Only N. BRADFORD could, as he traveled to the West Coast on his vacation...JOHN (Skinny) THOMAS, former operator at 69th now working in the Mart, sends his greetings to all his old friends here at the barn...Sanitary Engineer R. RAJ had a welcome visit from his daughter, MARLENE HERMAN, and her two children, RUBY and KIM, from the "Land of Enchantment", Albuquerque, N.M. We also extend our deepest sympathy to Raj and his family in the death of his mother-in-law, ANNA B. KUCHAN, who passed away on July 3...WILLIAM (Sugar Bear) ROBINSON was a real "ball" when he was asking for donations for uniforms for our softball team. It was all worthwhile as we ended up as co-champions of the league and won the playoffs to enter the Chicago Park District Tournament of Champions. Congratulations, fellows, and let's take this one too...Chief Clerk BARNEY BECKER made the rounds again to Hawaii, California and Las Vegas. He said his wife gave him more money to gamble with this time, but didn't say whether he won or lost...Wee WILLIE WILLIAMS spent every weekend in July up at Paddock Lake, Wisc. He spent his vacation working a run at 69th Street. Did you enjoy it, Willie?..Old SARGE, who everyone knows is a rough, tough and likeable guy, has a new fan, LILLIAN SIMS. She says that he is the most considerate, courteous, patient, good-looking and paternal bus operator she has ever met...IKE HORTON is now home recuperating after a long stay in the hospital. Hurry and get well, fella, we need guys like you...We hope all the fellows enjoyed themselves at the 55th annual retreat to Notre Dame. Our thanks to Retired Superintendent E. C. TOCCI for his con-

Up To 93!

CELEBRATING HIS 93rd birthday on April 20 was Pensioner Henry P. Tassaert who was feted with a surprise party given by his daughter, two granddaughters and 11 great-grandchildren.

Henry, a 50-year employee, started his transit career with the old South Side Elevated Railroad Company on Dec. 17, 1899, at the age of 17. He became an extra guard in 1902, a conductor in 1905, and a motorman in 1907. The last two positions he alternated until his retirement.

Spending his entire transit tenure in the South Section, Henry retired to a life of leisure on Jan. 1, 1950.



tribution in making the trip a success... Operator WHITE says that my pal, Operator D. SMITH, shot a 73 on Cog Hill's roughest course. Smith, if I take up chasing that little white pill, will you teach me?..Pensioner CHARLIE URBICK and his invisible dog are really enjoying retired life. He says hello to all his friends here at 69th...Other retired 69th personnel who send their best wishes are ED MEYER who looks like he could take on Muhammad Ali, and that lonely cowboy and fisherman L. JOLLY who always has a smile and a friendly wave as he goes by. I'd like to hear from my retired friends in Florida, Wisconsin and out west. Also from Retired Superintendent PEYTON as to how he is enjoying his pensioned life...We were all saddened to hear that Operator DUBINSKI lost his wife. I was really amazed at how young his mother looked when I met her at the wake...One of the nicest guys from the North Side who has joined our team at 69th is Assistant Superintendent J. BORK. Along with Superintendents COLEMAN and STEINBACH, we really have a great team...My thanks to Operator A. PORTER for letting me know that MELTON DAVID TENNELLE, the son of Supervisor and Mrs. ANTONIO TENNELLE, was appointed to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, Conn., where he is now in training. Congratulations... Please, fellows, drop me a line as to what is happening on your vacations or anything else.

From the repair department we offer our deepest sympathy to MIKE DWYER in the loss of his brother... Pensioner TOM O'SHEA says hello to all his friends at 69th. Tom and his wife are now residing in Florida... Pensioners PADDY FITZGERALD and PADDY McNICHOLS are doing fine and wish to be remembered by all their old friends at 69th... Pensioner HARRY MINOGUE is now living in Texas and doing well...To all who are on vacation, we wish you a nice time. R. BOSCO went out West; JIM CASEY visited Florida; HARVEY BROCK went to St. Louis to do some fishing; GEORGE GACEK, WALTER (Butch) KULKAUSKAS, JOHN LEVICKIS, NATE POPE, MATTHEW MURRAY and HAROLD JOHNSON, our P.M. foreman, are

all traveling through Illinois. Here hoping they all come home safely...To Dr. BARTLEY and A. MORRIS who are on the sick list, we wish them a speedy recovery and return to work soon.

- Art Bussing & Jimmy Aboue

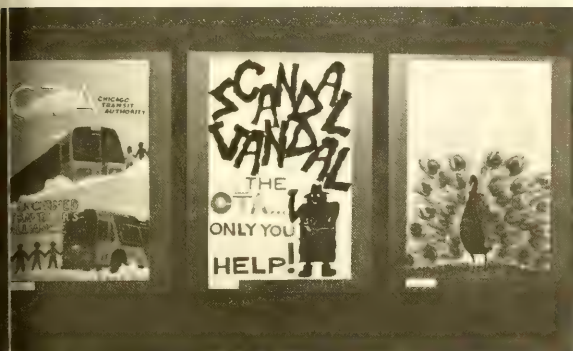
77TH STREET -

Hi ladies and gents. Well, the summer vacation season is drawing to a close. There were rumors of gas shortages and humid weather, but those trials and tribulations didn't stop Operator LYNN OWEN and his family from motoring to Albany, N.Y. He and his lovely wife, MARY, and their children spent a week and a half enjoying the sights of the empire state. EUGENE IRVIN Jr. and his attractive wife LERRA, flew first class non-stop to Los Angeles from San Francisco, Calif. Operator IRVIN informed this reporter that they were relaxing and enjoying everything the trip had to offer. He is really a traveler; upon his return from California, he and his wife drove to Lebanon, Tenn., and back. Operator EDWARD WILLIS and his family motored to Los Angeles, Calif. Willis informed me of their plans shortly before they were to leave. He also stated didn't anticipate too much road shock in their 1975 Cadillac Coupe de Ville. What way to go!..Operator and Mrs. JOE HOLACE spent one week of their two-week vacation at beautiful Niagara Falls. A accompanying Operator Horace and his wife were Operator and Mrs. SIMMON GIPSON. The foursome planned their trip weeks in advance so as to assure their accommodations. They drove there and back...We our baseball team is doing their thing. They are playing better than 500 ball as of this report are making a strong assault on the top spot. Operator and player R. PEEL has assured me that Captain FLEMING is asking for 100 per cent effort. Lots of luck to our baseball team. I would like to join all my fellow operators in wishing Operator FRED THOMAS speedy recovery. Operator Thomas is recuperating from a recent illness at Illinois Research hospital.

- Allison De Bonnett

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DEPENDENCE DAY VICTORY: Louis R. Heller (left), Assistant Superintendent, North Park Garage, congratulates Dorothy Smith, driver of the CTA's minibus in the Evanston Fourth of July Parade which won a third place award. This was the first such award the CTA has won in many years. The 10-foot-long minibus was built at the South Shops as an Explorer Scout project several years ago.



PRIDE ON DISPLAY: Honorable mentions in "Pride In Transportation" poster-art contest sponsored by CTA and Chicago Board of Education have been on display in fourth floor hall of Merchandise Mart. Here are three. Cam Render, CTA Community Relations, served as project coordinator. Winning entries are being made into large posters for use on CTA properties.



WOODWORK ONLY INCIDENTAL: To Carpenter Frank Sprovieri, working at his trade has nothing to do with pounding nails into wood. Here Sprovieri explains a new frame straightener for bus windows he helped design. Working with his hands is an interest he has shared in the building of CTA's minibus and a scale model modern bus garage for a Scout exhibition. What's 28-year-old Sprovieri do when he's not figuring out something new for repairing doors and windows? You can see him almost anytime there is a tour of the South Shops, pulling visitors along behind the minibus, which he drives.

what's news

65 students of Spanish-American background have been working during the summer at CTA in the student employment program. Positions are diversified--36 as bus drivers, nine as conductors, 16 as ticket agents, two as servicemen, one as a trackman and one as laborer. Basic salaries depend on position. Pay is equitable with salaries for full-timers. Recruitment for student positions starts in early March each year. Applicants must be full time college students or high-schoolers with proof of college enrollment following fall.

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Chicago Public Library, through 76 branches and downtown Cultural Center, has become distribution system for information on how to use the bus and rapid transit routes. CTA Route Maps and "Great Getaway" sightseeing guides are now available, free of charge, at all locations. At 23 appropriate branches, Spanish brochure is also available.

- CTA -



With school soon to begin again, it's time to call attention to CTA's 11 chartered Educational Tours to various places of interest and learning. Groups are limited to 25 or more youngsters, says CTA Sales Director David Kruger. Stops include such places as Adler Planetarium, Art Institute, Brookfield and Lincoln Park Zoos, Oriental Institute, Field Museum, Forest Preserve Nature Centers, Museum of Science and Industry, Skydeck in Sears Tower. Tour costs vary from \$1.65 to \$7.40 per youngster. Adult group leaders travel free. Above picture shows Teacher Richard Madden shepherding his 7th grade pupils aboard CTA buses at St. Louis de Montfort school for June expedition into Chicago's Past and Present. Tell educators to call 664-7200, ext. 806, for info on this fall's itineraries.

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He Is CTA's Go-Go Guy For The Sox

CTA Profile by Arline Datu

Baseball fans usually have a favorite team or player. Well, if you're a White Sox fan, it would probably be Leo Porter. And, not surprising, the White Sox team is definitely a favorite with him--has been since he was a kid.

Leo Porter is no ordinary fan. He's a CTA bus driver, who, since 1963, has been chauffeuring regulars on the Sox team. He picks them up and drops them off at O'Hare airport and takes them to their home on Chicago's South Side.

From the owner on down, they're all real champs, real gentlemen," Porter says with a sincere ring of pride in his voice.

His feelings couldn't be any stronger--they're like family to him. Fans have seen the team out on the field--alive, vigorous, and ready to go. But Porter has also seen these same fans, many a time--bleary-eyed and dog-tired--after a long game and jet flight from different parts of the country.

He's Democratic, Though

Though his first loyalty is to the White Sox, Porter also drives for other visiting American League teams. A look at his short, slight frame would hardly lead you to think he's the most sought after driver in any team in the League.

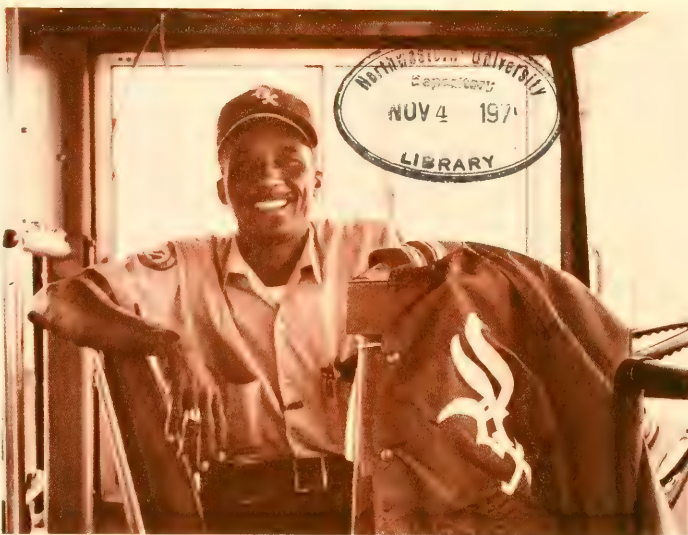
According to the Boston Red Sox traveling secretary, Jack Rogers, "Not only is he (Porter) dependable and most cooperative, but his personality and attitude are consistently wonderful. . . we look forward to his friendly relations with him in seasons to come."

When he's chauffeuring the others around, Porter says, "If they're extended every courtesy. That includes wearing the team's cap."

With 10 different teams to oversee, there is sometimes a little confusion as to what cap to wear, says Porter.

"I've got to be very adept. I've got to be sure I'm wearing the right cap for each team. Otherwise, they'll say, 'Oh no, you're not our bus driver!'"

Porter's popularity among all the teams is very much in evidence, perhaps most visibly, through the many gifts and favors he's received from several of the players.



Leo Porter in cap he dons for his special baseball trips.

Minnesota Twins' Tony Oliva once presented Porter with one of the team's baseball bats. When Billy Martin was still Texas Rangers manager, he promised to bring him out to the Rangers' home turf in the event of a world series game there. The scene is now New York, but the invitation still stands.

He Gets Mementoes

Porter has also received season game passes from such notables as former White Sox slugging star Richie Allen, now with the Phils.

"To top it off, the White Sox presented me with a team jacket to wear when we go jogging down the road," he adds.

Porter has been collecting baseball souvenirs since 1959 when he received his first--an autographed baseball, from White Sox manager Al Lopez. So he's built up quite an array of baseball memorabilia.

Porter readily admits he's one of that distinguished breed--"a baseball nut all the way." So, in May 1963 when Eddie Froelich, then White Sox trainer, asked him if he would like the job as official chauffeur, he took it on the spot.

Since then, he boasts, "It's been a very enjoyable affair."

Indeed it has. His long association with the White Sox has given him certain exclusive privileges which

A Soft Voice In The Control Center - -

Katy Does It

By Arline Datu

Her voice isn't imposing or harsh, but she's definitely a woman in control--that is, in CTA's Operations Control Center. She is 27-year-old Mary Catherine Moriarty, who made her debut as the first woman controller trainee in late July.

Reaction in the field has been interesting. The first time Miss Moriarty's voice went over the control room radio, the man at the other end was so bewildered at hearing a woman's voice, he couldn't answer her.

In yet another instance, according to her account, "A voice at the other end said, 'A woman dispatcher. You've got to be kidding!'"

All kidding aside, Miss Moriarty is in earnest about tackling what she calls a challenging job. And while there are still some surprise reactions over the radio, her general reception has been welcome and favorable.

Her initial impressions of the controller's job go back to when she started working with the CTA as a ticket agent eight years ago.

"I knew if I needed help at my station for any reason, I could always rely on the controllers to get it there for me quick," she says.

When she moved from ticket agent to a supervisor position, she got her first opportunity to visit the bustling, noisy control center--with its electronic monitoring desk panels--a confusion of telephones, microphones, flashing lights, push buttons and switches.



In training as CTA's first woman service controller, Mary Catherine (Katy) Moriarty, is shown with her instructor, Service Controller Arthur Calder.

What impressed her at the time was the efficiency and speed of operation. "When I was there, they had a delay along the lines somewhere. It was fascinating to see how fast these people work," she recalls.

Now that she's behind those control boards, Miss Moriarty still exhibits an awe and fascination for the job ahead.

But after the several weeks of training she's had so far, she readily admits there's still a ways to go. "I realize now how much I really don't know. It looks like the men are just answering phones, but I find out they do more than that."

An extensive training period, indeed, still awaits her. But Miss Moriarty says, "It's a real challenge, but I feel I can do it."

Sox Driver (Continued)

would, undoubtedly, make him the envy of many an ardent baseball fan.

"I have an extended invite to the clubhouse so I can go up any time. Mornings, before we leave for the airport, I have coffee and rolls with the fellas," he claims.

When he's on the bus with his favorite team, Porter says, "I will kibitz with them quite a bit."

"Should I have gotten a single or a double out of that hit?" is a question frequently asked of him by team members, says Porter.

His pat reply is usually, "You should have gotten a double but you were just loafing down the bases."

Aside from this friendly exchange, Porter has also gotten, through his kibitzing, the inside scoop on a few news items in the baseball world which are released

to the press much later.

Despite his avid interest, Porter says he never wanted to play ball professionally. His first calling, he maintains, was to the CTA.

"My lifetime ambition was to be a bus driver--ever since my mother used to take us kids for Sunday rides on the old double-decker buses," says Porter, who's been with the CTA as a driver for the past 22 years.

Porter makes his home on the South Side with his wife, Joyce, an artist/teacher.

Over the years, he says, his wife has become accustomed to his leaving the house in the early morning hours to pick up his weary White Sox team at the airport.

But he says, "No matter what time the team comes in, they won't have to worry--Leo will be there."

Daily Calls Up To 3,400

Modernized Travel Info Center Celebrates First Anniversary

Airline Data

A child asks if a bus can be sent to his house to take him to Adventure Land. A woman complains about gambling on the Madison Street bus and asks how she can put in a claim for the \$38 she lost. Just two of the more unusual calls handled out of the 3,400 received daily in the CTA's Travel Information Center.

"We're all things to all people at all times," says travel agent supervisor Tom Culkar, adding that the Center is now recognized as a major travel information service in metropolitan Chicago.

Working to maintain this distinction are the Center's 31 travel agents--some well-seasoned veterans with several years experience; others well-adapted beginners.

After a year's time in the Center's new, brightly decorated facilities, the travel agents have increased

Culkar says if the travel agents can familiarize themselves with the suburban carriers through first-hand experience, they will be better prepared to handle calls requesting directions outside the city.

Look Of Efficiency

The Travel Information Center's move to new offices, Culkar says, was a type of "revolution". The modern, spacious, well-lit rooms with the sleek, streamlined desk panels grouped in geometric clusters are quite an improvement over the previous offices, he explains.

Now, he claims, the Center is in a "state of revolution."

"We're continually changing, constantly trying to improve service and upgrade efficiency."

One of the largest efforts toward improving service took place in late August with the acquisition of a microfilm retrieval system.

Its implementation involved putting the maps, charts, bus and train schedules, street guides--all the printed material which makes up the travel agents' working tools--on microfilm.

All the film is stored inside a microfilm viewer with a built-in screen and numbered keyboard. Each item on film is number coded. To view an item on the screen the agent punches its code number on the keyboard, and the information arrives almost instantaneously.

With such a system, says Culkar, "any piece of information we have is only four seconds away from an agent."

"We're getting rid of 31 transit information systems and turning it into just one."

Training Is Expedited

The microfilm retrieval system is in the Travel Information Center on a trial basis until the end of October. The system is also being used in the training of new agents.

A travel agent usually requires weeks of training under a supervisor's guidance. With the microfilm system, says Culkar, a travel agent sits alone in front of a viewer which has been prepared with all the training information. Total training time with the microfilm is four hours.

"But on this job, the training is ongoing," says Culkar. "We're continually monitoring calls, re-training people to give faster, more efficient service."

Citing an instance where an agent tried to direct a caller on how to take a bus to St. Louis, Mo., Culkar says, "The only problem now is to rein them in from giving too much information."

Travel Center's Millionth Caller

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their adeptness and efficiency in helping people find their way on the city and suburban bus and train systems.

Their ongoing efforts have resulted in almost 400 additional calls per day over last year's figures.

They're Human Timetables

"Every one of our travel agents is already an expert on the 135 CTA routes," says Consumer Services director Tom Coyne.

Suburban lines, however, were a problem for the agents. Some lines had no published schedules; those schedules that were available were usually undecipherable, according to Culkar.

But with one-third of the incoming calls relating to suburban routes, some changes had to be made.

Just recently 150 suburban bus and commuter railroad schedules were "torn apart and re-built" by the Travel Information Center for use by the travel agents.

With these additions, the rate of phone call retention (those received and serviced) rose from 60 to 96 per cent since July 1974.

As part of a future plan, travel agents will be taken out on the suburban carriers to improve their training and better acquaint them with suburban streets and intersections.

Calls for suburban service, on the average, still take a travel agent three or four times as long to handle as calls for the city.



CTA Sports News

MEL ALEXANDER, Sports Editor



North Park Wins Ping Pong Rematch

A PING PONG tournament involving North Park Garage and North Rail Rapid Transit was held Wednesday, Aug. 27, with North Rail emerging as the victor.

In a five man team rematch on Sept. 3 at North Park, the North Rail team was soundly beaten by North Park 4 to 1.

In the first game at North Park, Angel Ramirez, captain of the North Rail team, was pitted against Lee Yalowiec who beat Angel 3 out of 4 games to take the first match.

In the next match, Miguel Carino, North Park, took three straight sets from Larry McNeil, North Rail, as did Bobby Barnes of North Park over Ray Schild by the same set score.

It took five sets for North Park's David Ganjani to defeat Hosea Aussin of North Rail, 3 to 2. The only loss suffered by North Park was when North Rail's Calvin Rufus upset Albert Garner, North Park's ace ping pong player, 3 to 1.

Any garage or department wishing to participate in these ping pong matches can contact Homer Reed of North Park, or Angel Ramirez of Kimball Terminal to set a date.



David Ganjani, North Park, right, prepares for a slam shot in his match with North Rail's Hosea Aussin.

77th Street Bowling League Opens 17th Season

THE 77TH Street Operators Bowling League opened its 17th season on Aug. 29 with all 16 teams returning and only one thought in mind: to win.

On hand to roll out the first ball of the season was Felix Palilunas, superintendent of Central Counting, and the team sponsor of the Baggers.

The league is comprised of CTA personnel only, with representation from every department in the company -- from supervision to laborer.

Many of the old familiar faces have returned for this season, but as in all sports, there are many new ones as each team strives to improve.

League officers for the 1975-76 season are: Calvin Pollard, president; Michael Kane, vice-president; Frank Bailey, secretary; Talmadge Ireland, treasurer, and Luther Lee, sergeant-at-arms.



Calvin Pollard



Angel Ramirez, North Rail, tries a slam shot against Lee Yalowiec, North Park. If it misses.

Candid Camera Visits Social Event Of The Season (CTA Sports Award Banquet)



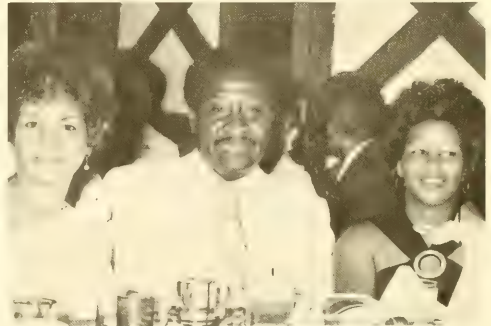
Archer Superintendent John Lynch, Near South Area Superintendent William May, Kedzie Superintendent Robert Keag and North Park Superintendent Al Johnson.



Division 241 2nd Vice President Elcosie and Marilyn Gresham.



Genral Operations Manager George Krambles, Manager of Human Relations Fredling and Manager of Transportation James Blaa.



Florence Childress and Archie and Juanita Davis.



Division 308 President Leonard Beatty and Lydia Lewis.



Archer Garage Superintendent John Lynch receives 1st place basketball trophy from Lydia Lewis as team members look on.

Visitor From India Gives Us Good Marks

"The CTA Supertransfer is a great attraction for tourists like us. You can paint the town red for 70 cents." So says Ved P. Malhotra, visitor from Bombay, India.

No ordinary tourist, however, Mr. Malhotra, who is deputy chief operating superintendent of Western Railway in India. He's here in Chicago on a U.N. Fellowship to study the city's rapid transit system.

"It is one of the best operated systems in the world," says Malhotra. "It's a system that has established itself. It has a worldwide reputation."

Malhotra arrived here in late June and has seen various aspects of our operation under the guidance of the Transportation Department in the Merchandise Mart.

He characterizes the management of CTA as "live and alert."

"It's wonderful. . . they've done some phenomenal things," he adds.

What most impresses him, he says, is the CTA's emphasis on performance and maintenance. "Your system is very well coordinated."

But to gain first-hand experience on the rapid transit system, Malhotra travels extensively on several of the lines. His favorites are the Evanston service and the Dan Ryan. Overall, he has nothing but high praise for the system's operation.

"The system provides so many conveniences to passengers--good clean coaches, an efficient information program, polite, well-informed employees, and punctuality," he says.

"I have very seldom had to wait long for a train," he adds.

Firsthand experience with CTA communications -- Malhotra uses trainphone in the cab of Motorman Ray Eggebrech's train.



The purpose of his study is to provide his country with the background and knowledge to improve its metropolitan transportation. Plans are also under way to construct subways in the cities of Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Delhi.

With this in mind, Malhotra has singled out noteworthy aspects of the CTA's system which may be of particular benefit to India's plans. Among them he says, are the efficient operation of rapid transit communication as well as the simplicity of the CTA structure.

Malhotra's tour of the CTA extends through October. He also attended CTA's Technical Institute for further backgrounding.

Malhotra, thus far, seems well-impressed with not only the CTA but also the city in general. His comment:

"Chicago has got a personality. It's a beautiful town. It can be proud of being the world's best and finest in many fields."



Family affair -- Stone baptized his son, John Michael, at St. Thomas Aquinas church last year. Godparents were his oldest children, Walter John and Winnie.

CTA Vet Is Catholic Deacon

hear confessions and anoint the sick. "We don't want to take over the duties of a priest. We just want to help serve others," he explains.

After his ordination, Stone was assigned to work in his parish church, St. Thomas Aquinas in Knox, Ill. He is presently involved in starting a teen club, planning activities for the parish's senior citizens, and supervising a group of delinquent boys. "Helping people--it's really satisfying," says Stone.

His wife, Betty, who once studied to be a nun, takes responsibility for encouraging him to become involved in church activities. In early 1971, he learned about the formation of the Diaconate program in a Catholic newspaper and decided to join.

A particularly gratifying experience for Stone was baptizing his youngest son, John, while two of his other children were sponsors. He hopes someday to officiate at his children's marriages.

Before his involvement in the Diaconate program, Stone admits he never thought about becoming a priest. "But I think this is as far as I'll go."

When Walter Stone wears a Roman collar and black clerical suit, his five children don't refer to him as Father. "They call me 'Deac'," he says. Stone, an operations control analyst who's been with the CTA for 21 years, has been a permanent deacon of the Catholic Church since his ordination in 1972.

As a permanent deacon, Stone is authorized to perform all the functions of a priest except to say mass,

Bear With Bears, Says Bill

By W. B. Wolfan

Without warning the football season is upon us. It seems that forever left, anyway. It's different than years ago when various seasons were well defined--they played 154 baseball game schedules--football opened in late September--basketball in December--and the year around sport was the rarity.

Now the average fan gets to watch baseball, football and the other majors in August. Hockey carries over into May--and for sole reason pro basketball starts in the middle of football season. It's getting so you can't tell a sport without a television commentator.

If prime interest in the Chicago area is the brand new look being exhibited by the one team that arouses the dander of the home fans more than anyone else. Sure the fans get mad about the Sox, Blackhawk and Cub failures.

But nothing can arouse the ire of the local citizenry as much as a losing season for their beloved Bears.

Yielding to that ire, the Bears' management underwent a complete reorganization...a new general manager, Jim Finks, and a new coach, Jack Pardee, and judging by early season shuffling--almost a whole new ball club.

By the time this appears in print, the regular season will be under way.

There is one thing we cannot understand, however, and that is why everybody seems to expect a football miracle to be achieved by the Bears.

By one--including some of the greatest coaches in history--can build a new team from scratch in one season. It just doesn't happen. You have to have the

"horses" and in rebuilding, you have to experiment. And that is the one thing the Bears have done so far is experiment.

Anyone who knows football knows that a college rookie doesn't come off the campus and in the very same year become an all-Pro.

The substance of all this is that you cannot build a winner overnight. You settle for an average season.

This department for one thinks the Bears are going to be a better organized football team.

But Finks and Pardee have to have time to develop a cohesive unit.

We talked with an ex-Bear the other day and he said that he thinks the Bears of 1975 are on the right road. Trades and cuts of old timers are hard to take, but often necessary in the interests of winning football.

The Bears under George Halas won seven NFL titles and a total of 326 victories.

Nobody has come close to that coaching record and it behooves one to remind the fans of what the team has done for football. And nobody wants a winner more than Halas, Sr.

Jim Finks' 10 year association with the Minnesota Vikings brought Minnesota, an expansion team, to the top of the heap.

There is a good reason to believe he can make the Bears into a solid football team.

But give the man a chance to do it. Do not expect too much too soon.

Exhibition games -- as the Yankees of Joe DiMaggio used to say--are only exhibitions, a time for the rookies. This is also true of pro football.

Walter Payton and some of the



Jim Finks, trader

new faces--Ron Shanklin and others--will do well. Despite sports writing opinions, a quarterback alone cannot win by himself.

I remember what a guy told me who was a key blocker for Tommy Harmon of Michigan. "What most of you sideline experts forget is that it takes 11 men and proper execution of assignments to make a football team go. A single missed block can be the difference between winning and losing."

This was from a man who played three consecutive years of big time football in the Big Ten.

The game--even in this day of specialty teams--hasn't changed all that much. There are those who contend that the Bears must trade for a top quarterback and shift Douglass to running back. But it must not be forgotten that without the protection of a strong offensive line, no quarterback is going to get the help he needs to make the team click. And if your defense leaks like a sieve, it won't make any difference if Joe Namath is throwing the passes for you. The opposition will simply outscore you.

We believe the team of Finks and Pardee will lift the Bears into respectability. Give them time and they'll do the job.

● "ACCOMMODATIONS" (comedy) with Dennis Cole, Sept. 30-Nov. 9, Pheasant Run Playhouse, Route 64 (North Ave.), three miles east of St. Charles. Dinner, theatre from \$7.70. Chicago phone: 261-7943.

● ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO--Robert Natkin: Acrylics on Paper, from Oct. 2, Gallery 109. Photographs by Aaron Siskind, a one-man retrospective exhibit of 60 photographs, Oct. 14-Dec. 7, Lacy Armour Gallery. Primitive Art Masterworks, including African, Oceanic, Pre-Columbian, and American Indian Art, thru Oct. 5, Morton Wing. Steuben: Seventy Years of American Glassmaking, thru Oct. 26. Over 90 major examples of American glass production from 1905-1974. A. Montgomery Ward Gallery. American Institute of Architects Awards Exhibition, thru Oct. 5, Lacy Armour Gallery. Selected Landscape Prints, One Hundred Views of Famous Places of Edo, prints of Tokyo by Japanese printmaker Hiroshige designed during the latter part of his career, thru Nov. 16, Gallery 114. Photographs by Paul Berger, thru Nov. 23, Gallery 106. Edvard Munch, an exhibit of lithographs, woodcuts, and etchings commemorating the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the first Norwegian immigrants in America, continuing, Galleries 108, 108A. Margaret Fisher, drawings and watercolors, continuing, Gallery 107. Twentieth Century Japanese Prints, Paintings, and Ceramics, recent accessions, continuing, Gallery 116. Mon-Wed, Fri-Sat, 10-5; Thurs, 10-8:30 (free); Sun & Hol, 12-5. Suggested fee: \$1.50; Students, children, seniors, 50¢; members free. Michigan at Adams. 443-3500.

● BEVERLY WALK thru 100 year old community features hillside homes as diverse as Carpenter Gothic, English Manor, and Prairie School. Oct. 5, 19 at 2 from Rock Island Station, 103rd & Walden. \$2 (members free). Pullman Walk thru America's first totally planned company town, designed by Architect Solon S. Berman for railroad car magnate George Pullman. Oct. 12, 26 at 2 from Greenstone Church, 112th & St. Lawrence. \$2. Tour Glessner House, the last surviving work in Chicago of renowned 19th Century Architect Henry Hobson Richardson. Tours Tues, Thurs, Sat, from 10-4, Sun from 1-5. Tours begin on the hour; last one hour. 1800 S. Prairie. \$1 (members free). Walking Tour, Chicago Loop, Tues, Thurs, Sat at 10 thru Oct, Sun at 2 all year. From Chicago Public Library, Michigan & Randolph. \$1 (members free). Tours by Chicago School of Architecture Foundation, 326-1393.

● BLUE MAX NIGHTCLUB--Frankie Avalon and Stewie Stone, comedian, Sept. 29-Oct. 11. Barbie Benton, country and western singer, and Scalzo and Co., magicians, Oct. 13-25. Hyatt Regency O'Hare, River Rd. & Kennedy Expy. Reservations, 696-1234.

● CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY--Chicago International Film Festival 16 mm student entries screened Mon, Thurs at 5:45 thru Oct. Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus Programs Tues at 12:15 thru Oct. Writing in Chicago each Tues at 6:30. Lyric



Time out

Opera Preview Lectures by Al Glasser each Wed, 1, 5:45. "La Traviata," Sept. 24; "Elektra," Oct. 1; "Fidelio," Oct. 8; "Le Nozze di Figaro," Oct. 15; "Lucia di Lammermoor," Oct. 22; "Orfeo ed Euridice," Oct. 29. Goodman Theatre; an inside look at 50 years, each Fri at 12:15, 5:45 thru Oct. 78. Washington. Free. 269-2900.

● CHICAGO SNOW FESTIVAL, Oct. 17-19, Donor's Hall, International Amphitheatre. Fashion show, cross country races, swap shop, T-shirt contest, auction, movies, and ski deck demonstration will capitalize on the theme, "Skiing, The Freedom Sport." A benefit concert will be held for members of the U.S. Olympic Ski Team, and the Utah demonstration team will be present. Fri from 5-11, Sat from noon-6, Sun from noon-6. \$2 at the door. Advance discount tickets thru Ticketron, ski clubs. 43rd & Halsted. 398-3815. Sponsored by the Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council.

● CHILDREN'S EVENTS, West Town Branch Library. Arts & Crafts each Mon from 3:30-5; Junior Apendre (play time) each Tues from 9:30-11; Story Time each Fri, Sat at 1; After School Movie each Sat at 3:30; Double-Feature each Sat at 10:30. 13101. Milwaukee.

● CONTEMPORARY AFRICAN FABRICS from the Girard Foundation Collection, BRUCE CONNOR DRAWINGS, thru Nov. 2. Museum of Contemporary Art, 237 E. Ontario. Mon-Sat from 10-5, Thurs from 10-8, Sun from 12-5. Adults \$1; seniors, students, 50¢. 943-7755.

● EVANSTON THEATRE COMPANY premiere season opens with "Jumpers" by Tom Stoppard, Sept. 19-Oct. 19. Season tickets, three plays for the price of two, from \$12.00. Tickets for individual performances from \$6.70. 816 Church St., Evanston. 869-7278.

● FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY--200 Hundred Years of botanical illustrations from Kew Gardens, England, thru Nov. 16. Includes 123 plant illustrations ranging from mushrooms to orchids. Pen-and-ink and watercolor the dominant media. Hand-colored lithographs and etchings of Kew Gardens also included. Hall 9. The Ancient Art of Weaving demonstrated by members of the North Shore Weavers' Guild on a two-harness, handcrafted Mexican floor loom. Mon, Wed, Fri at 10:30, 12 noon. School Lounge, second floor. Fall Journey For Children "Plants That Grow On Other Plants," a free, self-guided tour focuses on the museum's botany hall. All children who can read and write are invited to participate. Journey sheets in English and Spanish.

Things to do in the Chicago area

available at the information booth. Bring pen or pencil. Saturday Discovery Programs on varying topics offered continuously from 11-3. Topics include an explanation of mummy-making, sampling of foods from Hopi, Navajo, and Zuni peoples, and a short course on how animals are prepared for museum exhibits. Ray A. Kroc Environmental Education Program, "Pit 11," Oct. 1 for adults. Field trip planned to find fossil evidence of an ancient coal forest in a nearby strip mine. Advance registration necessary plus a nonrefundable \$6 fee to cover lunch and transportation. Lorain Stephens, 922-9410, ext. 360. Sat-Thurs 9-5, Fri 9-9 (free). Adults \$1. Families, \$2.50. Ages 6-17, students, seniors, 35¢. Members, teachers, U.S. military personnel, and children under 6 free. Roosevelt Rd. at Lake Shore, 922-9410.

● GEOGRAPHY OF A HORSE DREAMER, "Chicago prairie of a mystery play by off-Broadway playwright Sam Shepard, with "My Foot My Tutor," a play without dialogue by Peter Handke, thru Oct. 5. Leo Lerner Theatre, Uptown Center Hull House, 4520 N. Beron. Thurs, Fri at 8:30; Sat at 7:10; Sun at 7. Frn \$3. 271-2436.

● OODMAN THEATRE 50th Anniversary Season opens with Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" (a deceptively simple tale of everyday life in Grover's Corners, New Hampshire, at the turn of the century) Oct 9-Nov. 9. "Benito Cereno," Nov. 20-Dec. 21; "Morning Becomes Electra," Jan. 8-Feb. 8. "Bradley's He," Feb. 19-March 21. "Our Father's Failing," April 1-May 2. "The Devil's Disciple," May 13-June 13, 200 S. Columbus Dr. Plays open Thurs eve and run nightly except Mon; matinees Thurs, Sun. Subscriptions from \$27 for all six plays for price of five thru Oct. Special savings for seniors, students, groups of 15 or more. Tickets for individual performances available. 443-3800, groups 443-3820.

● DMAGE TO FRANTZ KLINE paintings, and photographs of graffiti by Aaron Siskind Oct. 8-Nov. 3. Davl and Alfred Smart Art Gallery, 5540-50 S. Grenwood. The University of Chicago's regular collection of eastern and western art includes the Joe Starrels, Jr. Memorial Library of Modern Art. Tue-Sat, 10-4; Sun, noon-4. Free. 753-2121.

● INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW with entertainer Nov. 27-Dec. 2; tickets now available. Nation's greatest saddle-bred horses compete for "The International," for many years considered the "Court of Las Appeal." Competition will be in the following classes--Five Gaited, Three Gaited, Five Harness Roasters, Hackney Ponies, Harness Ponies, Pleas-

ure Horses, and Equitation. Part of the International Live Stock Exposition, International Amphitheatre, 4300 S. Halsted. Reserved seats from \$3. Ticket price includes general admission to exposition. 927-5580.

● "JESUS CHRIST, SUPERSTAR," thru Oct. 12. Shubert Theatre, 22 W. Monroe. From \$7. Group rates for over 25 (ask for Blanch). CE 6-8240.

● LOGAN SQUARE LIBRARY FILMS (comedy) each Wed at 2 thru Dec. 17. Oldies such as W. C. Fields; mostly talkies. Logan Square Branch Library, 3255 W. Altgeld. BE 5-5295.

● LYRIC OPERA single performance tickets available thru Dec. 12: As of Sept. 1, the Lyric recommended "Otello," Oct. 11; "La Traviata," Oct. 17; "Le Nozze Di Figaro," Nov. 5; "Fidelio," Nov. 14; "Lucia Di Lammermoor," Nov. 28, Dec. 4; "Elektra," Dec. 6, 12; as having the best availability, although no guarantee was given. 20 N. Wacker. 346-6111.

● MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY winter hours now in effect. Hours: Mon-Fri, 9:30-4; Sat, Sun, & Hol, 9:30-5:30. 57th and Lake Shore in Chicago's Jackson Pk. Admission and parking free.

● NORTHERN ILLINOIS PRAIRIE SCULPTORS EXHIBIT thru Oct. 10. Bruce White and nine of his current and former students show constructionist, assemblage, welded, and cast approaches to work using steel, aluminum, fiberglass, leather, wood, and natural earth materials. One Illinois Center (Wacker, east of Michigan). Sponsored by Metropolitan Structures and I.C. Industries, Inc.

● OPERATION SNOWBALL fifth annual benefit with Arthur Mitchell's Dance Theatre of Harlem (ballet) Nov. 4 at 8, Auditorium Theatre, 70 E. Congress. Proceeds will go to the Mental Health Association. From \$15. 922-0703.

● RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM & BAILEY CIRCUS, Special Bicentennial Edition, Oct. 2-27, International Amphitheatre, 43rd & Halsted. Tickets available thru Ticketron, Amphitheatre box office. 329-1300.

● ROCKEFELLER MEMORIAL CHAPEL. Organ recitals with Edward Mondello every Tues at 12:15. Carillon recitals with Robert Lodine every Wed at 12:15. 59th & Woodlawn. Free.

● "SNARK" by Lauren Warren opens Oct. 10, Barry Street Loft Theatre. After narrative nonsense poem by Lewis Carroll. 656 W. Barry. 271-3119.

● SNOWMOBILE SHOW Oct. 17-19, Sportsman's Park, Laramie & Cicero (3300 S.). 242-1121.

● "STRANGLING ME" opens Sept. 25, Victory Gardens Theatre I, 3730 N. Clark. 549-5788.

● TONY BENNETT and LENA HORNE in concert, Sept. 23-28, Orchestra Hall, 220 S. Michigan. From \$5. 427-7711.

● TOURS of the University of Chicago each Sat at 10 from Ida Noyes Hall, 1212 E. 59th. Free.

● VERMEER STRING QUARTET Oct. 17; Guarneri String Quartet Oct. 31, Mandel Hall, 57th & University. Series tickets (five concerts) \$16. 753-2612.

CTA, International Fall Harvest of Holidays

By Elda La

Discovery Day

On Oct. 12, Christopher Columbus and his 1492 discovery of the Western Hemisphere--which, at the time, he believed to be part of the Indies--will be remembered in this city and throughout the world. A special salute will go to the Italian people, since it is believed that Columbus was born in Genoa, Italy, probably in 1451.

Some historians have argued about Columbus' real ancestry. A few believe that he was a Spaniard, a Portuguese, a Greek or an Armenian. Samuel Eliot wrote on this topic, "It only remains for some patriot to come forward and claim that Columbus was really an Indian, native to the shores he discovered, who had been blown across and so knew his way home."

Whether he was the first to land in the Western Hemisphere has also been disputed. Some historians believe that, as early as 500 years before Columbus, the Norsemen from Scandinavia had claimed the honor of discovering America.

Three countries are perpetually honoring Columbus. In South America there is Colombia. The United States has the District of Columbia (Washington, D.C.) and, in Canada, the West Province is called British Columbia.

Also to be remembered on this occasion is Amerigo Vespucci, from whom our country (America) takes its name. (Americans are all residents south of the border to the tip of the Western Hemisphere, inasmuch as the name "America" originated in South America.)

Vespucci was an Italian merchant explorer who was a better "reporter" than Columbus. Immediately after his exploration of the coast of South America in Brazil, Vespucci started writing letters which were circulated all over Europe, long before any reports from Columbus had been publicly circulated. In 1507, based on one of Vespucci's letters called *Mundus Novus*, a map describing the new land was published with the word "America" and the name was adopted. From South America, the name grew to include Central and North America.

Pumpkin Day

And now may I remind you that Halloween is also coming. Be ready with all the goodies for the children who will be knocking at your door and bring some for Murphy (Eileen Neurauter) from our Customer Service Department. She just might be knocking at your office door.

Last year Murphy toured several of our offices trick-or-treating, dressed as a cute though not so tiny "wahine" -- a Hawaiian girl. Her spirit and at-

titude were that of a young child bent on enjoying the fun and amusing everybody. This year I hope she wears something scary.

Halloween was something almost new to me when I arrived in this country several years ago. I had attended some costume parties, but I had never seen the children's enthusiasm in decorating windows and doors with pictures of black cats, skeletons and other ghostly and spooky things. So I asked more about it.

I was told that many, many years ago, the Druids, an order of priests in Gaul and Britain, believed that on Halloween, the day before All Saint's Day, spirits



came out to harm people. They also believed that cats were sacred and once had been human beings, changed into animals as punishment for evil deeds.

The Irish have a tale about Jack-O-Lantern. They say that Jack could not enter heaven because he had been a miserable person. Neither could he enter hell because he had made fun of the devil and so he had to walk the earth until Judgment Day.

Voodoo Week

Talking about spooky things and witches--during the last week in August there was a Worldwide Conference in Bogota, Colombia, where more than 2,000 practitioners of witchcraft, voodoo and mental powers were reunited to demonstrate their powers and unity "to change the world for the better."

On the periphery of this conclave, vendors were making a very good business. Incense, wax dials (through which a person with "the power" simply sticks a pin to inflict pain on his enemy), amulets--all were available at quite reasonable prices.

The most illustrious, though, was the young man who came prepared -- with a stock of 50,000 brooms at 65¢ apiece. "My brooms are so good that you can mount them and fly," he shouted in jest. We heard he made a clean sweep of the profits.

Motorman For 41 Years Still Rides CTA At 94

By Anit Leppiks



John Ferguson -- a trolley pilot for 41 years.

He remembers that he was suspended for a day because he neglected to make a stop at 103rd and Vincennes.

However, a disciplined life has apparently paid off. For with Ferguson, it's no exaggeration to say he looks 20 years younger than he is.

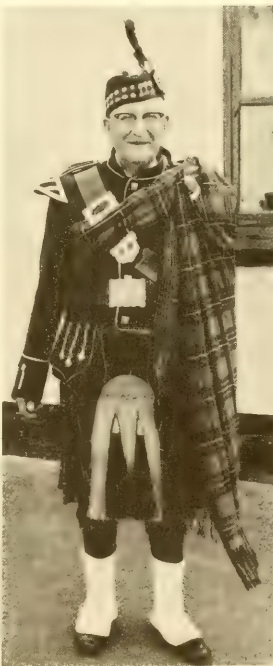
His bronzed skin reflects the hours he spends tending a family garden on the South Side. He boasts hibiscus as big as dinner plates.

Does Ferguson ever ride his old route?

"Yes," he says, but adds his favorite line now is the Dan Ryan rapid transit.

John Ferguson, 94, was born in Belfast County Down, Ireland, and admits he still likes to don the colors for occasional St. Patrick's Day parade.

A spiffy trolley in its day, we called them sedans." Ferguson (right) and his conductor, Charles Austin, on the Howard loop on the Clark-Wentworth line. "The 194 was one of 100 streetcars bought by CSL in 1929."



Never Say Never

"Never cross the street without looking."

"Never board a trolley while it is moving."

"Never drive on the wrong side of the road."

All of us have heard these words of wisdom at one time or another. They make good sense when they come from safety experts, who are accustomed to deal in broad generalizations.



But it's a different story in the courtroom. Courts, to do justice, must deal with specific individuals in specific situations. Courts deal with exceptions and anomalies and extenuating circumstances. And courts hardly ever say never.

Here are a few reasons why:

Crossing the street without looking was justifiable, one court ruled, because the pedestrian was relying on a green light.

Boarding a moving trolley was all right, ruled another court, because the passenger got a come-along wave from the conductor.

Driving on the wrong side of the road was permissible, ruled another court, because the motorist had to swerve to avoid hitting a child.

One judge who said never—and lived to regret it—was the famous Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes. In a case involving a truck-train collision, Holmes held that a motorist who comes to a blind crossing should never proceed without first getting out of his car and walking forward to check the tracks.

This rule, he said with finality, would settle the matter "once and for all."

But the Holmes rule lasted less than seven years. So many exceptions arose, poking holes in his logic, that the Supreme Court finally had to throw it out.

The incident might well have reminded a chastened Holmes of a warning he himself had once voiced against overconfidence.

"We have been cocksure," he had said, "of many things that were not so."

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THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

CTA SECURITY -

Well, it looks like I'm the new reporter on this beat. My name's FRANK PICKETT Jr. and if you send me your story, I'll make sure it gets in Transit News...Congratulations are in order for Chief BILLY BUTLER who completed his course in crime prevention, and Lieutenant ROBERT McELROY who completed a course in bomb and arson control...We welcome back to the West Unit R. FERGUSON and R. SMITH who completed their basic law enforcement course at Lisle university, Lisle, Ill. On Saturday, Aug. 9, Mrs. SHOPE BOSLEY, the wife of Patrolman TOMMY BOSLEY, gave a lovely backyard bar-b-que. Among those present were Sergeant W. TALBERT and his pretty wife, BEVERLY, and Patrolmen R. HAWKINS and F. ROBINSON, of the 77th Street Unit...Vacationing during the month of July and August were Chief BILLY BUTLER, Sergeant PAUL WALLACE of the office, and J. (Little Joe Lewis) CONNORS of the South Section Unit...Patrolmen W. MCKENZIE and T. BOSLEY received commendations from the Oak Park Police Department for their outstanding work in reporting a burglary taking place in a drug store near Lake and Harlem. McKenzie and Bosley alerted the police by car radio and then gave chase to the suspect...Lieutenant SAM RINI, who is in charge of the Youth Division, will have his hands full now that the schools have re-opened. Last year, with the help of Chief BILLY BUTLER and a tact team of four plainclothes patrolmen, vandalism dropped 30 per cent...New home owners in the department who are trying to escape from the highlights of the big city are Sergeant WILLIAM TALBERT and Patrolman JOHN HIGENS...Sergeant G. EVANS is doing a wonderful job as our public relations officer. He is always "Johnny on the spot" when an incident occurs...Patrolman of the Month for August was awarded to MICHAEL CONSENTINO, a native of Chicago's South Side, who was chosen for his neatness and alertness. Officer Consentino came to the department on Sept. 20, 1970, and has worked as a patrolman on the South Section elevated lines. He has received two commendations from passengers for his neatness and courtesy in helping people on the Jackson Park line. Good luck, Mike, and keep up the good work...I would like to wish a speedy recovery to my wife, FANNIE.

Frank Pickett Jr.

DATACENTER -

Congratulations to ATIS and MARGO MAKSTENIEKS on the birth of their second

son, SCOTT THOMAS, on Aug. 8. Atis is a systems analyst in the Administration and Planning Section...MARION SUTHERLAND, of our Keyunch Section, was home for three weeks with torn tendons and ligaments, the result of a fall on July 5. To balance that "bad luck" with some "good luck", she won \$1,000 in the Grand Slam lottery...The Datacenter staff extends get well wishes to PAUL KOLE who is recuperating nicely from surgery. Hope to see you back soon!

Jane McGuan

ELECTRICAL (Rapid Transit Signal Division) -

This is certainly an interesting time of the year for your news reporter. Talking to you guys and writing about your vacation fun gives me great enjoyment. I am looking forward to hearing from JACK PILIP who is on vacation in Florida; JIM REDDY who is vacationing in Ireland, and Big LOU GONZALEZ who is vacationing on a dude ranch in Colorado...I'll have to get down to Florida to see what all the excitement is about. It seems like every vacation season we lose a dozen or so of our signalmen to the "sun-kissed" place. ROBERT ALBRECHT and his wife, BARBRA, and their two children, BOBBY and ANGIE, just succumbed to two weeks of that Florida vacationitis. Before they were able to control themselves they had visited St. Petersburg beach (bet you never heard of that one) and Disney World, including its popular space ride. Bob said his wife helped out a lot with the driving...Signalmen RON BEDOE, WAYNE ALBRECHT and JOHN GAY assisted a CTA passenger at the Morse Avenue station who had fallen onto the "L" tracks and injured his head. Their quick thinking turned what could have been a possible death into a minor accident. It's a credit to them and the Signal Department...Our "one-year-older" club is getting very popular around here. We have guys waiting all year to get into this privileged organization. Congratulations and happy birthday to our new members: JIMMIE NESBITT, Aug. 29; RUSS SCHAEFFER, Aug. 28; VIC ZASTERA, Aug. 15, and JOE ROMBOUT, Aug. 28...Signal Foreman VIC ZASTERA has made the big move. His office has been relocated at Harlem-Lake where the accommodations are too nice to print in a company magazine. But would you believe that Vic's heart is still down on State and Van Buren? There must be something to that old saying, "You can't teach an old dog new tricks." Come on, Vic, live it up...TOMMIE LOWERY is replacing STEVE ZELLNER who is on vacation; DON HAW-

KINS is replacing Tommie Lowery. BOB ALBRECHT is replacing Don Hawkins. HENRY MURRY is replacing Bob Albrecht. WAYNE ALBRECHT is replacing DON COOTS who is on vacation. DAVE BATTERSON is also on vacation and being replaced by JOHN LONG for whom there is no replacement (take that however you want). FRANK HALPER is being replaced by a helper who has a helper who is going on vacation. EARL BELL will be spending a few days at 58th Street to look over the new equipment, and of course someone must replace him. The only one remaining calm through all this confusion is TED WASHINGTON who refuses to move. This was the South Side roster for the month of August. If anyone from anywhere can understand this, please help. Who said vacation time was fun time...Our man in Washington, D.C., and points east for two weeks has been Signalman DONALD HAWKINS. He and his lovely wife, JACKIE, with their two daughters, DONNA and DARLENE, took to the highway for a bit of sightseeing in the D.C. area. Don said, "Our nation's Capitol is a sight to behold; it must be great, the guy is still singing 'America the Beautiful.'". Signal Maintainer ELIJAH WILSON traded his tool pouch for a rifle as he spent two weeks with his army reserve unit in Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. This was no vacation, because of the extensive training in the classroom and in the field, where Staff Sergeant Wilson, if you please, graduated as a hard pushing drill instructor. Elijah was awarded a diploma and that coveted "Smockey the Bear" hat. Congratulations are in order, and you other guys had better watch out; this man knows how to shout...Signal Helpers HARRY BARENDREGT and MIKE PEDERSOLI and their wives, JOAN and SUE, had an enjoyable vacation at Cass, Lake, Minn. After getting over the initial shock of losing a wheel from the boat's trailer while traveling at 55 m.p.h., everything went smoothly. Fishing and eating fish three times a day was too much for Mike. He claims to have caught a 50

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and walleye which was the catch of the week. Harry said it was the biggest fish ever saw but by the time they left the box fish had shrunk to 5½ pounds...ROBERT ALBRECHT, the pm man at 95th, has and out that keeping in shape can also give you money on gas. He rides his 10-speed bicycle to work every day. This guy does not know his own strength. He rides at thing every morning, hitches it to a cart, grabs his tools and trots off down the block...Big DAN MORIARTY is now home on the hospital, and is his daughter ever glad to see him. All the fellows miss you, too...DENNIS DOBBYN spent four days of a well earned vacation with his family at a nice place called Fish Lake near LaPorte, Ind. The outing was enjoyed very much by everyone. Dennis thought the name of the place was strange as he couldn't find any fish in the lake. No fish, just another lesson, Dennis.

- Tammy Lowery

FOREST GLEN - A school time again so be on the alert. Every passenger pays our salary. Remember, you were young once and you don't appreciate standing on the corner and being passed by for no reason...Operator CHRIST PANTOS and his lovely wife, REGINA, spent some of their vacation at a national railroad convention in Dayton, Ohio. Here's a man who is quite a model railroad buff. In fact any railroad fan could pay a visit to Pantos' home and see

the beautiful layout he has constructed. The old boy has been working on it for years. Yes, it's all complete with his little engineer's hat which he puts on while demonstrating...Retired Operator ROCKY MALFESE paid us a visit. He's looking very good. At present he's sporting a Van Dyke beard. He ought to use a little "color back" on it 'cause it's snow white!...BILL ROWAN, our fine instructor, spent his vacation in the North Woods. Bill loves that part of the country. His fishing has improved also; suppose he's talking to the fish now?...ALICE GIRARD, the wife of Clerk SAM GIRARD, has been seen standing out on Higgins waiting for a bus lately. Sam says she needs to get out more often...Former Operator GEORGE HAAK, who worked out of Forest Glen for a number of years but retired from Keeler Garage, just came back from Florida with quite a tan. He has been on pension for three years. He says he has to stay young because his wife is younger than he is. Well, I think he's doing a good job of it...Supervisor BILL LANE just turned 52 Aug. 29. Happy birthday, Bill!...Sorry to report that Box Puller DAN MANZO had to spend some time in the hospital. He's home doing fine at present. All of us wish you the best, Danny...Box Puller JOSEPH T. GIUNTA is a grandfather once more and very happy about it, because it's a little girl this time. He says now they have three boys and a beautiful baby girl...Retired Operator JESCHKE and his wife are touring the northeast coast and Canada. Each year they take off on a very nice trip...News from the repair department comes from Foreman JOYCE who says his lovely wife is expecting. Well, at Joyce's age he didn't say what his wife is expecting, but we will all wait and see...Operator McCormack helped capture a couple of purse snatchers recently on his route. Congratulations for bringing credit upon our ranks...Supervisor ELLIS recently got his feet sunburned while playing golf in Colorado. He must have been playing barefoot...Retired Operator WALLY WARNER is looking great and says hello to all his old buddies...I understand MIKE GALVIN is doing fine since he retired. Come on down and pay us a visit, Mike...ED BURNITZ reports he has his first grandchild, a baby boy named MARK HARRIS...Operator PETE KUTCHEN was visited by his brother, GEORGE, and his wife, JULIA, from Hawaii...Did you fellows notice the Van Dyke beard Board Member DeCONTE is sporting?...ART WHITFIELD's wife's name is GRACE, but Art has been calling her Gracie. The lovely Mrs. doesn't go for it. Watch out, Art, don't call me Gracie anymore!...On the evening of July 19, Retired Operator RALPH GROAT and his wife, RUTH, went to their son's home expecting to do their first babysitting chore. But they were in for a surprise, as a retirement party was being held for Ralph attended by 50 friends and his family. A good time was had by all, thanks to

the efforts of his sons and daughters. He received enough booze in gifts to stock his bar for quite some time. Anyway, Ralph, we all know now where to go for a drink...As of this writing, Loader JOHN MAHNKE is on vacation, part of which was a honey-do one. But he and his wife, RUTH, did get away for a week visiting relatives and friends in Saline County in Southern Illinois, and in the St. Louis area. During his vacation he had a triple celebration--his 34th anniversary with CTA, Aug. 20; his birthday, Aug. 22 (age 49?), and his 19th wedding anniversary, Sept. 1. Last but not least, his mustache is one year old. Leave it to John to put everything close together...Summer is now drawing to a fast close so let's pick up on some of your trips...Note to repair department: in a very short time I'll have placed in your office a Transit News box. So, fellows, please make use of it. If you have news before the box is installed, turn it in to your foreman, JOYCE...Our pensioners do get around. Received a letter from Pensioner JOHN HECH who said that he and his wife took an eight-day Caribbean cruise. After returning home they went to Mt. Home, Ark., for two weeks and then to Connecticut for two weeks. Earlier this year they went on a trip to the Orient. John says hello to all his friends at CTA...Use your credit union--it is a fine place to save.

- W. A. Henry

KEDZIE -

I want to start my column by congratulating our No. 1 man at Kedzie, Operator J. RICHARDSON, who took his pension Aug. 1 but didn't let me know. Richardson, we all wish you and your lovely wife many, many years of happiness in your retired life...Our softball team was in the playoffs and lost to 69th Street Garage, but watch out next year! Now our basketball team is getting started, so all you operators who can play the game sign up...I had Retired Operator BERLIN on my bus and we talked mostly about the old days. He asked about Retired Operators L. MARKOWITZ and A. DOMINICK. I told him I haven't heard from Markowitz, but I did talk to Dominick and he's doing fine. He loves working in his garden. Dominick says "this is the life"...My buddy, Operator GUY DIMEO, will be joining the ranks of the retired in about two months. I know he'll enjoy it. His lovely wife, DORA, won't have a dull moment around the house with Guy home...Your reporter and his family had their first family picnic in 22 years. It was just great. The weatherman was good to us as we had a beautiful day. Now if no one leaves town, we'll have another one next year...I talked to Retired Superintendent M. HARRINGTON and his wife, and we are making our plans to go to Sun City, Ariz., to see everyone again. I must say that everyone in Arizona is just great--that warm and friendly feeling can't be beat...

NEW PENSIONERS

CILIA CULLEN, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 9-19-43
AMES HENRY, Laborer, Materials Management, Emp. 12-6-48
BERT KELLEY, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 9-2-42
RAYMOND LAFAIRE, Switchman, South Section, Emp. 8-21-45
ANIEL LEAHY, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 4-7-43
GERTER DIELUSZYNSKI, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 3-13-43
WILLIAM SCHNEIDER, Operator, North Park, Emp. 7-28-48
ARTHUR SMITH, Trackman II, Plant Maintenance, Emp. 10-9-41
EDWARD ZIENTARA, Operator, North Park, Emp. 6-6-43

ABILITY RETIREMENTS

AUL BROTT, Bus & Truck Mechanic, South Shops, Emp. 7-3-47
CHARLES JONES, Collector, North Avenue, Emp. 2-12-52
PAUL WOZNIAK, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 7-1-61

To all the operators and their wives who are celebrating anniversaries this month, happy anniversary and best wishes for many, many more...To all the operators having a birthday this month, happy birthday...To all the operators who are on the sick list, we wish you a speedy recovery and hope to see you back on the job soon... Congratulations to Operator JOHN and PATRICIA HOPKINS who became the proud parents of a baby boy, JOHN PATRICK, born Aug. 16 weighing 7 pounds 11 ounces. Mother and baby are doing fine...Your credit union is always ready to serve you. By the same token, you should be willing to help your credit union. Save a little each payday and in this way you can help another operator in need.

- Raymond Graham

GENERAL OFFICE (Safety) -

Toa baseball buff like MARY PAT BOYLE, E.R.A. means earned run average. Mary Pat, the eight-year old daughter of TOM BOYLE, manager of safety, plays for the



Mary Pat Boyle

Edgebrook-Sauganash Sox and is pictured "teeing-off" for her team in a "T-Ball" game held at Thillens Stadium. The Edgebrook league consists of 24 teams.

(Insurance & Pensions) -

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Pensioner ANN GOLDING who passed away on July 31...We were glad to see JUDY JOHNSON and ANNIE LOVE back at work after their successful minor surgery...THEO SCOTT and her husband, EDMUND, and their son, EDDIE, spent a two-week vacation visiting Six Flags in St. Louis, with a couple of days at the Wisconsin Dells. She said they had a wonderful trip.

(Medical) -

Belated birthday greetings are extended to REGINA DAREN, Aug. 1, and DIANE PECORARO, July 28. Diane and her husband, JOSEPH, who works at Skokie Shop, went on vacation recently, spending their time in parts of Wisconsin...It was good to see Dr. G. H. IRWIN again. He paid us a visit and said he is now spending summers in Pennsylvania and winters in Florida. His appearance was the same as when he re-

Service anniversaries in September

40 years



A. Lathouwers,
Payroll Accounting



W. J. Thomas,
Schedules



A. M. Kasman,
North Park

tired--he never gets old...Dr. ILLA T. ROMAN and his family spent their vacation out East where it was really hot. They visited Independence Hall in Philadelphia, the historic city of brotherly love...Dr. GEORGE B. SILER and his family spent their vacation in Beloit, Wis... Dr. STEPHEN MOSNY flew up to Boston for a two-week vacation to visit with his daughter and grandchildren. We extend our sympathy to Dr. Mosny and his family in the recent loss of his wife. Also, to HARRY SORECHEN, medical technician, in the death of his mother.

(Treasury) -

The welcome mat was extended to CHARLIE ABT who returned to work after an illness, and we're sure glad to see him back. Now we can get our paychecks early in the morning. Stay well, Charlie!...KAY CORCORAN spent her two-week vacation in and around Chicago, taking short trips here and there.

(Personnel) -

JOE O'SULLIVAN stopped in to see his old buddies in Personnel Development and Public Safety. Joe is in town for a few weeks visiting his son, JOHN, who recently purchased a home in Evergreen Park. Joe retired last year and he doesn't look any the worse for wear. Must be all those hours spent on the golf course in Mesa, Ariz...BILL and MARIE CLINE's family is growing. ELIZABETH ANN was born on April 30 weighing 6 pounds 12 ounces at Gottlieb Memorial hospital. She has a big sister, KATHLEEN, who is now 1½ years old. Keep up the good work, Bill, and maybe the next one will be a boy...ART HUBACZ of Public Safety and his wife, BERNICE, were in-



Elizabeth Ann Cline

35 years

H. E. Bason, North Park
A. J. Fiorito, TABEC
J. N. Knopf, North Avenue
W. Lohse, District D
J. A. Metke, Archer
P. J. Minogue, Maintenance
A. P. Schalk, Kedzie
J. L. Sojka, South Section
J. G. Winters, Archer

30 years

N. Azzarello, West Section
T. A. Byrnes, North Avenue
F. R. Calpin, South Section
J. Degnan, Archer
I. F. DiPiero, Skokie Shop
J. F. Fehlhaber, Electrical
F. A. Hanzlik, Beverly
J. G. Herron, Forest Glen
E. M. Micek, North Park
L. J. Monkus, Forest Glen
J. I. Newman, South Shops
W. A. Witkus, Forest Glen
W. Wittstock, 69th Street

25 years

R. J. Barrett, Skokie Shop
E. A. Brach, South Shops
J. Cross, Racine Maint. Term.
H. Dickerson, 98th Maint. Term.
C. Ferrante, Utility
J. V. Filarski, North Park
F. P. Gallagher, North Park
E. C. Kennedy, Skokie Shop
S. Kudelka, Mechanical Maint.
H. F. Laws, District A
J. M. Marek, North Park
G. A. Olsen, Skokie Shop
W. A. Patterson, 77th Street
L. M. Poe, South Shops
R. E. Reed, 52nd Street
J. A. Shanahan, 61st Maint. Term.

ited to have lunch with Governor Dan Walker on Aug. 10 in conjunction with Veterans day at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield, Ill...JIM TRETTON is re-operating nicely now and would like to bank all those wonderful people who sent him get well cards and best wishes. He hopes to be back on the job real soon...LATHY FABRY, Public Safety, and her husband, RICH, material coordinator at Kokie Shop, made their summer a little happier. They just purchased a 1975 metallic silver Ford Elite. Now they can enjoy riding around in the summer breeze in style... IRVIN HARRIS and his wife, LOUISE, were very proud when their 14-year-old daughter, MICHELLE, was selected as one of 22 finalists in the "Miss Right On" contest sponsored by "Right On" teen magazine. Michelle was selected out of over 7,500 entrants, and if she wins he'll fly to Los Angeles to meet the recording stars of her choice and appear on the TV show "Soul Train"...On Aug. 15, the CTA Technical Institute held its final event, a luncheon at the M&M Club in the Merchandise Mart. BERNIE FORD, representing the Chairman's Office, was present to award certificates to those who had attended the institute. When the presentations were completed, the members of the institute made a presentation of their own as a token of their appreciation for the time and effort put into the institute by coordinators BARBARA COLWELL, TONY ORCIC and MARIO MCANUS. Pictured were AUDREY OLIVER (third from left) of



Barbara Colwell, Mario McAnus, Audrey Oliver (DRTA), and Mary Bernice

the Denver Regional Transportation Authority presenting a dozen long-stemmed red roses to Barbara (far left) and record thumbs to (from left) Tony and Mario. Congratulations on a job well done!

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neunauer

NORTH AVENUE -

at North Avenue are a team dedicated to keeping the fleet rolling, and it is always with pleasure that we welcome back members who have been off sick. Such welcomes are extended to Superintendent ARD CHAMBERLAIN, who underwent surgery, and Operator ALBERT LOWERY, who was hospitalized. FERN METTLER, wife of Operator KENNETH C. METTLER, is also out of the hospital...Our

deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Switchboard Operator LOUIS DRAPP who died Aug. 2, and to Collector JAMES SMITH in the death of his mother...Our lone visitor during the month was Pensioner RALPH KUGELARD... Birthday congratulations are in order for Clerks MENASHA DALLAL and AL RHODE, Superintendent CHAMBERLAIN, and the daughter of Assistant Superintendent MIKE LACRIOLA, CHRISTINE ENGSTROM...The old welcome mat is out to our new employees of the month--H. GONZALEZ, C. OVERSTREET, J. CRESPO and L. BINFORD...The pleasant voice over the terminal phone at Pulaski and Peterson, that of EDDIE CHAPLESKI, was missing for a few weeks. It seems that Eddie packed up his wife, LOUISE, his daughter, and granddaughter, and made a tour of the southwest to Mississippi to visit Pensioner WOODRICK...The solemnity of the occasion at the Felician Convent on Aug. 3 found MARIANNE RUDDEL, the daughter of Repairman JOHN RUDDLE, and his wife, ELAINE, receiving her white veil to become Sister Elizabeth Marie. She will continue her studies in Lodi, N.J...Get-well wishes go out to Operator WAYNE WARDLOW, who is recuperating in Franklin Boulevard Community hospital after an automobile accident...See you next time in print.



Sister Elizabeth Marie

- Aaron Pruitt

NORTH PARK -

JUDITH ANN KNIGHT, the daughter of Operator WILLIAM and ELKENA KNIGHT, was married to STEVAN BONADORE on Saturday, Aug. 16 at Hauge Lutheran church. The reception was held in the church basement and was attended by 300 guests, with a family reception held later at Sweden Manor attended by 100 guests... ARTURA VELDEZ Jr., the son of Operator ARTURA VELDEZ Sr., was inducted into the U.S. Army and is receiving his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He will be going to college part-time while in service and will be studying wildlife conservation...Clerk RALPH BRANDISE, who is associated with the Grand-Elm AMC Jeep Inc. of 6940 W. Grand Avenue, Chicago, will help anyone interested in making a deal on a new or used AMC vehicle. Give him a buzz at 622-9244...Operators FRANK CARDELLA, CARL GUSE, FRANK TINDLE, GEORGE SADLICKI and JIM MORRIS enjoyed a week's fishing retreat at Antikwa, Lake Ontario, Canada. The results were very gratifying and a large catch was shared by all...Operator LEROY CARR took 16 boy scouts up to Mirror Lake, Wis., for advancement and safety

canoe courses. Also on the agenda was a duck ride, a visit to Circus World at Baraboo, the Tommy Bartlett Water Show, and an Indian ceremonial dance. It wound up with a 50-mile hike around the bluffs of



Eugene John Lamch

Devils Lake... Day Instructor GENE BRACH became a grandfather for the first time when his daughter, EUGENIA LAMCH, and her husband, STEWART, became parents of a son named EUGENE JOHN, born April 12 at St. Joseph's hospital weighing 6 pounds 10 ounces. Congratulations!...JOAN STEINBERG, the daughter of Operator SEYMOUR STEINBERG, was graduated from Mayfair Junior college. She'll attend Northeastern university this fall. Seymour also reports that his daughter, ROSLYN, has joined the CTA as a clerk-typist in the Data Center... Pensioner WILLIAM STEINSPRING reports that his granddaughter, DAWN DIESI, was awarded a certificate and \$75 at the Civic opera building and an evening on the town with her family in a recent art and poster contest where she won first prize... Pensioner AL REMACK and his wife, DOROTHY, are on the go again. On the agenda was a trip to Door County, Wis., and then home. The next trip was to the Crater of Diamonds State Park in Arkansas to look for the little gems, with no luck reported. The finale was a stopover at Shawnee State Park in Illinois...Pensioner ROBERT CIESLA reports that he is feeling fine and sends his regards to his many friends... Superintendent MELVIN LINK and his wife, ELSIE, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at the Chateau Louise, hosted by their children. Mel's son, ERNIE, who is a SP4 serving in the U.S. Army at Fort Bragg, N.C., was a surprise guest at the party...Repairman ART MERTSKY and his wife, BARBARA, became parents of their first child when a daughter named DAWN MARIE was born on Aug. 4 at Loyola Medical Center in Maywood, Ill., weighing 4 pounds 3 ounces... Our sympathy and condolences are extended to Operator CHARLES SAUER and his family in the loss of his beloved mother, Mrs. BERTINA SAUER.

- Melvin Horning

LIMITS -

Greetings! Your on the case reporter here with just a little news this time... Pensioner BOB COLLUM, along with his wife and sister, spent three weeks traveling 6,000 miles through Canada and the west. They spent a day at the Calgary Stampede in Alberta and went through the Canadian Rockies to Banff and Lake Louise. They visited relatives in Van-

couver and had a wonderful time sight-seeing. Taking a ferry to Vancouver Island, they made connections with relatives from Spokane, Wash., who were vacationing there. Oysters they picked off the shore after the tide went out were roasted for quite a treat. After Victoria and the beautiful Butchart's Gardens, they came home through Washington, Idaho and Montana, stopping at Yellowstone Park. Now let's hear from a few more guys and gals about their vacations. They don't have to be as extensive as the Collum's to be newsworthy.

- Charles Turner

OPERATIONS PLANNING (Routes & Systems) -

With a tear in our eye, we said goodbye to EVELYN MARTIN, who has moved up the ladder of success to typist in the Insurance and Pensions Department. Her cheerful attitude and willingness to help will be sorely missed. At the same time, our summer employee, MARY BETH O'CONNOR, resigned to go back to school. Although we wish the best of luck to both of them, we suffered a double loss...Bon voyage to BOB VANCE, who just left for a three-week vacation in Europe. We will certainly be envious when we get postcards from him from such places as Paris, London, Zurich, Dijon and Geneva. We won't wish him a good time because where he goes he always has a good time...Summer festivities were in full swing when the entire Routes/Systems section was invited to FRANK O'DOWD's home for a barbecue. Baseball, volleyball, ping pong and other games of physical and mental skills were provided for entertainment. Frank has such an enormous backyard that the Chicago Bears could use it as their football field. HARRY and DANNY HIRSCH won first prize in the trivia quiz, but doesn't it seem convenient that the boss won? What do you say Frank? Thanks, Frank, for showing us a good time...Another year has passed in the lives of JILL LINNE and BOB VANCE. Happy birthday...Only one baseball game is left for our sluggers, FRANK O'DOWD, HARRY HIRSCH, TOM PRENDERGAST and MIKE GROVAK, to win. Since they will win, the final record will be 4-6. Not bad for the first year.

(Schedules) -

The department extends its deepest sympathy to Director W.W. WORCESTER upon the death of his mother...ED JOYCE is back to work after a short stay in the hospital. Keep well, Ed...JOE SABOL is now home recuperating. Hurry back, Joe!...WILLIE SCOTT and his wife flew to Hawaii to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. Congratulations and many more happy years together...Pensioners LEROY DUTTON, JOE DeGRAZIA, ARVIN KRIE- TZLER, BILL DIVEREUX and GEORGE JOHANNES paid us a visit and all look very good... Mr. and Mrs. WALTER

THOMAS celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on Aug. 10. Congratulations and here's hoping you have many more happy years together...JUNE COLEMAN, the daughter of Traffic Checker VERNON COLEMAN, was graduated from Southern Illinois university in Carbondale. Her major was journalism. Congratulations!



June Coleman

(Passenger Controls) -

We welcome WITOLD GIERSEWSKI as transit planning engineer in our section. He previously worked for Simpson Electric. We look forward to a mutually beneficial association...STEVE WOLGEMUTH went to P. J. Hoffmaster State Park in Michigan for a bit of camping, sunning and swimming...BOB ALDWORTH just came back from his vacation in New Buffalo, Mich., where he tried out his new camera. Everyone is expecting some fantastic photos, Bob, so don't disappoint us.

- Kay Batina & Linda Grybeck

SOUTH SECTION -

Our South Section has reason to boast and stick out its chest with pride this month. First, our Division 308 softball team ended the season as co-champions and went into the playoffs. On Aug. 3 they played Kedzie Depot and lost 13 to 7, but they went down swinging. We congratulate them and Manager-Coach JOE RAYBURN on a job well done...Ashland Terminal beat their complaint/commendation par by having more commendations than complaints. They also won the safety award for the second quarter and Aug. 14 was a big day for Ashland. All day long we had two lovely hostesses serving coffee, rolls, doughnuts and lemonade. Presentation of the safety plaque was made to Superintendent STAN CHRIST by General Administration Manager JOHN AURAND and Director of Transportation Personnel CARL GIBES. Also in attendance were Manager of Safety THOMAS BOYLE and many other guests. A huge crowd was present and prizes were raffled off. Conductor TERRENCE ATKINSON won first prize--two bikes. Second prize was won by Towerman DAVID DAVNEY--a tape recorder. Conductor FRANK SMITH won a picnic set, and Conductor JAMES MOSS won a night on the town at the Martinique/Drury Lane Theatre. Also presented with recognition awards for their good performance were Motorman ROBERT JOHNSON and Conductor STAN ZIELINSKI. All in all, it was a big day for Ashland Terminal...Yard Foreman JAMIE MORRIS sent a card from Florida saying he's having a super vacation down there...

Heard that Retired Superintendent JOE TVRDIK, who lives in Oakland, Ark., was in the hospital recently for an operation but is now home recuperating and should be back to his favorite pastime--fishing--in September...Our gals are going great guns--IVORY GRAHAM is our first girl to qualify as towerwoman. Congratulations, Ivory...We were all saddened to hear about the death of Carpenter JIMMI ALLEN. He always had a smile on his face. Our sincere condolences to his family...Back to work off the injured list! Switchman JODIE RAND, and we're so glad to see him back at his post...We were on vacation and missed Retired Supervisor DON MURPHY and his wife, GEN, who they stopped in Chicago on their way to Omaha, Neb., to see their son and his family. The Murphys live in New Port Richey, Fla. Sorry to have missed your visit, Don and Gen...On the sick list at this writing are Conductor STEPHEN BEARD, Yard Foreman JOSEPH PUGH and GREGOR WILLIAMS. May you all have a quick return to good health...Our sincere sympathy goes out to Agent VENETIA HELI in the recent loss of her father, and to his grandson, RAY HELM; to Motorman CHARLES LLOYD in the loss of his father, and to Conductor JOHN NEELAND in the loss of his father...Motorman ED O'HARA had a great vacation in California where he took in all the sights of Los Angeles. He especially enjoyed the Lion Country Safari where you drive through and all the animals are loose and the lions are roaming around...Congratulations to ROBERT DESVIGNES, former South Section superintendent, who was appointed recently to superintendent, administrative training, training service. All of us are very proud of Robert...Retiree



Paul and Sadie Ducar

Conductor PAUL and SADIE DUCAR wrote me the nicest letter from Lompoc, Cal. They said the air is so fresh and clean you don't need air conditioning. They keep busy all the time with the different senior citizens clubs they have joined and swimming. Sadie has a beautiful flower garden. In fact she won a blue ribbon recently for a single flower display of her fuchsia...Passenger commendations are still pouring in for our South Siders. Conductor KNOX REEVES is fast becoming our most popular winner of the most commendations. This is the fourth one in a year for his clear and distinct announcements. Also receiving commendations were: Conductor ELREE JONES for her clear announcements and courteous manner, and Conductor PERRY TURNER for his helpful manner in explaining to a passenger how to report the loss of an article. Keep up the good work...Superintendent STAN and RUTH CHRIST had a wonderful

vacation in California where they visited Los Angeles and San Francisco. They rode the cable car and the new BART system in Frisco, went to Disneyland, and to Yosemite National Park...Retired Conductor JOHN SEERY who was in the hospital after breaking his wrists in an accident is home now and recuperating nicely...Hey everyone--life is great, Enjoy it!

- Verna Harney

PLANT MAINTENANCE (West Shops) -

This will be a shorty news report. Sorry about that, but no one is bringing in news. Let's make it a big one next month. I'll be ready and waiting for all your news items...DANIEL ALBERTS was born August 11, weighing in at 8 pounds 12 ounces. The proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. DANNY ALBERTS. Danny is a steamfitter. Congratulations to you both...I just have to get to another congratulations to our FRANK MONTEFALCO. Frank, who is a machinist leader in the Steel Fabrication shop, received the record Employee Suggestion Plan award for designing and building a tool to reface screw threads on car hoists. We are all very proud of you, Frank...Don't forget to bring in your news items--I'll be waiting.

- Jennie Scott

WEST SECTION (Agents) -

Now that the agents pick is completed, everyone has put away the Excedrin and tranquilizers. Thanks to Assignment Agent McPHEE who, with the help of Agent Supervisor KAREN DOMINO, did a fine job of running the pick...We extend our sympathy to FAY CAPRIO in the loss of her husband...ANN CINCETTI spent a few days in Passavant hospital to bring down her blood pressure. We are happy to report she is now at home. MYRTLE APITZ is at home nursing a broken ankle. We hope to see both ladies back on the job very soon...Agent Supervisor KENNETH BROWN spent his two-week vacation fixing up and putting about his new home in arengo, Ill. It was a labor of love and we wish him and his family a lifetime of happiness in their new home...HELEN CHRISTNER has returned from her vacation in Florida where she visited her parents. She brought mom and dad back with her, and now she will play hostess to them. Helen did a birthday on Aug. 4. Her son married a lovely lady with two children and made her an instant grandma. She loves it!...ERRY LOMAX has returned to her job in assignment office after a long illness. Welcome back, we missed you!...MARGE and SAM STIPATI are back from their vacation. They had a marvelous time in beautiful Hawaii and enjoyed a stopover in San Francisco on the return trip...MARY ALLAGHER is visiting in Ireland as we write this. We hear that she has extended

her vacation to include a visit to Rome. Lucky lady!...EILEEN CARMODY is also enjoying a vacation in the Emerald Isle...ELEANOR HASBROUCK and her two granddaughters enjoyed a bit of farm life when they visited relatives over the weekend in Galena, Ill...GENEVIEVE RUSIN found a briefcase on her way to work one evening. She checked the contents for identification and called the owner to report her find. The papers enclosed were valuable so, to show his great appreciation to Gen, the gentleman presented her with a check and forwarded a letter of commendation for her to the Mart...Once more I am appealing to all of you to send in some news. We need your cooperation, pretty please!...Your co-reporter, MARY WXTED, is about ready for a take-off to Fun City--Las Vegas, Nev. We wish her luck...Keep smiling!

- Mary Wxted & Zita Doubler

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE (Skokie Shop) -

Did you ever hear that old song, "The Big Noise from Winnetka"? Whatever they meant by that big noise from Winnetka, I can't explain. But it's nothing compared to the noise we're hearing at the Skokie Shop office these days. What with the jackhammers, electric drills and saws going full

speed, it's enough to jangle your nerves and jar your teeth loose. But we've been waiting a long time for this work to be done. So we'll be patient until the remodeling work is completed and everyone is in their proper place. To LEO LIZAK and his crew, full speed ahead, but leave the torpedoes out of it...Several weeks ago it was moving day for Technical Services as they moved up to the mezzanine in the Paint Shop. TOM LYONS, Technical Services, went away on his vacation the week before and missed all the fun that goes with moving. Production Supply Control's moving day is yet to come, but by the time you read this, they will be nicely settled in their new offices in the old upholstery room on the first floor in the Paint Shop. So to all of you, lots of luck in your new offices...Vacation time is still in full swing, but we haven't been receiving too many reports on how and where you spent your vacations. BOB FLOWERS, terminals, spent part of his vacation at Six Flags in St. Louis, Mo., with his family and enjoyed a ride in the famous Arch...GENEVIEVE BERG, General Office, enjoyed a relaxing vacation with her family up in Door County, Wis...ALYCE MAY, General Office, and her husband, ED, retired Skokie Shop employee, returned safely from sunny California. Alyce told us how they enjoyed the trip to the West

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

ROBERT AKINS, 83, North Section, Emp. 5-9-44, Died 6-30-75
JAMES ALLEN, 49, Plant Maint., Emp. 5-14-47, Died 8-13-75
ARTHUR BATES, 68, North Avenue, Emp. 3-10-34, Died 7-5-75
MICHAEL BAZAL, 85, 77th Street, Emp. 8-13-18, Died 7-3-75
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CHARLES CATINO, 69, Skokie Shop, Emp. 4-5-37, Died 7-1-75
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WILLIAM WHELEHAN, 66, District C, Emp. 11-10-36, Died 7-8-75
JOSEPH WINTERS, 91, Cottage Grove, Emp. 8-3-23, Died 7-12-75

Coast and to Oregon where they visited with their daughter, KATHY, and her family...We were all very happy to welcome back ED BLICHARZ and GEORGE MICHAUD, both of Production Supply Control, and RAY BRZECZEK, terminals, who were on our sick list for a long time. It's real great having all of you back with us, and we sincerely hope you will stay on the healthy side for a long time...JAN BRODA, Paint Shop, and his lovely wife, ADRIENNE, arrived back safely after a most enjoyable trip to Poland, Jan's native land. Jan said they had a wonderful time. Jan was back home only a short while when he received the sad news that his father had passed away. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to both of you...BOB BUEGER, carpenter, is proud to announce that his daughter, KATHY, was second runner-up in the Miss Buffalo Grove beauty pageant, and received a \$75.00 scholarship. Bob is sporting a new Pacer automobile and drove it around during his vacation to break it in. One of the places he drove to was the Illinois Railway Museum in Union, Ill. He also had the opportunity to visit the Freedom Train while it was in Chicago...MARK DUNDOVICH's son, MARK Jr., is a member of the Indians Little League baseball team and they're proud to announce that they won first place in the American League at Shabbona Park. They played a championship game at Thillen's Stadium on Aug. 16 against the winner of the National League, and although they fought hard to win, they lost the game and came in second. Mark Jr. said, "We're going all the way next year and be the first place team." Mark Sr. works in the Electrical Department at Skokie...TO FRANK VUKOVICS, electrical, and his lovely wife, PATTI, we say a happy third wedding anniversary. Now they only have 47 to go to celebrate their golden anniversary...TO all of our new electrical worker apprentices, the best of luck. They are: GERRY PORCARO, RON TUCEK, PAT KENNY, WALTER BROWN, BRUCE VENHUIZEN, RAY HEGARTY, JOE MASELLA, BOB JANASEK and DAN HART...We were really hoping to have made a better showing in the news department this month, but we didn't succeed too well. So how about socking it to us next month, and help us have the longest column in the Transit News. See you next month!

(Rail Terminals) -

Congratulations to Pensioner GUY and MARY COLUMBO who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 9. Guy and Mary, who now reside in Tempe, Ariz., were here visiting their children and were feted at a surprise anniversary party given by them at the Casa



Mary and Guy Columbo

Royale Banquet Hall in Des Plaines, Ill. Guy, who retired in July 1970 after more than 39 years of service, was a car repairman at Wilson Terminal.

- Mary Hendrickson & Pat Harnett

(South Shops) -

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. TONY GRIMALDI, Area 312, on the engagement of their son, SAM, to ROSELENA SPIZ-ZIRRI. Roselena is a 1975 graduate of



Roselena and Tony

Ridgewood High school and Sam attends Triton college and plans to attend medical school after graduation. Congratulations! ..It seems a few of our fellow workers have been taking trips out west this summer. CARL LIDZBINSKI vacationed for four weeks in the San Francisco-Oakland area and San Diego...RICH ZAJAC spent most of his vacation in Norwalk, Cal., with a few little side trips to Palm Springs, San Diego and Busch Gardens in the San Fernando Valley...EDDIE OLESKY visited San Diego and crossed the border into Tijuana. ..A warm welcome goes out to the latest member of our bus shops crew, Machinist ANTHONY BALLAY, who came to us from 77th Street Garage...My inside sources tell me that JOHN DOPAK is really doing well in his frisbee lessons...The Brake Department's STANLEY GRZYWNA is not taking a vacation this year until he feels that the department can operate efficiently without him...Machinist JOHN NEWMAN spent a lovely two weeks in Montreal...Congratulations to DAN ROBINSON on nailing down the shop inspector's job that was recently posted...Painter TOM TADEVIC and his nephew, TOM STUBER, tell me that you don't have to journey far to catch the big fish. Tom reports that quite a few big ones got away over at nearby Saganausky Slough, but they managed to pull in a nice 4 pound bass and a good catch of bluegills. ..TOM CICIURA recently purchased a summer cottage in Lake Delavan, Wis... There are quite a few fellows on vacation while I'm writing this column; so we'll catch up on them in next month's issue... Through my own personal experience and that of a few other guys that I talked to, we

all agreed that a visit to the American Freedom Train was really inspiring and patriotic event. So if you ever get the opportunity to visit the Freedom Train, do by all means. It's a great show piece of our nation's history and heritage...Mecanic RAY PAUS' son, ROBERT, was married to PHYLLIS HARR on Aug. 2 at Fir Presbyterian church in Broadview...Following staff sergeants attended drill sergeant's school at Fort Leonard Wood Mo., from July 12 through July 25: WALTER KING, Area 318, ELIJAH WILSON, electrician, and ERNEST JOHNSON, Area 348. This was the completion of a year course. The graduation ceremony was held on July 25 at which time the graduates received their drill sergeant's hat awards and diplomas. At the ceremony Staff Sergeant ERNEST JOHNSON was the recipient of the Commandant's Award, the highest award given from the Chicago area...At this time, we would like to extend our condolences to our co-reporter JEANNE DIEHL, and DENNIS ROHE, Area 318, in the death of their father, BILL ROHE, Area 344, South Shops.

Seems like the Shops softball team that played in the CTA Softball League on Sunday should take a look at the contracts WALLY (Hands) FUELNER, JIM (B) FELTZ, and JEFF (K.O.) JANKUS. These three play in the Dolton League and the team went undefeated during the year at their tournament. It was also learned that they played the Shops team for one Sunday and took two games from them. They couldn't have done all this without Coach JOHN (Chooch) JANKUS...MARILYN HAYWARD and her crew just returned from a fun-filled trip to Orlando, FL. Marilyn said the trip was enjoyed by everyone, especially to Disney World...Our condolences are extended to JERRY ANDERSON, unit supervisor, garages, in the death of his wife, DORTHEA...MARY GARRETT and her troops enjoyed a glorious week in beautiful Kentucky. Mary said the best part of the trip was the fact that there were no bugs there...ED EVANS and his family spent a week up in Wisconsin. Fred was had by all...A happy birthday is extended to "Gramps" JUVINALL who celebrated his 24th on Aug. 19.

- Jeanne Diehl & Lawrence Evans

77TH STREET -

Although the 1975 softball season is over, the devoted team mates and co-worker at 77th Street would like to thank KARL FLEMING, for bringing a trophy to 77th Street, even though it was only third place for the first time in five years. We hope Karl will manage our softball team next year and bring home the first place trophy.

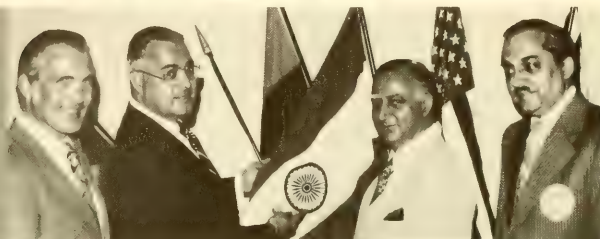
- Allison De Bonnett

cta window



MISS MILLION TAKES HER TRIP: When Jan Johnson, 22, called the Travel Information Center (670-5000) she became the millionth caller since the center opened July 30 of last year. A Loop secretary, she called to find out how to go to a North Side beauty salon. She is pictured (with new hairdo) boarding Joel Montgomery's bus.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL IN MOTION: CTA was front and center at Rotary One of Chicago in August. Because Triloki Nath Kaul, Ambassador from India was the speaker, Vad Malhotra, extreme right, was an honored guest. Malhotra is a distinguished visitor to CTA operations as described in Transit News article on Page 6. Pointing up the flag of India was Wallace D. Johnson, second from left, CTA Board member, president of Chicago's Rotary. Rotary member John L. Aurand, manager of general administration, was also on hand.



PUBLIC SERVANTS: Semi-finalists in the city's seventh annual Superior Public Service Awards program attended a luncheon to receive their awards this summer. Pictured with City of Chicago Public Works Commissioner Marshall Suloway are (from left) Bill Cline of Personnel Development, Jennine Gerard of Insurance, and Mary Boski who accepted the award for General Operations Manager George Grambles who was out of the country.



PLANNING A TRIP -- in fact, 60 of them: The first volunteers for next month's Mass Transit Rally tackled the job of routing Explorer Scouts throughout the city by bus and 'L.' They are CTA's Rally co-chairmen (from left), District A Assistant Superintendent Jim Ohse, Public Affairs Special Projects Coordinator Bob Heinlein, and Ironworker Barney Keller. To join the Rally volunteer staff contact one of the co-chairmen or write Transit News.



ORIENTATION IN TRANSIT: New students at DePaul university receive orientation on getting to class (and elsewhere) via CTA. Betty Edwards, Public Affairs, left, and Eileen Neurauter, Customer Service, right, co-manage CTA's information booth at the lawntown campus. CTA was invited in by the university administration which recognizes one of main student requisites is commuting. Carnival-like orientation bazaar was held in DePaul's social hall.



what's news

A cost-of-living pay boost of $10\frac{1}{2}$ cents an hour for CTA bus drivers, "L"-subway motormen and craft union employees was announced Sept. 3. Altogether, approximately 12,000 CTA employees are affected by the latest cost-of-living pay adjustments, which are estimated to add \$3,500,000 to the payroll on an annual basis. With the latest cost-of-living increase, the top pay scale for bus drivers (with two years experience) is \$7.235 per hour.

- CTA -



Chicago's first balloon bus bumper. . . an "easy-out" rear door. . . a soothing chime instead of a grating buzzer. . . a handy grab rail at the fare box. . . year-'round automatic temperature control. . . and a brightly lit stairwell. These are among the new features of the first of a fleet of new CTA buses that were inspected Sept. 4 by members of the Chicago Transit Board. Making the inspection on the Merchandise Mart Plaza of the first of the latest order of modern CTA buses were James R. Quinn, Vice-Chairman, and Board members Ernie Banks, Wallace D. Johnson, Lawrence G. Sucsy and Donald J. Walsh. Driving the bus was one of CTA's first women operators, Ophelia Ellis. By the end of the year, the CTA expects delivery of all of 600 new buses ordered from General Motors Corporation. The new modern buses are to replace outmoded buses of up to 15 years old. Costing \$64,210 each, the new buses are being acquired through 80 per cent funding by the federal government's Urban Mass Transportation Administration and 20 per cent "local matching" funding by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

- CTA -

A further improvement in the CTA's popular O'Hare Express bus service reduces inbound travel time to Jefferson Park by five minutes, and provides greater service in the cargo area of the International Airport.

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CTA Computer Know-How Eliminates Medium — Helps People Get Job Done

By
Arline Datu

Program yourself into this article. Because what you are about to read is packed with some key messages. Data-day life in a computer center, you may think, is one long, endless tape. Not so.

There's more to the CTA Data Center than just computers. True, a lot of it has to do with storage of information, facts, figures--DATA. But it's what is done to these data that provides the key to the Center's function.

CTA First

The CTA Data Center is the first kind of its system in the American transportation industry," said FBI representative Charles Marron at a recent seminar on the Data Center. "Its work is more than just storing data. It also develops ways to use the information to increase efficiency and productivity."

According to Manager John Hogan, this is what makes CTA's Data Center unique among other computer centers and departments nationwide.

"We're concerned with how you get the data, store it, use it, and integrate it," he says.

That the CTA Data Center is indeed a new and rare concept is evident in that it is only a few years old. It was in 1973 that CTA hired John Hogan from Zenith

Radio Corporation, with the idea to expand the functions of its computer. At the time, it was primarily occupied with work from the Accounting Department.

Two New Systems

One of the first areas the computer's capabilities were extended to was the Operations Department. A couple of major "projects" were forthcoming from this area. They are the Vehicle Maintenance System and the Schedule Control System.

The Data Center, at present, funnels its energies into work on five major projects. These include, in addition to the two just mentioned, the Claims System, the Payroll and the Accounting Systems.

The Vehicle Maintenance System, says Hogan, works to speed up maintenance and repair jobs on buses by eliminating much of the paperwork previously needed.

Operation of the system involves video screens, installed in each bus garage and at Operations Control, and the computer's memory bank. When a garage foreman assigns the daily work, he uses the video screen to call up information on what jobs need

Inside CTA's computer room: Mary Ann Bandur is a systems analyst, Joe Gingras is a principal application analyst.



to be done and what repairs are available. These data are, of course, catalogued in the computer.

Assignments can thus be made in a matter of minutes instead of a couple of hours with the old way of doing things, says Hogan.

Gives Accurate Estimates

Another aspect of the new system is that the time to perform a specific job can be pre-determined by computer so a foreman knows when a repairman will be next available.

While this system hasn't yet been fully implemented at all garages, says Hogan, its present operation at 77th Street and at North Avenue appears to be running smoothly.

In a related area, the Schedules Control System functions within the Operations Control Center to facilitate the monitoring of buses.

To find out where a bus is, at what precise moment, and who the driver is, a controller goes to a video screen where the proper key codes will produce the information quickly. At this writing, there are more than 500 buses computer-monitored. Monitoring of the entire bus fleet under this system is expected within the next one to two years.

The functions of the Claims System, says Hogan, is to eliminate the time-consuming forms which are filled out whenever an accident occurs. Now, a bus driver can file an accident report by punching the information directly into the computer.

Slices Red Tape

Computer know-how applied to the work from both Accounting and Payroll has, since its implementation, cut paperwork in half for both departments. According to Hogan, that's quite a bit of paper!

The accomplishments of the Data Center thus far have been substantial. Yet Hogan admits, "We're small compared with other company computer centers."

He says current staff totals 99, of whom 31 are involved in programming and 20 in systems design.



The science of management is what Datacenter manager John Hogan believes is the primary discipline in his department.

development. Two years ago, when the Data Center first went into operation, staff numbered only half as many.

Besides additional personnel, Data Center's growth also involves the future acquisition of CTA's own computer. According to Hogan, CTA already has small computers which handle the accounting jobs as well as the bus monitoring system. But the bulk of Data Center's work goes through a main computer rented from Statistical Tabulating Corporation.

Computers are indeed a vital part of the Data Center's operation, but Hogan emphasizes his department works within a much larger framework.

"Computers are not the main aspect of the Data Center. We look on our work as a management science. Our primary concern is with the acquisition and management of information."

Continuing Story: More Lib For Lasses



Wanda Black has recently been in training to become the CTA's first woman station clerk for bus operations. Her first assignment will be the North Park garage. Wanda, 25, joined CTA as a bus driver last December. She made the change to the clerk's job, she says, "to get on the management ladder." Wanda lives with her 7-year-old daughter, in South Shore. In the picture, Wanda is shown discussing her new position with Superintendent Alex Johnson.

Safety Is Everybody's Job, Including Top Management's, Krambles Says



George Krambles

the CTA's stepped-up approach to greater safety, it accelerated involvement of top management, was turned to the National Safety Congress in Chicago recently.

George Krambles, general operations manager, told the transit session that the recently reorganized safety set-up here could well be viewed as a model for other public transportation systems throughout the nation.

"Safety is an attitude that must permeate (CTA) from top to bottom," Krambles said.

"Safety consciousness begins when an employee is hired, and is re-inforced at every step of his or her development and training," he continued. "Our goal is to prevent accidents by extending this concern to encompass the employee, the passenger, and the general public."

It was to assure greater safety vigilance, Krambles reported, that the CTA recently established a

new safety department at the top management level. This elevation of the CTA's safety efforts to a top-management level, Krambles said, was initiated by Milton Pikarsky, chairman of the Regional Transportation Authority, when he was chairman of CTA.

"With the creation of this new department, the CTA management provided an ombudsman for the safety functions with the autonomy and authority to audit and prod all safety-related efforts," Krambles said.

Heading the CTA Safety Department is Thomas Boyle who reports to General Administration Manager John Aurand.

"At the CTA these days, Tom Boyle and his safety staff are everywhere in the organization," said Krambles, "and that's where they belong--looking into everything that is safety-related."

This new department is responsible for monitoring safety performance in operations and establishing standards for fire protection and industrial and passenger safety. Among its many functions, the department reviews safety aspects of new construction and new equipment.

"Within the industrial safety and fire prevention areas, the department is concerned with all employees, ranging from maintenance and shop personnel to urban transportation planners.

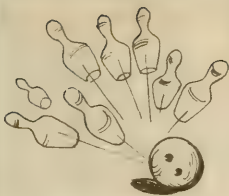
"As preventive measures, the department inspects buildings, facilities and rights-of-way (often at odd hours), and makes certain that all equipment conforms to safe standards.

"With its review of equipment acquisitions and internal training programs, the safety department contributes to a coordinated effort to keep a good safety attitude prevalent throughout.

"And, by communicating with state and federal regulatory agencies, the new safety department makes certain that the CTA is meeting all standards and regulations for full compliance with the laws."

Throughout the CTA's service area of Chicago and 36 adjacent suburbs, Krambles said the Chicago and suburban police departments are doing "excellent work" in providing individual security for transit riders and operating personnel.

Krambles reported that the "impact of this concentrated effort by the Chicago and suburban police departments has resulted in a dramatic decline--by as much as half--in the number of incidents," which, he said, has led in turn to "greater public confidence."



CTA Sports News

MEL ALEXANDER, Sports Editor



CTA Mixed Bowling League Catches On

THE CTA Wednesday night mixed bowling league is really growing. Since opening its season on Sept. 24 at Diversy-River Bowl with only nine bowlers, they now have a membership of 18.

The new league, a part of the CTA Sports Program, was suggested by Ginny McGraw of General Administration.

Officers of the newly formed bowling league are: Tom Ramos, president; Sylvia Coleman, vice-president, and Margaret Archer, secretary-treasurer.

Anyone interested in joining this league can contact Tom or Margaret in Travel Information on Ext. 522, or Sylvia in Claims Law on Ext. 2173. Tom states that there is room for two more teams.



Top photo, left to right: Percy Passmore, Colette Szczepanek, Gene Ross, Margaret Archer, John Roth and Rebecca Wilson. Bottom photo, left to right: Colleen Caniano, Tom Ramos, Ginny McGraw, Sylvia Coleman, Steve Legler and Debbie Wiseman.

New Look For CTA Sports Program

THE CTA Sports Program has taken on a new look and format. As in the past, the program has been governed by a sports director who controlled all activities.

Under the new system of operation, each individual sport will have its own co-ordinator who will oversee that particular sport.

The managers of each team participating have formed a coalition to assist the co-ordinator in promoting the Sports Program. This will tend to avoid problems that have previously plagued the program in the past.

Named as chairman of the newly formed managers union was Homer Reed of North Park Garage. Named as vice-chairmen were Curtis Coleman, Kedzie Garage, and Robert James, Division 308. Al Henshaw, 69th Street Garage, was elected secretary, while George West, General Office, was his assistant.

A tentative date of Nov. 17 has been set for the opening of the 1975-76 basketball season. The schedule for the program has yet to be decided.

With the many employees eager to participate in basketball, the player limit has been raised to a maximum of 20 men per team.



Sylvia Coleman, left, gives a kick as she scores a strike, while Colleen Caniano, right, seems to be happy just to keep the ball on the air.

When The Buck Takes Over, Sports Suffer

By W. B. Wolfan

People once called it "character building." Chances are that if anyone referred to that phrase today the ultra sophisticated would greet the statement with jeers. We have become accustomed to the TV sports star who gets thousands of dollars a week to throw passes and endorse cosmetics.

How many times do you hear a pro athlete say he is only interested in how much money he will make in the playoffs?

I, for one, simply refuse to buy that philosophy in relationship to sports. Certainly there is no athlete worth millions of dollars, but that is the way it is, providing he has the box office appeal.

Under this money formula, truly great stars like Ruth and Gehrig would have commanded enough money to own their own sports franchises. Imagine two hitters, one with a .373 average and the other with .333, and one with 60 homers and the other 47—all in one season. Ruth and Gehrig accomplished that for the Yankees. No owner could have paid them at today's going rate.

There was also a day when a baseball rookie received \$400 per month and room and board to play in the minors.

In pro football, Bronko Nagurski was paid \$6500 for one season by the Bears at the very height of his career.



That baseball rookie played for the simple joy of playing. Nagurski, All American and all pro on everybody's football team, was a giant who played football because he loved to play the game. It certainly was not for money.

For Byron Whizzer White of the Supreme Court, football and scholastic excellence brought prominence, and for the man in the White House, football placed his feet firmly on the road to the highest office in the land. Ford and White both loved sports, and they still do.

Corporate boardrooms are populated by those who played football, basketball and other sports for other reasons than purely monetary ones. Many earned their educations that way.

The point is where does character building begin and commercialization leave off?

Few people realize that Knute Rockne's success, first as a player, then as a coach, was the end result of years of untiring devotion to the game of football.

On the banquet circuit, Rockne stressed the benefits of athletics, the rules of fair play and what was expected from a young man in the way of sportsmanship. Rockne also said that a man who plays sports the right way, remains true to himself all through life.

After all, games are just games. There was a time when the rule of thumb was automatic--play clean. No longer--because of the dollar sign.

Many of the leaders of American military victories won their first battles on the football field. One of the great athletes of pre-World War II was Nile Kinnick of Iowa. He gave his life on the battlefield.

Kinnick was the kind of young man who was a shining example of what Americans called the cream of the crop. He was an inspiration to all.

I still believe, as does Ohio State's Woody Hayes, that college football is one of the last bastions for the building of character.

This view probably is over-idealistic judging by today's standards, but Woody Hayes said it and I believe him.

We need less and less monetary greed and more dedication to ideals. Otherwise sports, as we have known it, will deteriorate in the long run.



Dennis Murphy

Mart Bowling Team Improving

THE MART bowling team is trying very hard to put it all together this year and win the championship of the City of Chicago's Bureau of Engineering Bowling League. The CTA has been a member of this league for more than 25 years.

After finishing in the cellar for the 1972-73 and 1973-74 seasons, the Mart team took an upswing to finish the 1974-75 season in sixth place. They have also shown a marked improvement in their bowling this year, as each bowler strives to lower his handicap.

Recently elected team captain for the 1975-76 season was Dennis Murphy of Customer Service. Other Mart team members are: Timothy O'Rourke and Jesse Jumper, Claims Law; Charles Drozda, Operations Planning; James Toolis, Purchasing, and Mel Alexander, Public Affairs.

CTA Motivates Employee Ideas With Traveling Suggestion Bus

As appropriate to one of the world's largest public transportation systems, the Chicago Transit Authority has put its own employee suggestion system on wheels.

A red-white-and-blue Suggestion Bus, fitted with displays and exhibits testifying to the value of employee ingenuity, has made pilot tours of several CTA locations to motivate still more suggestions from CTA's 13,000 employees for money-saving efficiencies and revenue-building improvements.

The bus was also on display during the nationwide convention of the National Association of Suggestion Systems held in Chicago at the Hyatt-Regency Hotel.

"CTA feels that one of the functions of the upcoming Bicentennial year should be to stimulate creative thought," says John L. Aurand, CTA Manager of Administrative Services in explaining the bus's decor.

"After all," he continues, "it is the informed and experienced ideas of U.S. citizens that enabled our country to achieve such progress over its first 200 years and it is the practical suggestions of CTA employees that have made Chicago's public transportation the most admired in the nation."

The CTA Suggestion Bus is styled in the motif of the specially-painted, specially-named CTA Bicentennial buses and rapid transit cars that have been gradually added to the CTA fleet since the autumn of 1974.

One of the principal functions of the CTA Suggestion Bus is to educate employees in making the most practical suggestions.

One sector of the mobile exhibit, for example, informs employees of those CTA developmental plans that are already in motion so that thinking can be concentrated on projects which are feasible and duplication of existing programs can be avoided. Current emphasis is stimulating ideas on energy conservation.

A cartoon display traces the process steps necessary to evaluate and implement a suggestion.



Cheryl Scanlan, hostess, welcomes James R. Quinn, Vice Chairman of the CTA board, to a preview of the new Suggestion Bus.



This year's Executive Decision Committee of the Employee Suggestion Plan posed for a record picture at their first meeting before approving four cash awards totalling \$630 for suggestions the CTA has successfully implemented.

Craig Heatter, project manager for the Suggestion Bus, reviews incentives with Regina Daren, newly appointed member of the Executive Decision Committee of the Employee Suggestion Plan.

CTA's Track Team At Work On North-South

By Arline Datu

The formula for one three-and-a-half mile CTA rapid transit track renewal goes something like this: 60,000 feet of steel rail; 12,000 timber ties; 18,000 tons of gravel ballast; about 40 men, lots of hard work and, hopefully, good weather.



Taken together, these diverse elements represent a hefty \$2,000,000 operation--and one that is right now in progress on the North Side Track 1 from Lawrence to Howard.

Began in August, completion date for this, the third track renewal project in four years, is anticipated sometime next summer, according to Wally Gaedtke, superintendent of tracks and structures.

Despite the expense, complete overhaul on CTA tracks is necessary only once every 50 years, unlike highway renewal which occurs every 10.

Renewal work involves removal of the used rails and ties and excavation of the old ballast. When the new rail is finally installed, it will have continuous welded joints as opposed to the bolted joints in the old rail.

The bolted joints "made the clickety-clack sound you heard," says Gaedtke. Continuous welding of the rails, he explains, will eliminate that noise.

Overall, renewal work on the tracks is expected to give CTA rapid transit passengers on the Howard and Evanston Express lines a smoother ride. It will also cut down the amount of CTA maintenance on the tracks.

Subsequent to completion of Track 1, the adjacent Track 2 from Lawrence to Howard will also undergo renewal work. Once work on Track 2 is completed, it will mark the end to the renewal program on the North Side main line tracks.

Time out

"Our Town" opened at the Goodman Theatre too late for inclusion in the regular monthly column of things-to-do. So we sent Arline Datu of Transit News to opening night to bring you this first-hand report. (see also page 8)

Flashing camera lights and the glitter of evening gowns heralded the premier night of the Goodman Theatre's 50th season.

Launching off this season's offerings was Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*, the story of living, dying, growing up and getting married in a small town--Grover's Corners, New Hampshire--in the early 1900s.

Perhaps one of Wilder's better known plays, it was given a simple but effective rendering in the Goodman production. A competent cast under the direction of George Keathley, Ivanhoe Theatre's producing director, worked well to set the play's leisurely, small town pace.

Scenery is sparse, as the author planned, but one's imagination is helped along by the admirable storyteller like narration of Tony Mockus, a veteran of the Goodman stage, in the role of Stage Manager.

Perhaps the play's only drawback was the poor acoustics which occasionally made it difficult for people in the back of the theatre to hear the dialog. The child actors' voices especially were at times completely lost.

With this exception, it's a relaxing, enjoyable play which gets Wilder's timely message across nicely in the last scene without being too maudlin or heavy handed.

Our Town extends its run through Nov. 9 at the Goodman with both matinee and evening performances.

**SUNDAY IS BARGAIN DAY ON THE CTA
SAVE MONEY — SAVE GAS
JOIN THE CTA CAR POOL HEADED
FOR YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE THEATRE**

The Chicago Sun-Times has been using this ad as a "plug" for CTA in its week-end movie pages. The Chicago Tribune has also carried similar filler material on its entertainment pages. The theme fits in neatly with the success of the CTA Sunday bargain fare and supertransfer--and with the November Chicago Film Festival during which CTA movie trips will be promoted.

It's "Spotlight on Theatre" month in Chicago--a time set aside to emphasize the city's live theatre. Check box offices for mid-week discounts thru Nov 19.

We recommend "A Midsummer Night's Dream," a surprisingly delightful musical adaptation of the Shakespearean comedy which has been nominated for four Jefferson awards. At the First Chicago Center.

● "AMERICAN BUFFALO" thru Nov 9, Goodman Stage 2, 1016 N. Dearborn. From \$3.50; discounts for students, seniors. 443-3800.

● "A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM," contemporary musical version of Shakespeare's comedy by Randolph Taliman and Steve Mackenroth, thru Nov. The First Chicago Center, One First National Plaza, Dearborn & Madison. CTA employees eligible for \$1 discount. 732-4470.

● ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO--Raiment for the Lord's Service: A Thousand Years of Western Vestments. Two hundred liturgical garments of the Western Church dating from the twelfth thru twentieth centuries. Loans gathered from public and private collections in Europe, Mexico, and the United States. Nov 15-Jan 18, Morton Wing. The Joseph Winterbotham Collection, the annual exhibit of 35 European paintings from the museum's permanent collection includes works by Toulouse-Lautrec, Gauguin, Van Gogh, Miro, Magritte, and Picasso; Nov 8-Dec 7, A. Montgomery Ward Gallery. Selected Landscape Prints, One Hundred Views of Famous Places of Edo (Tokyo), thru Nov 16, Gallery 114. Margaret Fisher, drawings and watercolors by the Chicago artist, continuing, Gallery 114. Photographs by Paul Berger, thru Nov 23, Gallery 106. Photographs by Aaron Siskind, a one-man retrospective exhibition of approximately 60 photographs, thru Dec 7, Lacy Armour Gallery. Robert Natkin: Acrylics On Paper, recent work by the Art Institute alumnus, now living in New York City, continuing, Gallery 109. Edvard Munch, an exhibit of lithographs, woodcuts and etchings commemorating the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the first Norwegian immigrants in America, continuing, Galleries 108 and 108A. Twentieth Century Japanese Prints, Paintings and Ceramics, recent accessions included in this selection of works by major artists from the museum's permanent collection, continuing, Gallery 116. Mon-Wed, Fri-Sat, 10-5; Thurs, 10-8:30 (free); Sun & Thanksgiving Day, 12-5. Suggested fee: \$1.50; students, children, seniors: 50¢; members free. Michigan at Adams. 443-3500.

● AUDITORIUM THEATRE--Shawn Phillips (folk rock) Nov 1 at 8. Dance Theatre of Harlem Nov 4-9; from \$3.50. Todd Rundgren (rock) Nov 11 at 8. Edgar Winter (rock) Nov 12 at 8; from \$5.50. Paul Simon (folk rock) Nov 14 at 8:30; from \$4.50. Leo Sayer (rock) Nov 15 at 8. Los Angeles Philharmonic with Zubin Mehta Nov 16 at 4; from \$3.50. Dan Fogelberg (folk) Nov 26 at 8:30; from \$4.50. Frank Zappa (rock) Nov 29, 30; from \$4.50. 70 E. Congress Pkwy. WA 2-2110.

Time out

● "BARBARA NOW!" thru Nov 29, Playwrights Center, 110 W. Kinzie. \$2.50; students, seniors, \$1.50. 664-0998.

● BLUE MAX NIGHTCLUB--Lola Falana, singer, thru Nov 8. Hyatt Regency O'Hare, River Rd. & Kennedy Expy. Reservations. 696-1234.

● BODY POLITIC--"Goosebumps," continuing; film \$3. "Tom Swift and His," continuing; \$4.50. Dinefest Theatre Co. "Birthday Party," opens Nov 5, 2261 N. Lincoln. 871-3000.

● BRIDGE-VU THEATRE--Dick Haymes Nov 9, New Kingston Trio Nov 21-23, Gordon MacRae Nov 28-30. Dance band one hour before showtime. 30 West, Valparaiso, Ind. From \$5.50. (219)462-0330.

● CHICAGO CIVIC ORCHESTRA, Kees Bakels, conductor; Chiu-Ling Lin, piano, Nov 21 at 8:15, Orchestra Hall, 220 S. Michigan. From \$2.50; students, seniors, \$1. 427-7711.

● CHICAGO ELECTRIC ODYSSEY. Unique seven-screen, multi-media entertainment showing Chicago's past, present and future: the Chicago Fire, helicopter skyline views, fireworks, tourist spots, landmarks. Adults \$2, children \$1.50. 266-0045.

● CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY--Block cutting and printing demonstrated by Cheryl Ellis Nov 1 from 1-4. The People of Chicago lecture series: "The Disasters Shaped Chicago," Nov 5 at 7:30. "The Economic Revolution: How Chicago Changed Into An Industrial City" Nov 19 at 7:30. American Issues Film series: "The Bill of Rights in Action," "Point of Order" Nov 9 at 2. American Issues Film exhibit: "A More Perfect Union: The American Government," political history of Chicago and Washington, Nov 22 thru Jan 5. Films: "Packington, U.S.," "The Stockyards," Nov 23 at 2. Mon-Sat, 9:30-4:00; Sun, Hol, 12:30-5:30. \$1, children (6-17) 50¢, seniors 25¢, members free, Mon free. Clark at North. 646-4600.

● CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY--Women's Year Exhibit from the Midwest Women's Historical Collection, University of Illinois at Chicago Circle. Chicago Railroad Fair: 1948-49, model trains and materials on exhibit with special programs, Nov 10-30. "Karl Arnold, A Portrait of the Twenties--Politics and Society in the Weimar Republic as Seen in Contemporary," (political cartoons), Nov 17-29. Civil Air Patrol exhibit Nov 17-Dec 2. "I Never Saw For My Father," Equity Library Theatre performance Nov 17, 18 at 12:15; Nov 17 at 6:30. Ivy Beard performs Scott Joplin Nov 22 at 12:15. 78 E. Wash-

with Anit Leppiks

Things to do in the Chicago area

630. 782-7396.

● **CHILDREN'S EVENTS**, West Town Branch Library. Turkey-time Theatre, Nov 18. Arts & Crafts each Mon from 3:30-5; Jugar y Aprender (play time) each Tues from 9:30-11; Story-Time each Fri, Sat at 11; After School Movie each Fri at 3:30; Double-Figure each Sat at 10:30. 1310 N. Milwaukee.

● **DE PAUL UNIVERSITY** Community Symphony Orchestra in concert, Nov 14 at 8:15, Orchestra Hall, 22 S. Michigan. Free tickets available from the School of Music. 321-8000.

● **DIAMOND MEDAL AWARD EXHIBITION** thru Nov 4, The Palette and Chisel Academy of Fine Arts, 142 N. Dearborn.

● **"DIGNITY,"** Nov 6-Dec 7, Wisdom Bridge Theatre, 1559 W. Howard. 743-6442.

● **11TH CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**. Afternoon and evening screenings of all 14 competitive categories with directors present, Nov 7-20. The Granada Theatre, 6427 N. Sheridan, and the Bigraph Theatre, 2433 N. Lincoln. \$2.50; seniors, members, \$2. 644-3400.

● **"FALLEN ANGELS,"** with Dorothy Lamour thru Nov 16, Drury Lane South Theatre, 2500 W. Drury Lane, Evergreen Park. From \$3. PR 9-4000 or G2-8000.

● **FILM CENTER** of the Art Institute of Chicago. Open Screening of Midwest filmmaker's films, Nov 5. Or continuous show beginning at 5:30, 7. Special Closing Night program to be announced, Nov 7. Fullerton Hall. Michigan at Adams. \$1.25. 443-3737.

● **GOODMAN THEATRE** 50th Anniversary Season. Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" (a deceptively simple tale of everyday life in Grover's Corners, New Hampshire, at the turn of the century) thru Nov 9. "Benito Cereno," Nov 20-Dec 21; "Mourning Becomes Electra," Jan 8-Feb 8. "Bradleyville," Feb 19-March 21. "Cr Father's Failing," April 1-May 2. "The Devil's Disple," May 13-June 13. 200 S. Columbus Dr. Plays open Thurs eve and run nightly except Mon; matinees Thurs, Sun. Tickets for individual performances available. 443-3800; groups 443-3820.

● **"GODSPELL"** opens Nov 11, Pheasant Run Playhouse, Route 64 (North Ave) three miles east of St. Charles. Chicago phone: 261-7943.

● **"HAY FEVER"** with Barbara Rush thru Nov 30, Dry Lane East Theatre, McCormick Place, 23rd & LaSalle Dr. From \$3. 791-6200.

● **INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW** with entertainment Nov 27-Dec 2. Nation's greatest saddle-bred

horses compete for "The International," for many years considered the "Court of Last Appeal." Competition will be in the following classes--Five Gaited, Three Gaited, Five Harness Roadsters, Hackney Ponies, Harness Ponies, Pleasure Horses, and Equestrian. Part of the International Live Stock Exposition, International Amphitheatre, 4300 S. Halsted. Reserved seats from \$3. Ticket price includes general admission to exposition. 927-5580.

● **LOGAN SQUARE LIBRARY FILMS** (comedy) each Wed at 2 thru Dec 17. Oldies such as W. C. Fields; mostly talkies. Logan Square Branch Library, 3255 W. Altgeld, BE 5-5295.

● **LUNCH-TIME CONCERTS** on 2nd, 4th Tues in Nov, Dec at 12:15. The First Chicago Center, One First National Plaza, Madison & Dearborn. Veteran's Day concert will be held on Mon, Nov 11. \$2.50. 732-3237.

● **"MOTHER, I LOVE YOU,"** New Concept Theatre, Sacred Heart Center, 7800 S. Aberdeen. From \$3. 224-1900.

● **"NORMAN, IS THAT YOU?"** at the Drama Shelter, 2020 N. Halsted. 549-6020.

● **PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING**, Nov 1, 15 at 8:30, Arena, International Amphitheatre, W. 43rd & S. Halsted. 927-5580.

● **ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY--Faculty Recital of Operatic Arias** from Rossi to Bernstein, Alice Dutcher, mezzo-soprano, Nov 3 at 7:30. Roosevelt University Symphony Orchestra, Nov 5 at 8. "The Merry Wives of Windsor," presented by Roosevelt University Opera Theatre. Nov 20, 21 at 8. Chicago Musical College Faculty Baroque Ensemble. Nov 26 at 1, Rudolph Ganz Memorial Hall. "Dark of the Moon," Nov 14, 15, 19-21 at 8, Patrick O'Malley Workshop Theatre. 430 S. Michigan. \$2.50; students \$1.50. 341-3555.

★ **SECOND CITY** treats its audience to a CTA bus ride in its revue, "Once More, With Fooling," The "Happy Driver" scene is based on CTA bus driver Cleven Wardlow. Tues, Wed, Thurs, Sun at 9; Fri, Sat at 8:30, 11. 1616 N. Wells. From \$3.25. Reservations. 337-3992.

● **"SNARK,"** thru Nov 9, Barry St. Loft Theatre, 656 W. Barry. \$2.50; students, seniors \$2. 271-3119.

● **"THE AU PAIR MAN"** thru Nov 16, Evanston Theatre Co., Kingsley School Theatre, Greenbay & McCormick, Evanston. From \$6.50. 869-7278.

● **"THE CARETAKER"** thru Dec 20, Victory Gardens Theatre, 3730 N. Clark. 549-5788.

● **"THE GOODBYE PEOPLE,"** St. Nicholas Theatre Co., opens Nov 12. Chicago Center for the Arts, Fullerton & Racine.

● **"THE LAND OF THE STAGE,"** Players Oe, Sun at 2:30 thru Dec 31, Second City, 1616 N. Wells. \$1.50. 337-3992.

● **"THE NIGHT THOREAU SPENT IN JAIL,"** Nov 7, 8, 14, 15 at 8, DePaul University, SAC Pit, 2323 N. Seminary. \$2. 321-8000.

CTA, International

Much To Be Thankful For

By Elda Leal

On Nov. 26, 1784, President George Washington proclaimed the first Thanksgiving Day as a national holiday. Many years have passed by and the tradition has been faithfully observed since.

Immigrants to this country adapt easily to this celebration and enjoy it, too, though perhaps back in their native countries a similar occasion was observed at a different date such as Christmas Day or the last day of the year. Nevertheless, religious beliefs and gratefulness are gifts most human beings possess and it would never hurt to celebrate Thanksgiving twice a year.

Because I consider this to be a special celebration, highly spiritual and religious, I would like to use the space in this column to share with all CTAers a beautiful essay that I keep in front of my typewriter. Many times it has served me as "food for thought". Hope you enjoy it and appreciate the wisdom of its wording.

DESIDERATA

Go placidly amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence.

As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons.

Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons. They are vexations to the spirit.

If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter. Always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble. It is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is. Many persons strive for high ideals. Everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection.

Neither be cynical about love; for

in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth.

Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars. You have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore, be at peace with God, whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul. With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world.

Be careful.

Strive to be happy.

FROM SEVENTEENTH-CENTURY
MANUSCRIPT FOUND IN A BAL-
TIMORE CHURCH

Much To Be Thankful For

According to Josephine E. Drozdowski, clerk typist in the Engineering Department who came from Miastko, Koszalin in Northern Poland 11 years ago and who still remembers with great affection and nostalgia her dear native land, we have something else to be thankful for, "Residents of this country," she says, "should be grateful for their five-day work week."

Workers in Poland labor eight hours during week-

days and six hours on Saturdays. Children also attend school six days a week. So, unless you really love work, add to your "Thank You God" list the fact that you have two full days off every week.

Josephine is a very capable and polite employee. Her boss, John Chura, thinks very highly of her. She came to work for CTA in April of this year and enjoys her job very much.

She has kept her native language through continuous correspondence that she maintains with several of her childhood friends and is planning to visit Poland next year for the first time since she immigrated to this country. Most of her relatives live in this country and in Russia.



Josephine Drozdowski

Josephine is an active member of the Polish National Alliance and for the last three years has been participating in the Polish Constitution Parade celebrated annually in early May. She is planning to further her business education and start attending evening school as of next January.

Polish Americans have been a great contribution to this country. There are many CTAers of this national heritage and I am sure they must be very proud of the special tribute CTA is paying to some of its brave and outstanding men. For the benefit of its co-workers who for one reason or another are new to date in some of the CTA programs I would like to pass on the following information.

As part of the CTA's contribution to the Bicentennial celebrations, two trains and a bus of the Spirit of '76 fleet, painted with the patriotic motifs in stripes of blue, white and red, over a gray background, have been named after three great men of Polish descent who bravely participated in the American Revolution. They are: Count Casimir Pulaski, Haym Salomon (Polish-Jew) and General Thaddeus Kosciuszko.

The Case Of The Brown Bag Jewels

Log

Thursday, Sept. 11, 1975

Streeterville Bus Route No. 157 -- Run No. 917

Operator: Badge No. 5209

(Driver John Armstrong)

(Times Designated By 24 Hour Time System)

- 243--A neatly dressed older man with two small shopping bags boards bus in Canal street near Union Station paying 35 cent shuttle fare.
- 253--Man with one shopping bag alights at Randolph and Michigan.
- 304--Bus arrives at north terminal at Chestnut and Dewitt.
- 306--Driver Armstrong finds small shopping bag on seat upon checking bus for lost items. Places bag near driver's seat.
- 10--Leaves Chestnut and Dewitt for return to Union Station.
- 15--Telephone call received at CTA switchboard by Mrs. Menetta Ferrari from a man saying he had lost a small shopping bag on Streeterville bus.



- 116--Mrs. Ferrari transfers call to Clerk George Walker at Kedzie Bus Garage from which Streeterville bus was dispatched.
- 118--Informed by caller that shopping bag was "important." Clerk Walker referred the call to Superintendent Elvin White.
- 124--Superintendent White calls CTA Control Center (in Merchandise Mart). Call received by Controller Lino Alcaraz.
- 128--Controller Alcaraz calls Supervisor Lemuel Collins at the Union Station to ask him to check for lost shopping bags on Streeterville buses.

1332--Driver Armstrong arrives at Union Station and turns over the shopping bag to Supervisor Collins.

1340--Supervisor Collins calls District Superintendent Ronald Mickels who, in turn, calls Fred Limmel, Control Center Coordinator, to report lost shopping bag recovered. Superintendent Mickels instructed to bring shopping bag immediately to the Transportation office in the Mart.

1345--Control Coordinator informs the caller about the lost shopping bag and that bag has been found and can be picked up in Room 7-187 in Merchandise Mart.

1430--Man arrives to claim shopping bag from Clerk Helmut Stankevicius, who first, before showing it to him, asked the man to describe the package. Satisfied with the identity, Clerk Stankevicius then asked the man to sign for the recovered shopping bag.

The man then identified himself further as a buyer for a well known jewelry firm.

He then pulled from the shopping bag three well-bound packages, each about half the size of a shoe box.

"We thought there was only one chance in a million that these would be recovered," said the jeweler. "I can't tell you what a great job all of you have done."

"All told, these three packages are worth \$18,000," he explained. "One package contains \$11,000 worth of cut diamonds from Israel, and the other two packages contain pearls from India worth a total of \$7,000."

The neatly dressed man who had left the shopping bag on the bus was a courier for the jewelry firm who had picked up the packages at the U.S. Customs Service at 610 S. Canal street.

How did it happen that he left the shopping bag with the three packages on the bus?

"He was reading one of the Chicago newspapers, but I don't know which one it was," said the jeweler.

The jeweler (with a prestige Loop firm) also said this: "It was only through the extraordinary efforts and quick action of CTA personnel that we were able to recover the package that we felt we had an extremely limited chance of seeing again."

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ARCHER -

Our wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to MYLES PINDAK and MILTON WRIGHT who are on the sick list, and to Mrs. ANN OGAR, the wife of Operator JOHN OGAR, who is convalescing at home after a brief stay in the hospital...Pensioner FRANK MUCZYNSKI and his lovely wife, ANN, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on Aug. 19. Frank retired from Archer in 1963. Congratulations and best wishes for many years of happiness to this wonderful couple...Chief Clerk WILLIAM HENDERSON spent a quiet vacation dreaming of the days ahead when he will take his pension. Clerk FRANK SCHMITZ returned from his vacation with the pep of a 22-year old. What gives, Frank?...E. G. STUPAY recently celebrated his 34th year with the CSL and CTA...Operator WALTER GIBSON and his wife, MURIEL, took to the road and toured the southland and they visited Pensioner D. D. CONEY who is making his home in McComb, Miss...I wish to thank B. B. BURNS, C. BROWN, K. McDONALD and R. MILLER for making JOSEPH FREEMAN's retirement party a success...A happy belated birthday to BURTEL BURNS, Aug. 29. The fellows surprised him with a cake and a few goodies...Happy birthday to Operator E. C. COX, Sept. 21, and to Mrs. MARION WHITE, the wife of Superintendent J. C. WHITE, Sept. 29...Our condolences to Operator PRINCE PATTON in the passing of his daughter, and to Pensioner CARL SCHMOOK in the passing of his wife...Mr. 35th Street, Operator GEORGE BACHELDER, retired on Aug. 1 after 33 years of service. Good luck and best wishes on your retirement, George...FRANK KUBICKI, tire center, has been in the sick book for some time. We wish him a speedy recovery...Word was sent to me that Mrs. VIONETTA CLAYTON was quite ill. She is the wife of JOHN W. CLAYTON, retired supervisor of District B. Retired Supervisor JOHN SPOO visited the station and was looking great...Instructor ROY WILSON wishes to thank the line instructors for the great job they did this summer with the college students and appreciates what they have done...May each day bring you happiness and peace.

- Owen Townsend

DATA CENTER -

The Datacenter extends a hearty welcome to its new employees: BARB CAGNEY, RON DAVIS, DON DEMPSEY, MARY DEWOLF, MIKE FARINA, BOB GILMORE, BOB KAPUT, WORTHETTA LASHLEY, DAVE MULARSKI, PHIL PAKER, ROSLYN STEINBERG, FLOYD THEWATT, CURT WHIPPLE and LEO WHITE... CAROL

AGUIRRE, Computer Operations, has returned from a trip to the national parks of our northwest states. She and friends toured Glacier Park, Mont., Grand Teton and Yellowstone in Wyoming, Flaming Gorge, Utah, and Jasper and Banff Parks in Canada. Carol wishes CTA had a branch office in Wyoming...JIM GRIFFIN, software analyst, and his wife attended his 10 year class reunion from Harlan High school at the Beverly Woods restaurant, and reports he had a fabulous time...Key-punch Operator LAURA PELZ and JACK FONTANA were married on Sept. 6 at St. Joan Birchman church in Logan Square. The reception was held at Robert and Allen's Regency Inn. The bride wore an ivory gown with cathedral length train and the bridesmaids wore pastel pink. The happy couple honeymooned at Nassau Beach hotel on New Providence Island. Laura has returned to work sporting a fantastic tan. Congratulations!

- Jane McGuinn

CTA SECURITY -

EDWARD M. JORDAN, manager of Security, commended Patrolmen J. LaFOLLETTE and R. SMITH for their outstanding work in responding to a disturbance call at Chicago and Pulaski, which led to the arrest of two youths throwing bricks through the windows of a bus and injuring several passengers... Other department commendations given during the month of September were: Patrolmen A. COLLINS, J. LEAHY and R. COSTLEY for their apprehension of two burglars at Wilson Shops, and to Patrolman J. HIGENS and Sergeant F. BARRETT of the South Unit, in the apprehension of four youths vandalizing buses at Archer Garage...Patrolman TIM O'MAHONEY and Sergeant WILLIAM TALBERT are doing a very good job on their night patrol assignment, under the supervision of Superintendent JACK SHEEHY, formerly of the Chicago Police Department... Still on the department's sick list is Officer HARRY LAATSCH of the North Side Unit. Everyone wishes him a speedy recovery. Harry was the department's first aid instructor... Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Superintendent JACK SHEEHY who recently lost his mother... Patrolman of the month for September was Sergeant BRUCE HENDERSHOT who was chosen for his neat appearance and supervisory-oriented ways. Sergeant Hendershot started as a patrolman in January, 1970, and was promoted to sergeant in 1975. Sergeant Hendershot also received a commendation from District C Supervisor JOHN BURNS for his fine work in helping remove sleepers at the Madison and Aus-

tin bus turnaround. Good luck, Bruce, a keep up the good work...We welcome to the department the following new officers, who completed their basic law course at the Police Training Institute in Champaign, Ill. Officers MILLER, THOMAS, LAMP, OLIVIERI, FICKE, MOYZIS and MOONE. Officer Mooney was awarded the highest honors extended by the Police Training Institute... F.O.P. Lodge 89 held the monthly meeting on Sunday, Sept. 2. Among some of those present were: President DANIEL MARTINIAC; Vice-President ANTHONY NOVAKOVICH; Sergeant FRED BARRETT, secretary; JOHN HIGEN, sergeant-at-arms, and Trustees THOMAS O'MAHONEY, AL SPRENGEL and PHILIP THOMAS, and your reporter, FRANK PICKETT... The Crime Prevention Division, a newly organized unit, has a major purpose to eliminate the opportunity for crime before it happens. The unit will be checking unsecured areas which have poor lighting and no security devices... Patrolmen ROBERT SMITH and FRANK PICKETT have just completed their course in crime prevention at Lisle, Ill., and will be working under the supervision of R. GLIEBE, BILL BUTLER and J. DONOHUE.

- Frank Pickett Jr.

ELECTRICAL (Rapid Transit Signal Division) -

STEVEN ZELLNER, after absorbing one month plus of vacation, still has a minor complaint. He had money left. Sorry, Steve, I can't help you. After all the time you spent in Michigan with the Boy Scouts, umpteen trips down to the Kankakee river, buying one house and selling another, moving and all that, you should have had time to spend that money. Shame, shame... DAVE BATTERSON and his wife, PAUL, just finished a week of vacation. The took along their daughter, BONNIE, and friend. They did a lot of goofing off, and liked it... JACK PILIP, who recently placed himself at the mercy of that good old Florida vacationland for three weeks, has returned to Chicago. The center of all the goings on for Jack, his wife, JULIA, and

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JOINING THE ranks of the retired on October 1 was EDWARD SHIELDS, Utility, who had 41 years of service with CSL and CTA.



NEW PENSIONERS

HARLES CARLSON, Mail Clerk, Administrative Services, Emp. 8-25-37
 HORNTON CHERRY, Switchman, West Section, Emp. 9-17-48
 ARY CLEARY, Balance Clerk I, Accounting, Emp. 1-29-62
 AROLD CURE, Collector, 7th Street, Emp. 5-17-54
 MUEL GLOVER, Machinist, West Shops, Emp. 6-20-45
 OMINICK FASANO, Blacksmith, Kokie Shop, Emp. 4-27-45
 RIC LARSON, Analyst, Transportation, Emp. 1-22-36
 AYMOND McCLINTOCK, Bus Repairer, Limits, Emp. 5-23-41
 ENNY PABISINSKI, Machinist, South Shops, Emp. 9-24-47
 LESLAW PRESZ, Carpenter A, West Shops, Emp. 10-11-45
 AYMOND RAHN, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 9-22-42
 EDWARD SHIELDS, Service Truck Chauff., Utility, Emp. 3-13-34
 JOHN STRZELECKI, Conductor, West Section, Emp. 12-5-42
 WILLIAM WALCOTT, Operator, 7th Street, Emp. 3-15-45
 OTHER WALLACE, Operator, 7th Street, Emp. 2-27-47

ABILITY RETIREMENTS

LISEO NIEVES, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 3-21-57

their son was Brooksville. They ventured far enough to take in the sights at Homosassa Springs, Weeki Wachee Springs, and to ever popular Disney World. Jack, you fighten us when you go down there and enjoy yourself for so long a time. We are afraid we might lose you one day to that far 'round sunshine place...Regretfully we report the death of Ms. ALICE ROSE. She is the aunt of Signal Helper AT LOWDER. You have our prayers in your hours of sorrow...Signal Helper CARL SMS is away on vacation. I just thought you wanted to know why we have all the peace and quiet around here. Enjoy it while you can--he will be back in two weeks...FRANK HALPER and his wife, BROTHY, who often travel far and wide

during their vacation, vacationed closer to home this year. They visited Starved Rock State Park here in Illinois. This park as you know is very rich in history, and Frank has made a hobby of looking into Illinois history, especially now during the Bicentennial year. During his travel throughout the state he found that while some of the towns and villages are small and seemingly incidental, they are very big when it comes to historical significance. He said, a trip through "our own back yard" could be quite rewarding. Frank obtained a book he said is loaded with information about this land of Lincoln. The book gives the origin and growth history of every town, village and city in Illinois, and is highly recommended reading...I just found another group of fellows who have been waiting in line to get into our year older club. Time out to say happy birthday to DAVE BARR, Sept. 2; FRANK HALPER, Sept. 10; CLYDE YOUNT, Sept. 30; JOHN WOULFE, Sept. 3; FON TOPOLINSKI, Sept. 25; JOHN ODDO, Sept. 2; HOWARD YOUNG, Sept. 15, and LEON WILSON, Sept. 1...We would like to welcome part of the signal gang to the South Side while they are in the process of replacing transformers for our new signal equipment. We would like to notify Signal Foreman PAT STAUDT that we have no formal complaints, but if he needs a shoulder to cry on, we certainly understand...Say, fellows, how about us taking a ride (or walk) with Big LOU GONZALEX, his wife, JEAN, and their son, TODD (literally speaking of course). They vacationed on a dude ranch, Beaver Resort, near Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado. Here at the ranch they encountered a host of things that make for an excellent family vacation. There were nature tours on horseback or walking, square dancing, hay rides. Big Lou said he and Jean were good on horses, but Todd was much better and he rode his horse in a rodeo contest where skill on horseback riding is rewarded. Upon arriving at the ranch every one has a horse assigned to him and that horse is yours for your entire stay. Big Lou said the food was out of this world. There were also lectured auto tours to nearby Georgetown, Granby and Rocky Mountain National Park. Last but not least, Lou took Jean and Todd on the Colorado River where they shot a few rapids. I think Jean and Todd told Big Lou he could have his river, in so many words...Mother Nature is out there working full time getting the fall colors up. And are they ever beautiful. As you go for a walk or drive this season through the forest preserves and national forests, do yourself a favor--drive slowly and you'll enjoy it more. Be careful with fires.

- Tommie Lowery

FOREST GLEN -

Operator CASIMIR DANKE and his lovely wife, CELIA, just turned in their 25th

wedding anniversary on Sept. 14. His bride is just as lovely as on the day they were wed. By the way, Danek's parents will celebrate 60 years of wedded bliss in February, and his sister will celebrate 25 years in October. You can tell that this is a family with love. Many more happy years together, folks, and above all to your fine parents...Speaking of wedding anniversaries, Operator ANDY KOSINSKI and his lovely wife, OLGA, had their 35th on Sept. 14. Andy was saying he would treat his wife to dinner. He dropped the word about going to the "Golden Arches", but we know Andy is a big spender...CLIFFORD LAST says the way to keep your wife happy is to get her a car of her own. Now she won't have to walk to and from the store. Thanks, Last, it's better than those roller skates you were talking about...Supervisor CHARLES KUSCH was spotted the other day with quite a different head cover. He stated due to the Jewish holidays, he couldn't talk about it. It did something for him--but what?..Operator CARL MICHALKO and his wife and two children went East for their vacation, and visited their son-in-law who is in the navy...Pensioner LOU SCHOENFELDT just turned 82 years young on Sept. 9, and he really looks grand. He has been retired since 1958 and it's agreeing with him...I understand that WILLIE DIETZ hasn't been up to par lately but is doing much better now. Best wishes go out to all three Dietz brothers...Saw Pensioner CARL REDEM-SKE from North Avenue Garage who has been taking life easy for the past 1½ years. This is the life he says...Loader COSTLEY has made a standing invitation for a cook-out at his home--but he's making it now during the cold weather. I believe I am getting the drift of his offer...Operator WHITE spent a honey-do vacation getting his home fixed for fall...Operator JOSEPH MOTYKA and his Mrs. pulled their trailer up and around the lake. I understand he's a very poor fisherman, but what a pool player. Look out fellows when he gets a cue stick in his hands...EUGENE P. ZWADLO from repairs left us on Sept. 20 going to the Signal and Interlocking Department. Good luck, Eugene, in your new position...Retired Operator JOHN KECK and his lovely wife, PAULINE, are to be known as the traveling Kecks. Since his retirement last summer, all he and his bride have been doing is traveling. They just returned from the Orient, and turned right around and went to Canada. Now they are off to California. John says they intend to see all the world before settling down. You can tell by the picture John is living it up with the beautiful Mrs...Operator GEORGE KARRAS finished 30 years of service on Aug. 27.



Pauline and John Keck

Those years went by fast, George says, but he looks fine.

- W. A. Henry

GENERAL OFFICE (Treasury) -

The welcome mat was extended to ARMANDO MARTINEZ who transferred as a turnstile collector from ticket agent, and Bus Operator WILLIE WHITAKER to token clerk...Congratulations are in order for JAYNE DICKINSON, typist, on the ownership of a new home on the South Side; and DAN RUGLIO, turnstile collector, who purchased a home in Cicero. Good luck and many days of happiness in your new homes.

(Insurance & Pensions) -

Birthday greetings are being extended to belly dancers, DEBORAH WISEMAN Sept. 14, and COLLEEN CANIANO Sept. 29. Who knows, soon we may see them in Hollywood. Also a happy birthday to JUDY JOHNSON on Sept. 29. Good to see you back after a short stay in the hospital...JEANNE GERARD, together with her parents and aunt, drove to Nashville, Chattanooga, Gatlinburg, Smokey Mountains National Park, Berea College and Mammoth Cave on their two-week vacation. She said the scenery and weather was something to behold.

(Medical) -

Glad to hear that Dr. ARNOLD PECK has an apartment in Marina City. Sure will be convenient for the Medical Department staff to visit and stay, if necessary, to be on time for work the next morning. Still waiting for that invitation...DIANE PECORARO, clerk-typist, and her husband, JOSEPH, who works at Skokie Shop, spent their second honeymoon at the Playboy Club in Lake Geneva. Sure brings back memories of those wedding days.

(Public Affairs) -

Well, it's sad news again. Our co-reporter, EILEEN NEURAUTER, known to the CTA gang as Murph, is back in the hospital for surgery. We wish her a quick recovery and a fast return to work. I wonder what there is left in her yet to do? How much more can you cut out?

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neurauter

KEDZIE -

Our need and support for all operators to continue their efforts in keeping our accident record down has been good. We could beat our own record for the third quarter of the ISC and have coffee on management. Let's all strive for this goal...T. J. HEFFERNAN, treasurer and manager of the Kedzie credit union, and his lovely wife, BEA, just returned from a vacation in Ireland and England. They said they enjoyed London with its double-decker buses, and

Service anniversaries in October

40 years



W. H. Aquist,
Transportation

G. J. Edwards,
Forest Glen

loved Ireland with all its laughter. Ted brought one of the transfers back from England, and anyone interested may see it in the credit union office...Operator GUY DIMEO and his lovely wife, DORA, celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary on Sept. 5. Here's wishing them both many more years of happiness...Instructor D. EGGERSDORF and his lovely wife, AMY, celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary on Sept. 22. We all wish them many more...MELISSA GRIMALDI, the granddaughter of FRANK GRIMALDI, assistant day foreman at North Avenue Garage, had a birthday party on Sept. 21 which your reporter attended. All the Grimaldi clan was there and a good time was had by all. Here's wishing Melissa many more happy birthdays...Pensioner T. MURPHY and his wife, CECILE, took a trip to Las Vegas where they took in most of the shows and really enjoyed themselves...Your reporter and his wife visited Pensioner A. DOMINICK and his wife, LEE, and their daughter, LINDA, and had a nice time talking about Kedzie. Dominick says hello to all his friends at Kedzie...Pensioner A. LASK and his wife were on my bus and both look beautiful. They spend most of their time in Wisconsin, and say hello to all at Kedzie...Our deepest sympathy is extended to Superintendent E. WHITE and his wife in the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. ELLA TAYLOR, who was laid to rest on Aug. 29 at Oakwood cemetery...To all our operators on the sick list we wish you a speedy recovery and hope to see you back on the job soon...To all the operators and their wives who will be celebrating wedding anniversaries this month, we wish you many more happy years together...To all who are having a birthday, happy birthday...

35 years

W. H. Balk, North Section
J. J. Cichorski, Utility
W. C. Dunn, Electrical
R. J. Johnson, North Park

30 years

J. A. Aichinger, Kedzie
M. J. Andrzejewski, North Park
T. D. Belshaw, Forest Glen
E. E. Berndt, District B
G. A. Bradshaw, North Section
R. Burbridge, South Section
S. Caselman, Campaign Area
R. Chucan, Skokie Shop
F. D. Corbett, Schedules
A. G. Dianovsky, North Avenue
E. Drobney, Archer
H. R. Duverdier, North Section
W. Ellis, Plant Maint.
J. F. Gampel, 69th Street
W. J. Gauger, West Section
C. W. Gesbeck, North Section
B. U. Gully, 77th Street
R. Harsh, 77th Street
R. Hert, Limits
R. Jablcek, North Park
J. Lackhouse, 77th Street
R. C. Legg, North Avenue
T. Lesniak, Skokie Shop
L. Lizak, Engineering
C. H. Luepke, North Avenue
F. W. Nexbauer, Kedzie
R. D. Palazzo, Skokie Shop
C. W. Person, Forest Glen
H. J. Prange, Forest Glen
E. J. Rave, 77th Street
G. E. Schultz, Plant Maint.
E. Szacik, Forest Glen
W. H. Timmerman, Electrical

25 years

M. Hennessy, Skokie Shop
E. A. O'Brien, North Park
J. G. Pelzman, Beverly
J. Reed Jr., Archer
T. F. Spencer, 77th Street

Don't forget your credit union. Save little each payday and watch your happiness grow...Remember, I need news, please help me out.

- Raymond Graham

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT -

The Materials Management section welcomes Steno SANTINA FIELD, Specifications Department, and MIKE REYNOLDS, clerk II...Our best wishes to BETH ANN TOOLS, the daughter of JIM TOOLS' buyer in the Purchasing Department. Oct. 11, Jim will be the father of the bride.

Happy birthday to the Cancer-Leo-Virgo-Ibra people. That means you GEORGE DAMS, JOHN T. HARTY, ROBERT PIERER, COLEEN THERBAH, JIM TOOLIS, INA RODRIGUEZ, PAT REED and DAGMAR McNAMARA...When I mentioned to AMES RILEY that the vacation season is most over, a ray of nostalgia swept over me as he spoke of his travels during the summer. James and PAM RILEY gave us treats to the Old Spaghetti Warehouse in Montreal; the Stage Restaurant, and Ama Leone's in New York City. They so toured the Casa Loma in Toronto and spent a few days viewing the falls. REBECCA COUSIN visited her mom and other relatives in Nashville, and through C.O.G. Channels of Gossip; this reporter learned at DAGMAR McNAMARA went to Romania and TINA RODRIGUEZ spent a weekend at Niagara Falls. ELEANORE UZNIAR took off for the Dells in Wisconsin, while ELLEN MUNYER tried her luck at the tables and machines in Las Vegas. She quickly learned that you can't win 'em all. Ellen concedes to lottery tickets...Materials Control Clerk JIM UALLS took his better half to the plush-sky Playboy Club in Lake Geneva in honor of nine years of cooking, cleaning, shopping, working and putting up with him. His low workers congratulate Jim and extend their deepest sympathy to his wife, RNESTENE...If you see JOHN HARTY with his chest out and smiling a lot, it's because his three grandsons arrived from Washington to spend some of their vacation time with him and Mrs. Harty. The three young ones, all under 10 years of age, traveled alone by air and captured the hearts of the airline stewardesses...Take a tip from Pensioner DAVID S. FETCHER who dropped us a line from Inyavale, Cal., and ride on the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) if you plan a trip to San Francisco. Hop aboard in Concord and enjoy the smooth half hour ride with transfer points along the line to San Francisco, Oakland and Fremont, Cal...Storeroom 42 reports that DAN McREDMOND and his wife, NORA, spent four weeks visiting relatives and friends in Ireland...VINCENT DIMECA and his wife, FRANCES, enjoyed vacation visiting Adventure Land in Des Moines, Ia., and the Amama Colonies. They took in the sights at the Wisconsin Dells and all in all, had a very nice time...August was the big day for JAMES DASIO, Storeroom 42. That's the day he was married to THERESA and took off for a honeymoon in Florida. They took in the sights and rides of Disney World and wound up with Jim getting his fill of beer at Busch Gardens...When we think of wedded bliss, let us forget that VICTOR GRIFFIN and ALPH PODGORSKI, Storeroom 59, both took the big step this summer. Many happy and joyful years are extended to the happy couples...The South Shops rolls out the welcome mat to LEON HARRIS and MEL WILLIAMS...JOE SIMPSON, Storeroom 60, had a wonderful two-week stay in Califor-

nia. He visited Oakland and San Francisco and proudly did the towns with his daughter who recently took her bar exam...TOM MARASOVICH, Storeroom 57, had a great vacation in Hayward, Wis...CHARLEY BENNETT, Storeroom 30, is off the sick list...HOMER WEATHERSBY, Storeroom 15, is back to work and looking better than ever. We hope to see GEORGE CROFOOT and AUBERT MUIRHEID off the list and back to work soon...The gang in Storeroom 15 congratulates OLIVER GREEN, the proud father of a baby girl named GENEATRA LA SHANE, weighing 8 pounds 3 ounces. ROBERT MURRAY beamed with pride upon the birth of his 7 pound 11 ounce son, DANIEL LEMONT...Our good wishes to JAMES STEELE on his retirement...Our prayers are sent to JIM O'NEIL, the husband of JEAN O'NEIL, secretary to Mr. Harty in Materials Management section, for a very speedy recovery from his illness...REBECCA COUSIN, ANDY CUNNINGHAM, BARBARA NEELAND and JOANNE BOETTIN of the Materials Management section suffered the loss of loved ones during the last few months. We want you to know that we share your sorrow and wish to extend our deepest sympathy to you and your families.

- Delores Duff

NORTH AVENUE -

Our mail call during the past month brought us cards from Operator AMOS AARON who was vacationing in Central America, and from Operator BEN FLENAUGH, formerly of this station, who was vacationing and competing in the ATA National Tennis Tournament in San Diego, Cal...With a tomato weighing one and one half pounds, and a picture to prove it, we will have to call Repairman HARRY BORIS the gardener of the year. Perhaps you missed your calling, Harry.



Harry Boris

..Repairman DERRICK S. HUGHES and his wife, EVADNE, have just returned from vacationing in California and other points west...The eligible list of bachelors is minus one as Supervisor DANIEL GILES and the former Miss PRISCILLA BRONSON were joined in holy matrimony on Aug. 30. Oh, happy day!...On Aug. 31, ROBERT KELLEY left the ranks of operators to take his pension. Kelley is taking up residence in Sun City, Ariz...Operator RAYMOND RAHN after 33 years, the last 16 on the Cicero Avenue line, has decided to join the list of retirees. Rahn, too, after visiting Arizona a few times, has decided to make his home there...Bet some tall tales can be heard around some Arizona towns in the cool of the evenings...Congratulations to Operator GEORGE BOWEN and his wife, LORA, on their first born, a

girl, DEBORAH...For Operator EDWARD WHITE and his wife, BETTY, it was a girl, ELIZABETH MARIE...Keep the news coming and you will see your name in print.

- Aaron Pruitt

NORTH PARK -

Operator JOHN KIPPES and his wife, VIRGINIA, went on a 17-day escorted tour through 10 eastern states from New York to Georgia. Most spectacular sights were Atlanta, Ga., and the beautiful Smokey Mountains and Williamsburg. The Kippes saw many large aircraft carriers and nuclear submarines and destroyers in Hampton Bay, Va., and many historical and colonial sites that were restored and preserved. The most beautiful was Thomas Jefferson's Monticello plantation, and battlegrounds of the Civil War and the War of Independence...Operator MEL HORNING and his wife, VIOLET, enjoyed their annual vacation in Forsyth, Mo., where they stayed at the home of Pensioner ART MUIR and his wife, RUTH. The fishing was great and visits with Pensioners STEVE HERMAN, RAY DONESKI and WILL GILL were most enjoyable...Pensioner RICHARD HALLIGAN is now making his home in Florida and will welcome visits from his many friends. His address is: 670 Blue Lane N.W., Port Charlotte, Fla. 33592...Operator EDWARD ZIENTARA began pensioned life on Sept. 1. Ed, who had served CTA for 32 years, had his entire family riding his Lunt-Touhy bus where they served cake and coffee to his passengers on his last day. Our best wishes to Ed and his wife, ROSE, as they enjoy their golden years...In last month's issue of Transit News, I incorrectly gave RAY SIMON's address. The new address is: 72 Lagrosella, Green Valley, Ariz. 85614...Operator JIM DOLAN and his wife, RITA, while on their way to Texas to check up on their oil wells, stopped off at Forsyth, Mo., where they visited Pensioner STEVE HERMAN and his wife, HELEN...Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Operator AL BURTZ who passed away on Sunday, Sept. 14. Al was one of our Evanston operators who came to CTA and was well liked by all...Congratulations to Operator LEO STERN and his wife, Ticket Agent MILDRED, who celebrated 25 years of wedded bliss on Aug. 28...Mark this date on your calendar--North Park's annual credit union business meeting will be held on Friday, Jan. 9, at River Park fieldhouse, 5100 N. Francisco, at 8 p.m. Dividends will be declared and refreshments will be served with drawings for door prizes. All members are urged to attend.

- Melvin Horning

PLANT MAINTENANCE (West Shops) -

Seems like we had a bumper crop of babies--Mr. and Mrs. WARREN TAYLOR,

civil engineer, are the proud parents of WARREN SMITH TAYLOR, born Sept. 17 weighing 8 pounds 4 ounces. Mr. and Mrs. STAZAK, laborer, are the proud parents of a son born this month. Mr. and Mrs. H. C. BERNDT Jr., steamfitter helper, are the proud parents of a girl born this month. Congratulations to the parents. Give them lots of love and enjoy them...Congratulations to H. C. BERNDT Sr. on becoming a grandfather twice this month, when his daughter, Mrs. Stazak, and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. H. C. BERNDT Jr., gave birth to a boy and a girl, respectively... We are happy that FRANK READER is out of the hospital and feeling his old self again and back to work... Pensioner GEORGE H. SCHERDIN Sr. started as a laborer with the old Chicago Rapid Transit company on Feb. 2, 1925. On Aug. 29, 1925, he was married to the lovely CARRIE MAE SMITH who bore him three children, ELOISE, WILLARD and GEORGE Jr. On Aug. 24, 1975, a 50th wedding anni-



Carrie and George Scherdin

versary party was given for George and Carrie at the home of their son, George Jr., in Arlington Heights which was attended by 70 relatives and guests. Mrs. WILLIAM B. PREDMORE, the mother-in-law of George Jr., came from Downing, Mo., to make the wedding cake for the occasion. George Sr., who was a track welder for Ways and Structures, retired on Dec. 1, 1967, after more than 42 years of service. Congratulations to this wonderful couple and may they have many more years of wedded bliss...JEAN REDD, the red hot gambler, went to San Francisco for her vacation and ended up in Reno playing the one arm bandits. She did win quite a hefty sum, but wouldn't you know it, the little machines got it all back again. Oh, well, easy come easy go... Superintendent GEORGE MILLONAS traveled south to Florida for his vacation. Disney World was not his destination, of course. He did enjoy it he said...Good to see Pensioner JOHN D. RETZLER and his wife, HELEN, who were here visiting their son for a few days...Heard from Pensioner E. P. WADE from up in the North Woods. He is well and happy and busy as a bee...All for now—wish there was more. How about it, people from the West Shops? Bring me your bits of news.

Jeanie Scott

OPERATIONS PLANNING (Schedules) -

ED REILLY and his wife drove their son to Western college and then went on to the Wisconsin Dells for a short vacation... BILL STANLEY and his family flew to California to visit with his parents... FRANK CORBETT and his wife flew to California for a short vacation. The Corbets also celebrated 30 years of wedded bliss on Sept. 15. Congratulations and many more happy years together... GEORGE GRIFFIN and his wife drove to Michigan to do some fishing, but the rain interrupted...DAVID JACOBS and his wife and son drove to Arizona and then on to Denver, Colo., to visit with their son... ROBERT SPOONER and his family vacationed at the Wisconsin Dells...NICK ZAHN's daughter, KATHLEEN, was married to ALLEN ACKERMANN on Aug. 16, at St. Benedict's church. The reception was at the Hyatt House. The newlyweds honeymooned in California. Congratulations to the happy couple...ED JOYCE enjoyed a restful vacation at home...BOB LAVOIE and his wife and daughter, MICHELLE, drove to Ohio and then on to Disney World in Orlando, Fla...DOROTHY ETSCHIED was taking driving lessons and has successfully passed her test...JOE RITROVATO and his wife drove to Colorado for a vacation and to check out some property they have there.

- Ray Batena & Linda Grysbach

SOUTH SECTION -

Am I a lucky gal. RON and I went to a golf outing recently and I won the door prize—a \$125 set of golf clubs and bag. I like the new set of clubs better than the ones I had. Ron won a golf jacket for his good score. I won't tell you what my score was—but it wasn't good!..Ashland Switchman RAYMOND LAFRAIE went on pension Sept. 1 and the men at Ashland had a get-together for him. All the yard personnel, trainmen and supervisors came by to wish him good luck. Also in attendance were Retired Towerman LEONARD DeGROOT and Retired Former President of Division 308 JOHN BURNS. Coffee and rolls were served. A small token of remembrance was presented to Ray by Superintendent STANLEY CHRIST and Assistant Superintendent ROBERT E. LEE. Ray left right away to join his wife, HELEN, former agent, at their new home and farm down in Lutzville, Mo. They have a small grocery store and gas station there, and on their farm they have horses, chickens and cows. Two of his sons and grandchildren are there with his wife. He could hardly wait to join them. Best wishes, Ray, and enjoy your retirement in Missouri...Condolences to Agent CORRINE DALMAS in the loss of her mother, Mrs. LORRAINE CRENSHAW, recently. Corrine wishes to thank everyone for all the cards and calls she received...Assistant Superintendent of the North Rail District, JERRY JOHNSON,

was bursting with pride when his son, RUSSELL, age 13, took first place in the Jesse Owens Track Classic in Chicago recently. This qualified him for a trip to Houston, Tex., to compete in a meet of youngsters from 13 other cities. He finished in fifth place. The meet was sponsored by the Arco Oil Co., and nature Pop Jerry had to go along to watch Russell...Our hearts were saddened by a news that Yard Foreman JOSEPH PUGH was in Michael Reese hospital and lost his right leg. Let's all give Joe a little paper that he recuperates nicely and can come home soon. He is in the Kaplan Building, so send him a card to cheer him up...Our apologies for forgetting to congratulate RALPH LASHLEY on his appointment recently to yard foreman, West Section. Happy to be back working and off the skill list are: Conductor JOSEPH MART, Agent JUANITA ROSEBAR and Yard Foreman FRANK CALPIN...Heard that Retired Conductor CARL MAGNUSON is in St. Charles hospital at this writing. Hope that Carl has a return to good health soon. Good luck to Yard Foreman GREGORY WILLIAMS who resigned to accept a position with another company...Received the nicest letter from Retired Towerman ELMER PIPKORN and his Mrs., who live in Laguna Hills, Calif. Elmer retired in April 1962 and is enjoying his pension and is planning a trip to Florida soon. He wishes to say hello to all his CTA friends. They will be celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary soon. Congratulations to the "young" couple...It seems like a month we have many people ill. Let's hope by next month they will all be well. Conductor FRANK SMITH is in St. Francis hospital in Evanston at this writing. Let's send all our sick people a card to cheer them up...Supervisor ROBERT JOHNSON was in the hospital for an operation, but home now recuperating...The CTA Spots Banquet was held recently at the Rosewood Inn restaurant. Our Division 308 softball team won first place and received special recognition along with the team manager Motorman JOE RAYBURN. Joe also received individual recognition for his efforts. Our South Siders did us proud, top honoree for his support in this sports program was Division 308 President LEONARD BEATTY...Retired Motorman JOHN (The Old Mule Skinner) HEAL called to tell us he had been down in Owensboro, Ky., recently to visit his brothers. He said that Retired Switchman FRITZ McDOLLE visited him and talked over old times. He received word that one of his brothers he had just visited in Kentucky passed away. Our sincere sympathy is extended to John...Motorman CHARLES SPEARS received a commendation for his alertness in observing a defective trolley shoe on a Ravenswood train...Retired Clerk THOMAS O'HARA who has broken his hip and wrist and had been in the hospital, is now in Evergreen Park Nursing Home until he gets strong enough

go home. Hurry up and get well, Tommy...Also receiving a passenger commendation recently was Motorman DEWEY ILL for his smooth motor operation.

- Verna Hartley

SHICLE MAINTENANCE (South Shops) -

Our deepest sympathy is extended to ED VANS in the death of his mother, CATH-
ERINE; to HELEN DOHERTY in the death
of her mother, CATHERINE, and to your
co-reporter, JEANNE DIEHL, in the death
of her grandmother, FRANCES ROHE. I
don't know what's going on around here,
but I sure wish that dark cloud over the
South Shops would float away...Get well
wishes are sent to Mrs. JOHN LIPKA who
lost a nasty fall and broke a few ribs. Get
well wishes also to Mrs. ERNIE NELSON
who is recuperating from surgery...Con-
gratulations to MAUREEN HOULIHAN on
her engagement to LLOYD BETOURNEY.
They have set the wedding date for Feb.
1, 1976. Just think, an anniversary every
four years... Congratulations to PAT
ONES who finally got a permanent job
at South Shops...ED SHIELDS of pro-
tection/supply, contracted a case of blood
poisoning. Rumor has it that JOHN WARD
is arm thinking it was a salami sand-
wich...A notation to HAROLD FELTZ,
sauveteur, West Shops: your CIA man in
the shops should get his stories straight
before bringing them to you. JIM FELTZ
lost his wife, DIANE, and not separating.
In fact, they are celebrating their 10th
wedding anniversary by going to Hawaii in
November along with his dad, ERNIE
ELTZ of Archer, and his mom, FRAN,
so will be celebrating a belated 35th
wedding anniversary. Come to the proper
source of info next time Unc...In our Aug-
ust issue of Transit News we mentioned
the birth of twin daughters, ERICA and
JENNIFER, to CHARLIE and BETTY



Erica and Jennifer Haynes

AYNES. They are now three months old.
Charlie brought a picture to show how they
had grown, and we just had to put them in
the column for everyone to see. They are
really beautiful.

- Jeanne Diehl & Lawrence Bernas

(Skokie Shop) -

Just doesn't seem possible that summer
is gone and winter will soon be here. But,

we're sure you all had a very nice sum-
mer. We did hear from some of you re-
garding your vacations and where you
spent them, but we wish we could have re-
ported a lot more vacation news. Oh, well,
next year we'll try to do better...While we
are on the subject of vacations, MATT
COYLE, terminal unit supervisor, and his
lovely wife, BETTY, spent an enjoyable
vacation in Las Vegas. CHESTER BUJ-
NOWSKI, electrical foreman, and his lovely
wife, MARY, were of the same mind as
the Coyles, as they flew out to Las Vegas
for a fun vacation. HAROLD TAIT, vehicle
wiring foreman, had different plans.
He went out to Madeira Beach, Fla. Har-
old went to Florida a single man and re-
turned a married man. To JEANETTE
and Harold, we all wish you many years of
happiness. While Harold was in Florida,
he visited with BOB BINNIE and GEORGE
RATEIKE, both retired Skokie Shop em-
ployees. Have you noticed the new Mav-
erick Harold Tait, vehicle wiring, has
been sporting around in? Well that's not
all. He also bought a brand new Ford LTD
for Jeanette, but we still haven't seen that
LTD parked in the parking lot at Skokie.
Will we see the LTD, Harold?..KATHY
HRUBY, production supply control, was
happy to announce the arrival of a new
cousin, COURTNEY SMITH, who weighed
in at 7 pounds 13 ounces on Sept. 16.
Courtney is the new baby of PATTI and
THOM SMITH...As of this writing we have
no one on the sick list from Skokie office,
as ED BLICHARZ and GEORGE MICHAUD,
both of production supply control, and RAY
BRZECZEK, terminals, have returned to
the fold...Our birthday wishes are extended
to BEA SUSMAN, unit supervisor, and
HARRIET IBRAHIM, technical services,
who celebrated in September...DAN PRO-
ZANSKI, production supply control, and
his lovely wife, VALERIE, celebrated their
10th wedding anniversary on Oct. 17. We
all want to wish them many more years of
happiness, along with their three children.
..We were very happy to see BEN LUCIA,
retired armature winder, when he came
out to visit the boys at Skokie Shop...We
received news that JOHN MCGEE, retired
electrical worker, spent some time at
Mayo Clinic. We're happy to report that
he has returned home and is doing real
well...DICK WILSON, carpenter, and his
wife, ARDIC, and daughter, LINDA, were
riding on a raft on the Roaring Forks
River in Colorado when the raft hit a
bridge and everyone but Dick fell out of the
raft. We are happy to report that both Ar-
dic and Linda were saved. What could
have been a tragedy ended on a happier
note...MIKE DUNDOVICH, who retired
from West Shops 21 years ago, recently
celebrated his 86th birthday. A large pic-
nic was held in his honor by his family.
Mike is the father of JOHN DUNDOVICH,
retired electrical worker from Skokie
Shop, and the grandfather of MARK DUN-
DOVICH, electrical worker. Oh, we're not
finished with the Dundovich family yet.

We heard that John is taking care of his
daughter's farm up in Wisconsin while she
is away on vacation. Mark is busy coach-
ing a football team now that the baseball
season is finished...Now for the latest re-
ports on the Skokie office remodeling.
Everything is going along real nicely. Ev-
erything has been done that could be done,
and we're just waiting for the delivery of
the new partitions. Then we'll be all set.
PAT GILL's painters did a very nice job of
painting the office, and LEO IZAK's crew
did a fine job, too, even though they made
a lot of noise...We've come to the end of
our news for this month, so until next
month, take care.

- Mary Hendrickson & Pat Harnett

TRANSPORTATION -

On Aug. 1, SAM MONTROSE, clerk in the
Transportation Department, began his re-
tirement after 27½ years of service. He
intends to just relax and lead a life of
leisure. An open house was held on July
31 in his honor and was attended by many



Sam Montrose and James Blaa

of his friends including retired CTA per-
sonnel. His wife, SUE, and their son, KEN,
were here with him on that happy day. We
extend our best wishes for a very happy,
healthy and wonderful retirement. JAMES
BLAA, manager of Transportation, pre-
sented Sam with a gift and his retirement
folder.

- Colette Szyganski

WEST SECTION (Agents) -

Well, here it is another month. Summer
has passed and most of the vacations are
over. CORINE MCCLINTON and her hus-
band, WILLIE GLASPIE, and two children,
LENA and ROBERT Jr., left on Aug. 7 for
Canada. They visited Windsor, Toronto
and Niagara Falls. They stopped over in
New York and then went to Ohio for a night.
Philadelphia was another stop-over for the
night and then home through Indiana...
PEARL HALL and her son, ALEX, visited
Toronto, Canada, and also spent two nights
in Montreal. They had a tour of Montreal
and then returned home...While on the sub-
ject of Canada, your co-reporter, ZITA
DOUBLIN, and her daughter, KATHY,
spent five days in Toronto and had a swell
time. We had a very nice person, a native-
born Canadian, show us around and we
really got to see a lot of the city, which

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

covers approximately 250 miles. For all you railroad buffs, they also have a very modern subway system, the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC). Their trains are twice the length of ours, and each car has eight doors. They also have the long side seats and the two abreast and three abreast seats. They have a conductor, and when all the people have boarded, he blows the whistle for the train to start. Like ours, they also run above ground in some areas. The ticket agents are called collectors. They also have a Sunday or holiday pass, similar to our Supertransfer, that costs a dollar and is good for unlimited travel on any Sunday or holiday except Labor Day. It may be used by one person or for a family of five. Kathy and I would have loved to have spent more time in Toronto, so we will probably visit there again next year...DOROTHY DISMANG has returned from her vacation and said she had a wonderful time...As of this writing, HELEN CHRISTNER is walking around on crutches. She slipped on a stair and fractured her ankle and will have to wear a cast for five or six weeks...MARY STAN-CZYK spent her two-week vacation at home...GENEVIEVE RUSIN said she had a good time on her vacation. Genevieve, who works Belmont on the p.m., found a brief case. After notifying the owner, he wrote a nice letter of commendation to General Operations Manager GEORGE KRAMBLES about the job she did and sent her a \$10 reward. For those who haven't seen Gen for a long time, she got a new haircut and it really looks good...Assignment Agent JERRY LOMAX would like to thank all the agents and friends who sent cards and best wishes for a speedy recovery while she was off sick...We welcome back off the sick list Assignment Agent JEWEL HUNT...Our sincere condolences to Agent ROSE PAT-ELLARO in the loss of her mother in Scottsdale, Ariz.

- Mary Wirted & Zita Dublin

77TH STREET -

Hi ladies and gents. Our softball team didn't hit the top spot, but they did finish third in the league. Some of the players who helped put it all together were: Manager KARL FLEMING, Captain MURPHY, W. WATSON, R. PEEL, C. JACKSON, LEON HAYDEN and BOBBY MARTIN. There were others who also contributed greatly to the team's success, but these guys were standouts in their dedication and desire to win. We would like to say congratulations to each and every man who participated and better luck next year... The door to summer vacations has closed, but some operators caught the last embers of the dying season. One such latecomer was Operator GEORGE ROBINSON, better known as "Robby" around the depot. Robby and his family drove down to Franklin, Tenn., for a family reunion and said his family had a grand time. Knowing

ARVID ADAMS, 78, South Shops, Emp. 3-17-23, Died 8-14-75
ALLAN BURTZ, 56, North Park, Emp. 3-22-51, Died 9-14-75
JOHN CEPONIS, 83, Archer, Emp. 3-12-23, Died 8-22-75
STANISLAV CERNICH, 90, Way & Struct., Emp. 4-8-27, Died 8-16-75
ANTONIO CORDONE, 82, Way & Struct., Emp. 4-16-23, Died 8-20-75
HAROLD ELLISON, 68, West Section, Emp. 11-22-40, Died 8-14-75
BURTON ENGBERG, 72, Electrical, Emp. 1-20-26, Died 8-28-75
CARL GUSTAFSON, 67, Forest Glen, Emp. 7-22-41, Died 8-10-75
ROBERT GUTHRIE, 63, District D, Emp. 5-9-34, Died 9-9-75
CLARENCE HEATH, 84, Employment, Emp. 7-23-19, Died 7-13-75

Robby, he kept everyone laughing. The Robinsons also motored to Marquette, Mich., to visit their son, GEORGE JR., who is stationed at A. J. Sawyer Air Force Base. Robby is very proud of his son who was recently promoted to sergeant... Another operator enjoying the last hot breath of summer was EDDIE SIBLEY and his family who didn't short-stop when it came to traveling. He and his family drove to sunny California where they enjoyed such sights as Los Angeles, Disneyland, Colorado Springs, Salt Lake City and Las Vegas. Sibley said that he and his family had one half of a time...I asked our credit union treasurer, REDO HALL, for any news and he informed me that everything was quiet. That means we are making money...The front office has been very quiet lately. I guess the clerks are working for a change...Superintendent FRANK WSOL is preparing to inspect the operators for the fall and winter uniforms.

- Allison De Bonnett

69TH STREET -

It was really a shock to hear that my co-reporter, JIMMY AHERN, had passed away. May God take good care of him. Our deepest condolences to all his loved ones...Our former station superintendent, W. V. COLEMAN, now special assistant to James Blaa, manager of transportation, limited out on coho while on a fix and fun vacation. He was also surprised by his friends with a 25th wedding anniversary party...Operator WALTER MONROE vacationed in the Southland where he drove a bus to relax. When he returned home he received word that his sister-in-law had passed away in St. Louis, Mo...PATRICK J. KANE, former operator at 69th and collector at 77th Street, passed away; and the brother of Superintendent STEINBACH also passed away. To all their loved ones, we at 69th extend our deepest sympathy in

WILLIE HURNS, 50, Plant Maint., Emp. 2-2-71, Died 8-28-75
PATRICK KANE, 67, 77th Street, Emp. 1-2-45, Died 8-1-75
JOHN LUBNER, 80, Way & Structures, Emp. 8-3-14, Died 9-3-75
PATRICK LYDON, 73, Engineering, Emp. 2-17-43, Died 8-14-75
CYRIL MATEY, 71, Stores-South, Emp. 8-17-36, Died 8-9-75
GEORGE MAYER, 67, North Park, Emp. 4-14-43, Died 8-13-75
ALBERT NELSON, 85, Kedzie, Emp. 9-27-23, Died 8-9-75
CONRAD OSTROWSKI, 85, Limits, Emp. 6-29-43, Died 8-25-75
WILLIAM ROHE, 51, South Shops, Emp. 7-7-43, Died 8-16-75
BLANCHE THOMAS, 73, West Section, Emp. 4-10-40, Died 6-20-75

their hour of sorrow...Do you fellows know that we have some of the best clerks in the system? They are Chief Clerk BARRY BECKER, TIMOTHY MURPHY, RAYMOND KOZMOUD, JAMES CEPHAS, DENIS KOSTECKI, TIM HALL, ALLEN CORNWELL and WILLIAM BURNETT. Ray Kozmo had a GREAT vacation down in Huntsville, Ala., where his son is stationed in the army. First he got a parking ticket, his wife fell and they spent two days putting ice packs on her injury. After visiting the Apollo Space Center, they flew home. After their return, his car was damaged in two separate accidents. The remaining days of his vacation were spent at home; nothing else could happen... "Scotty" ELLINGS toured the Smokey Mountains at Gatlinburg, Tenn., and said he had a great time...Pensioner JACK WILLSON and his wife, HELEN, visited his daughter who lives near the Grand Teton National Park, and enjoyed fishing, horseback riding, river rafting and the good old chuck wagon food. He then went on to Denver where he visited with his mother and brother. He will then travel to El Paso, Tex., for a 35th army reunion. It was a driving vacation as they flew all the way. Pensioner JOE DAVIDSON visited Florida and New Orleans where he said he enjoyed riding the streetcars and buses. He said the fare was only 25¢...WILLIE WILLIAMS is contemplating taking his pension by 11:31...Pensioner WILLIAM O. FAHEY, who has been on pension for 16 years, stopped by for a visit and really looks good. IRENE RAJ, the wife of Sanitation Engineer RAY RAJ, took her pension on Aug. 1. She said he is planning to take his pension for next Christmas...MICKIE and ELLINOR YOUNG celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on Aug. 10. Ellinor was hospitalized for an operation but is now recuperating nicely...Fellows, please keep the news coming.

- Art Bussing

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DO YOU KNOW?

Fair Share amounts to just pennies a day and your contribution to the Crusade of Mercy really does help. Fair Share is one percent of annual salary for administrative and supervisory employees and one-day's pay for all others. Care . . . give your Fair Share.



Life is full of hope for Joan Willix of Elmhurst and her daughter, Joanna, lower left. You wouldn't believe it to look at her, but Joanna is slower than normal children. However, the Ray Graham Association for the Handicapped is helping her learn things that other children take for granted. It's just one of the many satisfying things your Fair Share contribution to the Crusade of Mercy makes possible.

Jon Combs, lower right, shows a friend how to use a coping saw at Lathrop Chicago Boys Club, a Crusade of Mercy-supported service. John says he comes to the club every day to learn how to work with tools. New doors open for hundreds of underprivileged children through the work of your Crusade of Mercy Fair Share dollars. Give generously when you are asked this month.

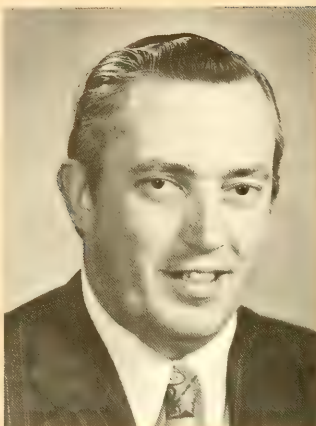
A dream came true for Princella and Horace Joseph when they were able to adopt two sisters and their brother with the help of Illinois' Children's Home and Aid Society, a Crusade of Mercy-supported agency. The three children now have a chance to stay together in a warm and loving home. Joseph, who works as a janitor with Sears, says, "I have contributed to the Crusade for the last 15 years." Your chance to give your Fair Share during Crusade month at CTA is an opportunity to make such happy homes for otherwise unwanted children possible.



what's news



Paul Kole



Joseph Stevens

CTA's Paul J. Kole has been re-elected secretary-treasurer of the industry's major association, the American Public Transportation Association, in convention in New Orleans, Louisiana. Kole is CTA's general manager of finance. He joined CTA in 1972 as controller following 16 years of service with Chicago's city government. Among various positions with the city, he was director of data processing of the Mayor's Datacenter and first deputy controller. A certified public accountant, Kole earned his B.S. degree in commerce and his master's degree in business administration from Roosevelt University.

- CTA -

Arrival of the first Norwegian settlers in the midwest has been marked with dedication of CTA's newest Bicentennial bus, the Thomas Johnson. The introduction was arranged to coincide with the visit to Chicago of King Olav of Norway. Johnson, a sailor, served under John Paul Jones in the victorious sea battles of the American Revolution.

- CTA -

At its meeting Oct. 9, the Transit Board voted to seek \$23.8 million in federal and state grants to buy 250 more modern buses. Included in the latest order for equipment would be 200 standard-size buses, 30 articulated (hinged) buses and 20 buses designed especially for elderly and handicapped riders.

- CTA -

Joseph Stevens, who has been Manager of Labor Relations, has been appointed as Special Assistant to the Chief Executive Office of CTA, succeeding B. J. Ford, who has moved to the Regional Transportation Authority as Special Assistant to the Chairman. Stevens continues as Manager of Labor Relations and also assumes responsibility for the Community Relations section. A former assistant attorney general of Illinois, Stevens joined the Law and Claims department of CTA in 1969.

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Customer Service Gets All The Winners

Pigeon Bombers, Flirting Drivers, etc., etc.

Donald R. Yabush

Three service representatives in CTA's Customer Service section go through the daily flow of complaints from the public.

Telephone callers, letter writers and visitors unload their visitations and frustrations to Eileen Murphy, Neurauter, Jim Roche and Dennis O'Leary. Their job is to find satisfactory answers to complaints.

But, amid the torrent of woes, there are bright spots of unintentional humor.

One such involved the "pigeon drop lady."

She wasn't victimized by a scheming con artist. She was just what you think--the target of a pigeon with a good aim.

"I'm complaining about a pigeon on your 'L' structure at Wilson and Broadway," the angry woman blurted into the telephone.

"Every day after I get off the 'L', I stand in a corner spot under the 'L' structure. And right above me is this damned pigeon.

"Well, that dirty bird does his duty on me. He's doing it every day for the last two weeks. Every time I'm there, standing in my usual spot, and every time he is in his usual spot--waiting.

"I'm afraid to look up, you see, but I know he's there because he lets me know he's there. He leaves his mark.

"I even brought my lady friend with me for a witness. She got hit, too. Get rid of that bird!" she demanded.

She was so upset she didn't explain why she insisted on standing under the pigeon in the first place. She hung up.

Another woman caller complained about a bus driver who ignored her.

"I want to report a bus driver who flirts with all the girls who get on his bus," she said in a soft, giggly voice.

She then gave the driver's badge number, bus number, route number, the route he was driving, the time he was on his bus, his name and the garage he was assigned to.

She was asked if he flirted with her, too.

After a long pause, she softly said with a sigh, "No."

Did he endanger his riders by not paying attention to his duties?

Again she sighed, "No."

Finally, she was asked how she learned the driver's name and his assigned garage.

She went to the phone.

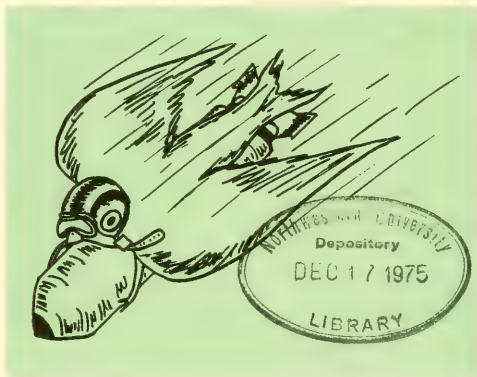
How often the phone rings and it's "Mr. Lovely-"

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He inquires whether a certain bus route is on time that afternoon. When assured it is, he says he wants to be at the bus stop to meet his lovely wife. His calls are always made in a cheery voice.

Not all the calls, letters and visitors register complaints. Many sing the praises of "their" bus drivers and tell with obvious pleasure what fine drivers the CTA has.

Some even keep a pencil and paper handy to jot down a driver's badge number when they have enjoyed a smooth ride, noted the drivers who call out all the



stops or witnessed an unusual service rendered by drivers, conductors or ticket agents.

For the record, Customer Service in 1974 logged 37,950 telephone calls, letters and personal visits.

The breakdown:

	Letters	Telephone Calls	Personal Visits	1974 Totals
Complaints	3,055	15,954	316	19,325
Commendations	1,412	977	52	2,441
Miscellaneous Communications	690	15,234	260	16,184
Total	5,157	32,165	628	37,950

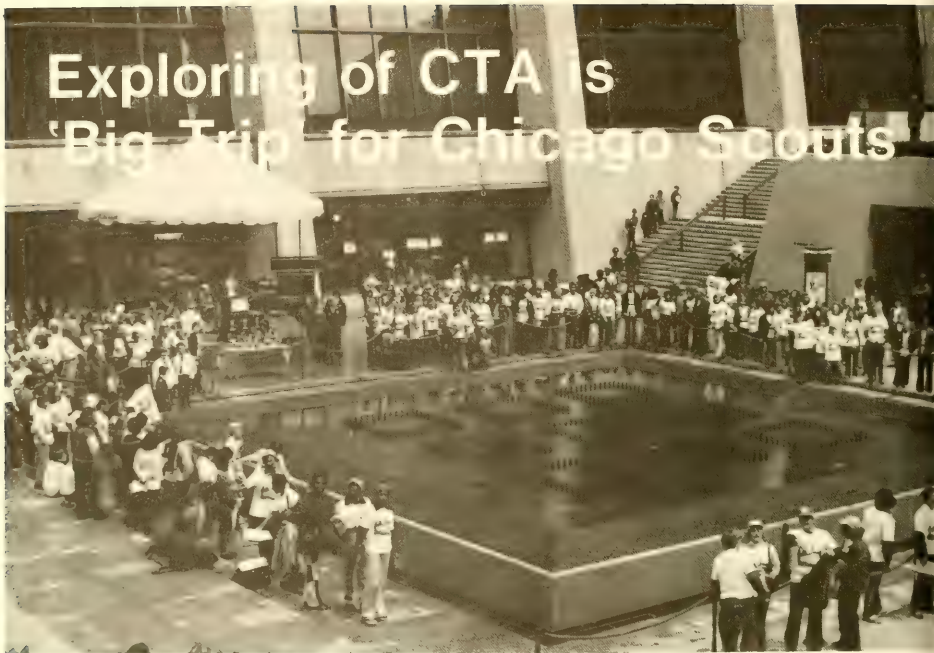
The 1974 total was 6 per cent less than the 1973 total of 40,459.

One final, unintentionally humorous communication involved a woman who declined to give her name on the telephone when she complained about a mispunched transfer. She said she wanted her fare money back.

She was asked to mail the transfer to the Customer Service section so a service representative could make a determination of her claim.

Sure enough, the anonymous woman sent in the transfer--with no name or address.

Exploring of CTA is 'Big Trip' for Chicago Scouts



For the youth of today, chances are that future life will be in the city or on its perimeters.

That means living with, if not living on mass public transportation.

It is good for youth to understand the city and how to get around it--where the many cultural and historic attractions of the city are--what the city contains and what it produces.

For these reasons, the Boy Scouts of America have blazed a new trail of exploration--the urban metropolis. And a new way of exploring it--by bus and rapid transit train.

On Sunday, Oct. 19, Chicago's first Explorer Mass Transit Rally was staged.

Beginning early Sunday morning, 312 young men and women, ages 15 to 20 (78 teams of four members each) competed in an unusual contest based on coded routings for trips from assigned starting stations to the First National Bank Plaza in downtown Chicago.

The 50-mile trips, involving as many as 12 transfers, were made according to "cue sheets" reading like this:

"...head in the direction of Santa's home and ride until you come to Lake St. and the street that divides the city E and W. When you get off, run down the stairs and get on the N-S 'L' going N. Ride to the

Above, the Rally at First National Plaza; left, the way to get info on CTA operations, straight from Conductor Jerry Walton's mouth.

True or False, circle T or F:

1. CTA buses and trains specially painted for the Bicentennial are named for transit operating personnel who have given outstanding service to the public.
2. The State Street Subway, 4.9 miles long, was completed in 1943.
3. Both of Chicago's major league baseball parks are served directly by rapid transit.
4. The Dan Ryan and Lake rapid transit lines were combined to form the West-South route between 95th/Dan Ryan and Harlem/Lake.
5. Twenty-seven grade (street-level) crossings with rapid transit tracks were eliminated when the Lake route was elevated in 1962.
6. Many CTA bus and rapid transit routes are operated 24 hours daily.
7. Bus and rapid transit service within Evanston is operated by CTA, subsidized by the City of Evanston, and provided at a special 25¢ fare including a free transfer.
8. CTA Park'n'Ride lots at certain CTA rapid transit terminals have a combined capacity of over 2,500 cars.

- T F 9. "Multiple unit control," now used throughout the world for electric trains, was first used in Chicago in 1898.
- T F 10. Red lights on the sides of rapid transit cars are on when the doors are open.
- T F 11. Chicago's first electric streetcar began running in 1906.
- T F 12. The Bobtail horsecar of 1859 was named for its small rear platform.
- T F 13. The Chicago Surface Lines, a CTA predecessor, was the largest surface transportation system in the U.S.
- T F 14. The first buses to be used in Chicago were operated by the Chicago Motor Bus Company.
- T F 15. Green Hornet streetcars were named for the buzzing sounds made by their motors.
- T F 16. Skokie Swift is CTA's only rapid transit route running non-stop terminal to terminal.
- T F 17. Cable grip cars used vice-like jaws to clamp the moving underground cable.

- T F 18. "A" and "B" skip stops on the rapid transit system are made seven days a week.
- T F 19. All CTA routes are within the Chicago city limits.
- T F 20. Senior citizens may board CTA at special reduced fares at all times.
- T F 21. The CTA system resulted from the purchase of three separate transportation companies--the Chicago Surface Lines, the Chicago Rapid Transit and Chicago Motor Coach.
- T F 22. The CTA act provides for seven members on Chicago Transit Board, governing body of the CTA.
- T F 23. Double-deck buses were used in Chicago until 1952.
- T F 24. As they were replaced by buses, all of Chicago's streetcars went to the scrap heap.
- T F 25. Like traffic lights, signals along tracks in the Loop subways are arranged red on top, yellow in the middle and green on the bottom.
- T F 26. A Supertransfer is good for an unlimited number of rides during the 24-hour period starting at 0300 hours on Sunday.
- T F 27. The number to call for CTA Travel Information is 670-5000.

Multiple choice, circle one letter only:

28. Features of CTA's latest buses and cars include: (a) picture windows (b) fluorescent lighting (c) air conditioning (d) all of the above (e) none of the above.
29. How many east and west streets on the downtown insert of the CTA Route Map have names for U.S. Presidents? (a) 6 (b) 7 (c) 8 (d) 9.
30. Chicago's second rapid transit line in the median of an expressway, the Dan Ryan, was opened: (a) Oct. 8, 1965 (b) Feb. 1, 1970 (c) Sept. 28, 1969 (d) April 1, 1971.
31. On a rapid transit train the conductor signals the motorman to proceed from a terminal or a time point with: (a) one buzzer (b) two buzzers (c) three buzzers (d) two blasts of the whistle (e) none of the above.
32. Chicago's cable cars had a top speed

- of: (a) 50 mph (b) 27 mph (c) 40 mph (d) 14 mph.
33. The No. 126 Jackson bus serves the: (a) Field Museum (b) Shedd Aquarium (c) Art Institute (d) Adler Planetarium (e) Soldier Field (f) all of the above (g) none of the above.
34. One of CTA's 10¢ transfers can be used for: (a) a continuous ride over reasonably direct routes (b) trips in any direction within one hour of time of issuance (c) either of the above (d) none of the above.
35. A federally-funded mass transportation demonstration project, the Skokie Swift began operating in: (a) 1971 (b) 1964 (c) 1963 (d) 1957.
36. What two Chicago streets intersect three times? (a) Clark & Broadway (b) Broadway & Sheridan (c) Elston & Milwaukee (d) Lincoln & Clark.

37. CTA instituted an Exact Fare Plan for buses on: (a) Dec. 25, 1974 (b) July 4, 1972 (c) Oct. 28, 1973 (d) Nov. 9, 1969 (e) none of the above.
38. Which of the following transit centers is served by the largest number of CTA bus routes? (a) Jefferson Park (b) Logan Square (c) Ashland (d) 95.
39. Rapid transit trains cross the following bodies of water: (a) Chicago River (b) North Shore Channel (c) Sanitary and Ship Canal (d) two of the above (e) all of the above.
40. On a Saturday which is the fastest CTA route from the Loop to Dyche Stadium in Evanston? (a) the Evanston Express "L" to Central station (b) the North-South Subway to Howard street and the Evanston "L" Shuttle to Central station (c) the No. 22 Clark street bus to Howard street and the Evanston "L" Shuttle to Central station (d) the No. 151 Sheridan Express bus to Howard street and the Evanston "L" Shuttle to Central station.

Here's The Quiz The Explorers Took

after studying CTA Route Maps, Historical Material, etc

How Well Do You Know CTA?

Try it yourself, then look up correct answers on Page 18

station at (unscramble-RENOTLFUL) and check in at the ✓."

The ✓ stood for a checkpoint at which each team had to "sign off" before moving ahead so that the judges could be certain that the full route had been followed.

Teams were judged on time to make the trip against norms as indicated by CTA schedules--and also on their answers to a questionnaire to indicate extent of awareness of CTA operations and Chicago geography.

CTA's Public Affairs Department served as the "operations center" for the Rally, working closely with John Romanovich, Exploring Executive in Chicago's Boy Scout office. Robert Heinlein was project coordinator and captain for CTA. Assisting Heinlein as members of the coordinating committee were Barney Keller, ironworker, and Jim Ohse, District A superintendent.

All of the routes, the model for crypticized (coded) route instructions, and the questionnaire were developed by this three-person committee. In addition, the committee members served as faculty at the

Top, checking in at Jefferson Park checkpoint with Fred Limmel; center, volunteer checkers at 79th and Western (George Cachares CTA's Betty Edwards, Donna Haas); below, scoring at the Plaza (table, left to right, CTA's Tom Chorak, Rally volunteer Al Poolo, CTA's Eileen Neurauter; standing, CTA "steering committee" member Jim Ohse, CTA's Les Racker, "steering committee" chairman Bob Heinlein, "steering committee" member Barney Keller; leading, Exploring Executive John Romanovich).



Rally School for contestants held on the preceding Thursday evening at DePaul university's downtown campus auditorium and at the briefing session for checkpoint volunteers held Friday evening at the Merchandise Mart.

On the day of the Rally, the following CTA volunteers served as "field judges" at the various checkpoints and First National Plaza;

Control Center — Jerry Franklin, Fred Limmel, Herman Miles, Les Racker, Will Taylor, Jim Washington, Ollie Winston.

Travel Information — Ray Carter.

South Section — Antonio Chavez.

Plant Maintenance — Tom Chorak, Bill Kenny.

District A — Sy Horbach.

Forest Glen — Rudy Neurauter.

Claims Law — Ed Evenson, Mike Shanahan.

7th Street — Derrick Stephens.

Public Affairs — Mel Alexander, Betty Edwards, Rudy Neurauter, Don Yabush.

Jack Sowchin of Public Affairs acted as official photographer for the Rally and is responsible for the pictures appearing with this article. Jack also designed the Rally logo which appeared on T-shirts worn by the contestants and by Rally signage.

Explorer Post 9285 sponsored by the William McKinley American Legion Post 231, at 1956 W. 35th Street, won first place. This team was headed by David Wolynia as captain and included Jessie Palamio, James Rogers and Donald McIntyre.

Assisting the Exploring executives in presenting awards were George Krambles, general operations manager; Mrs. Pastora Cafferty, Board member of the Regional Transportation Authority; and Marshall Suloway, Public Works Commissioner, representing Mayor Daley and the Chicago city government.

...checkpoint check with Jerry Franklin at Cicero and Cermak; ...a strategy huddle en route; below left, seemingly pleased with ...ceedings (CTA Manager of Public Affairs Tom Buck, Commissioner of Public Works Marshall Suloway who was the city's official representative, Exploring Executive Romanovich); right, presentation trophies to first place team by Pastora Cafferty of the RTA Board.



ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO--Photographs by German Photographer August Sander (1876-1964), opens Dec 13, Lacy Armour Gallery. A representative showing of photographs taken before WW II. The Joseph Winterbotham Collection, the annual exhibit of 35 European paintings from the museum's permanent collection includes works by Toulouse-Lautrec, Gauguin, Van Gogh, Miro, Magritte, and Picasso; thru Dec 7, A. Montgomery Ward Gallery. Margaret Fisher, drawings and watercolors by the Chicago artist, continuing, Gallery 107. Photographs by Aaron Siskind, a one-man retrospective exhibition of approximately 60 photographs, thru Dec 7, east wing. Mon-Wed, Fri-Sat, 10-5; Thurs, 10-8:30 (free); Sun & Thanksgiving Day, 12-5. Suggested fee: \$1.50; students, children, seniors: 50¢; members free. Michigan at Adams. 443-3500.

"BENITO CERENO," starring Robert Guillaume, thru Dec 21, Goodman Theatre. Based on the novella by Herman Melville, "Benito Cereno" is part of "The Old Glory" trilogy by poet Robert Lowell. The stirring study in contrasts between freedom and bondage is set off the coast of Trinidad in the early 1800s, where a U.S. ship encounters a mysterious Spanish slave ship. 200 S. Columbus Dr. 443-3800.

BLUE MAX NIGHTCLUB--James Darren and Billy Fabo in a music and comedy show, Nov 28-Dec 20, Hyatt Regency O'Hare. 228-9000.

CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY--Ethnic Chicago, part of the People of Chicago Lecture Series, presented by Professor Perry Duis of the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle, Dec 3 at 7:30, Auditorium. Civil War Gallery opens Dec 5. Special Craft Demonstration, traditional chair rushing, demonstrated by Patrick J. Russell, Dec 6 from 1-4. American Issues Forum Film Series: "The Making of the President, 1968," "The Last Hurrah," Dec 7 at 2. Christmas Exhibit: Dec 14. Members free; adults, \$1; children, (6-17), 50¢; seniors, 25¢. Clark at North. 642-4600.

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY CULTURAL CENTER noon hour programs, daily except Sun. Vary from concerts to films, with special Hanukkah programs Dec 1-5. Free, Bicentennial Exhibit: Original watercolors from the Joseph Boggs Beale American Collection, Dec 17-Jan 16. 78 E. Washington. 782-7396.

"DIGNITY," thru Dec 7, Wisdom Bridge Theatre, 1559 W. Howard. 743-6442.

FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY Adaptations for Survival films. Baobab: Portrait of a Tree, Dec 5-7; Hunters In The Reef, Dec 12-14; Strange Creatures of the Night, Dec 19-21; Bird's Paradise: The Waddensea, Dec 26-28. Screenings Fri-Sun at 11, 1, Meeting Room, 2nd Floor North. Roosevelt Rd. at Lake Shore.

INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW with entertainment Nov 27-Dec 2. Nation's greatest saddle-bred horses compete for "The International," for many years considered the "Court of Last Appeal." Competition will be in the following classes--Five Gaited,



Time out

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Things to do in the Chicago area

Three Gaited, Five Harness Roadsters, Hack Ponies, Harness Ponies, Pleasure Horses, and Equestrian. Part of the International Live Stock Exposition, International Amphitheatre, 4300 S. Halsted. Reserved seats from \$3. Ticket price includes general admission to exposition. 927-5580.

LINCOLN PARK ZOO features the Polar Bear, the animal of the month in December. Thirty acres of zoo grounds house a collection of 2,600 animals, birds and reptiles. Open daily from 9-5. Children's zoo building open from 10-5. Farm-in-the-city open from 9:45-5.

LOGAN SQUARE LIBRARY FILMS (comedy) open Wed at 2 thru Dec 17. Oldies such as W. C. Fields mostly talkies. Logan Square Branch Library, 38 W. Altgeld. BE 5-5295.

MAY STEVENS paintings and gouaches thru Dec 10, Deson-Zaks Gallery. Tues-Fri from 10:30-5. Sat noon to 5. 226 E. Ontario.

MILL RUN THEATRE--Dionne Warwick and Isaac Hayes in concert Dec 2-7. Rich Little Dec 14. Jerry Lewis and Jim Bailey Dec 26-31. Milwaukee Road and Milwaukee. 298-2170.

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART--an exhibition of the sculpture and drawings of California artist Jeremy Anderson thru Jan 4. First comprehensive exhibition of Robert Irwin, whose work ranges from nearly invisible paintings to dematerialized environmental works, thru Jan 4. Noel Carroll film talk, Dec 2 at 8. Five Chicago Poets, readings Dec 5 at 8. James Benning, film talk, Dec 9 at 8. 237 E. Ontario. WH 3-7755.

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY--Christmas Around the World Festival, featuring 31 nationalities, thru Jan 1. Including internationally flavored theatre programs daily thru Dec 24, Auditorium; Concoction featuring the cuisine of the pageant will be served thru Dec 15 in the Museum's dining room. For dinner reservations call MU 4-1414. Carolers by over 150 area choral groups thru Dec 24 in the Christmas display area. Romanian Folk Rug Exhibition thru Dec 3. An exhibit of 56 Romanian rugs and tapestries of the 19th and 20th centuries. UNICEF Children's Art Exhibit thru Dec 28, West Pavilion. The collection of 500 pieces contains works by 10

children from nearly 50 countries. Christmas Cards from Other Lands thru Dec 28. Christmas greetings from more than 120 countries presented by Mrs. Ward Peterson of Chicago. Sickle Cell Exhibit, Medical Balcony. This new exhibit is the first major educational exhibit on sickle cell anemia in the nation. Michigan's Ice Cream Parlor now open on the Museum's "Yesterday's Main Street" exhibit. The parlor using the original furnishing of the Woodlawn Pharmacy, opened in 1911 at 55th & Woodlawn. Ice cream sodas, sundaes, and banana splits available. Museum and Christmas festival admission free. Weekdays from 9:30-4; Sat, Sun, Hol (except Christmas Day--closed) from 9:30-5:30. During the pageant period, Christmas display areas open until 8. 57th & Ash Shore.

"NOURISH THE BEAST" thru Dec 14, Evanston Theatre Company at the Kingsley School Theatre. \$6.50. Green Bay & McCormick, Evanston. 867278.

ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY--University Symphony Band, Dec 2 at 8; Chicago Musical College Ensembles Recital, Dec 3 at 1; Faculty Recital, Carl Smith, oboe, William Brown, piano, Dec 3 at 8; Chicago Musical College Jazz Lab Band, Dec 4 at 7; University Symphony Orchestra, Dec 5 at 8; Chicago Musical College Woodwind Ensemble, Dec 9 at 8; Chicago Musical College Graduate Student String Quartet, Dec 10 at 8; Chicago Musical College Graduate Vocal Ensemble, in a program of vocal chamber music, Dec 11 at 8; University Chorus and Concert Choir with faculty soloists, Dec 12 at 8; Rudolph Ganz Memorial Hall. Free. 430 S. Michigan. 341-3787.

SOLDIER FIELD--Chicago Bears vs Detroit Lions, Dec 7 at 1:05. Chicago Bears vs St. Louis Cardinals, Dec 14 at 1:05.

"STRANGE HUMORS," a new concept in musical theatre, thru Dec 21, Barry Street Loft Theatre. Fri, Sat at 8:30; Sun at 7:30. \$2.50; students, seniors, \$2. 567. Barry. 271-3119.

"THE CARETAKER," by Harold Pinter, thru Dec 10, Victory Gardens Theatre. Fri at 8; Sat at 7, 10; Sun at 7. From \$3.50. 3730 N. Clark. 549-5788.

"THE LAND OF THE STAGE," Players Oe, Sun at 3:30 thru Dec 31, Second City, 1616 N. Wells. 1.5. 337-3992.

"THREE PLAYS OF THE YUAN DYNASTY, 13th century Chinese fables, directed by June Pyskacek, produced by Tony Zito, Dec 4-7, 12-14, 19-21, Goodman Theatre. 2. Ruth Page Auditorium, 1016 N. Dearborn. 443-800.

"THE PLEASURE OF HIS COMPANY," comedy by Samuel Taylor, starring Lana Turner and Louis Jourdan, thru Dec 7, Arlington Park Theatre. 392-6800.

"WATERCOLORS AND CONSTRUCTIONS BY JOHN PITTMAN opens Dec 5, Phyllis Kind Gallery. 2. Sat from 10-5:30. 226 E. Ontario.

"INTER ONE ACT PLAY FESTIVAL, student produced, Dec 8-12, Kennedy King College, 6800 S. Vanvorh. 962-3301.

Time Out Reviews--The Caretaker

Harold Pinter's "The Caretaker" at the Victory Gardens theater is a somber, strange play about a down-on-his-luck vagrant who is taken in by two brothers and assigned the job of caretaker of the house.

Like many of Pinter's works, "The Caretaker" isn't the type of play to be easily explained in a brief synopsis, nor one to be easily understood. There is little or no plot to many of his plays. Pinter's fascination is with his characters and the complex relationships between them.

"The Caretaker" is a case in point. The vagrant is a garrulous old man masking a deep fear of loneliness and rejection. The brother who brings him in was formerly a ward in a mental hospital. It is this brother who assumes the role of the old man's guardian and protector. The other brother is a leather-jacketed young tough with a sadistic bent, who taunts and torments the old man.

In the course of the play, the old man is allied with first one and then the other brother. Pinter's relationships are formed on a one-to-one basis. Thus, rarely are there more than two characters on the stage at one time.

To see the production at the Victory Gardens theater is to see Pinter performed at its best. The characterizations are excellent.

Michael Saad's portrayal of the younger brother is appropriately sinister and menacing. Perhaps an even more chilling character is the other brother, the former mental patient. As portrayed by Frank Galati, he is the shell of a man with a vacuous stare and somnambulant walk. William Norris gives an energetic and imaginative performance as the old man, enhanced by a good makeup job and a very realistic wardrobe.

Dennis Zacek who last spring directed Pinter's "The Lover" at Victory Gardens again brings his talents to this season's Pinter production. Zacek's sense of timing works to create a subtle tension and a vague sense of foreboding and suspense, as in the tradition of good mysteries.

Special lighting effects in this play are noteworthy, especially in the scene where the one brother explains his stay in the mental hospital. As he speaks the lights do a slow fade, remarkable because of the similarity to seeing a movie frame by frame. After the lights go out completely, the last frame of the brother remains indelibly impressed in the mind's eye.

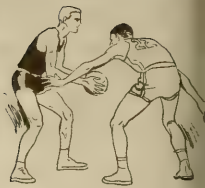
"The Caretaker" is an excellent play in many respects--for those who like Pinter or like to see some fine acting. But a word of warning to those who don't like to be left in the dark.

- Arline Datu



CTA Sports News

MEL ALEXANDER, Sports Editor



Six Years Of Fun, Play And Physical Fitness

ON NOVEMBER 4, 1969, a new recreational program was born at CTA. And at its very inception, it was obvious the program would be a success.

The CTA sports program originated from an idea of management and labor. Labor included James Pate, then financial secretary-treasurer of Division 241. For management was Fran Knautz, at that time superintendent of the former Public and Employee Relations Department; Tom Stiglic, superintendent of instruction, and Ron Phillpot, a CTA employee who was affiliated with the Chicago Park District. Agis Bray, a bus driver out of Beverly Garage and former member of the famous Harlem Globe Trotters, was appointed Sports Director.

The objectives of the program were: (1) promote better relations between members within CTA organization; (2) develop and instill within the groups a feeling of togetherness and esprit de corps; (3) develop knowledge and skills in various athletic and recreational events; (4) provide for both physiological and psychological development; (5) promote better relations between CTA and labor; (6) promote better relations between CTA and community, especially in those areas where contact with community personnel is frequent; (7) develop leadership qualities, and (8) develop greater job interest.

At the outset the CTA sports program encompassed only basketball and softball. Although other sports were proposed, they were the only ones that had active participation.

Sports proposed under the development of the program were to include not only basketball and softball, but also ping pong, bowling, volleyball, tennis, chess, checkers, horseshoes and golf.

As the program progressed, the employees looked ahead to each season with avid anticipation.

Prior to the new sports section in the Transit News, the sports program wasn't widely publicized. But after seeing the many advantages offered for recreation within the company, more employees became interested and the program began to expand.

As of this year the sports program got a boost when two members of management, John L. Aural, manager of General Administration, and Fred King, manager of Personnel, took on the responsibility for the improvement of the program. They have diversified the number of opportunities to participate in the expansion of other recreational sports. Under their tutelage two more events have come to the forefront—a mixed bowling league and the established Street Operators League.

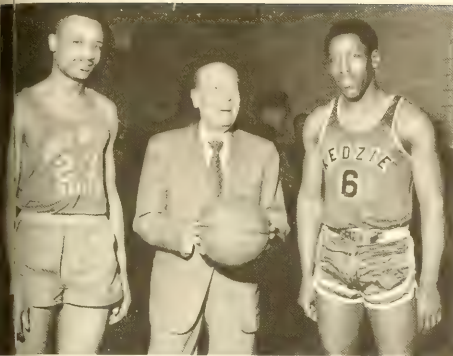
Knautz, now special assistant to the General Administration manager, will retire on Jan. 1. His expertise in the sports program will be greatly missed.

Under the new system the program will not be governed, as in the past, by a sports director. Each individual sport will have its own coordinator, assisted by a coalition of team managers participating in each event.

In the eyes of this reporter the CTA has established one of the finest physical fitness and recreational programs in the country. And from the standpoint of enthusiasm, we're No. 1.



Members of the Archer Garage basketball team pose for the camera as Lydia Lewis presents Superintendent John H. Lynch with the street place trophy as winners of the 1974-75 season.



The late CTA Board Chairman George L. DeMent prepares to toss up the jump ball for Wade Simmons, left, of North Avenue, and Leon Has, Kedzie, in the 1970 CTA basketball championship game.



Retired CTA General Manager Thomas B. O'Connor is shown presenting Joe Rayburn, Division 308, the first place trophy as captain of the winners of the 1973 softball tournament, as Division 308 President Leonard Beatty, left, looks on.



The late CTA Board Chairman Michael Cafferty is pictured here with Spencer Hayood, then star forward of the Seattle Supersonics, at our 1972 "CTA Day at the Bull" Mr. Cafferty was a graduate of the University of Washington.

Six Years Of CTA Sports



Action scene from the 1972 basketball season.



Some of our faithful Sunday morning picnic group.



Sunday morning action of the 1974 softball tournament in Grant Park.

CTA, International

Many Cultures Are Interested In Us

By Elda Leal

How good has 1975 been for you? Are you already planning decisions that you intend to carry out during 1976? As the end of the year approaches, many of us try to analyze the result of our efforts during the year and dream, strive and plan for the future. That's the beautiful part--there is always another day and another year.

Perhaps some of your dreams didn't come true. But, who hasn't experienced at one time or another in our lives an unfulfilled desire? This is what life is all about...a continuous challenge. Let's strive to be mentally and physically alert to meet it. Let's welcome 1976 with faith, cheerfulness and a positive attitude.

For CTA in general it was quite a year. New modern buses were acquired. The CTA Quarterly won the admiration of community leaders. Transitalk was introduced as a weekly means of employee communication. Interesting programs were developed such as the contribution to the Bicentennial celebrations through the CTA Spirit of '76 fleet, an art contest among high school students, and the Explorer Mass Transit Rally, the purpose of which was to create more interest among youngsters for our city and public transportation. All in all it was an exciting year full of worthwhile accomplishments.

World Status

Was CTA internationally successful? Yes it was. I am not talking about establishing an overseas transit system for our diplomats to ride, but in something that concerns all of us and should make us proud to be CTAers. We have international status as one of the best urban public transportation systems in the world. During 1975, we hosted many experts in transportation, government officials and other dignitaries from the following countries: Bulgaria, Brazil, France, Canada, Germany, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan, India and Russia.

Aware of CTA's reputation as one of the most efficient and advanced public transportation systems, these visitors come to learn something that perhaps they can implement in their own countries.

Bill Baxa of Public Affairs is a frequent host for the visitors tours. He says that it has been very pleasant for him to meet people from all over the world and that all of them were invariably friendly and invited him to pay them a visit in their respective countries...but no one offered to pay his airfare and expenses. Make a wish, Bill--maybe in 1976 you will meet a more generous visitor!

Sometimes CTA ambassadorship reaches out to greet the visitor who doesn't have time to come and see us. James R. Quinn, Vice-Chairman, paid respects to King Olav V of Norway recently by sending a gift to the King's suite at the Hyatt Regency hotel. The gift consisted of color pictures of CTA's "Norwegian bus" together with the following letter:

"Your Majesty:

"On behalf of the Chicago Transit Authority, I wish to present you with photographs of a special bus which serves an area of the city in which many families of Norwegian ancestry live.

"The photographs are of the latest CTA Spirit of '76 bus which we have named after Thomas Johnson, a sailor born in Mandal, Norway, who served under John Paul Jones in the famous victorious sea battles of the American Revolution.

"The naming of the bus after Thomas Johnson is in recognition of the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the first Norwegian settlers in the midwest. The bus was placed in service this week as a salute to you on the occasion of your visit to Chicago.

"We hope you have a most enjoyable visit to our city, and we wish that your schedule would provide time for you to take a ride on the Thomas Johnson."

The Thomas Johnson bus, in the Spirit of '76 livery of red, white and blue stripes, has been assigned to routes on Chicago's northwest side.

Common Goals

For the past few months through this column I have had the rewarding experience of learning a little about other countries and some of their customs which was the primary purpose for which this column was initiated. But, in the process, I also hope that I am making some progress in conveying our desire for mutual respect and a friendlier atmosphere during our working hours.

Socially, we are entitled to choose our own company, but at work we are bound to find all kinds of people around us. Our moral values, tastes, customs and predilections might differ a little from other people, but we should keep in mind that if we are in the same working place it is because we all need a job and have similar goals.

Half of our active life is spent at work. Sometimes a few words, a tiny effort might leave a great impression on the persons working around us. These actions can be constructively directed or otherwise. Why not take the healthier and more rewarding path?

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

EVERLY - Guys and dolls. Sorry I didn't get to press last month, but I was so busy with so many things. You know how it gets. Sometimes I think I'm wearing too many hats. For starters: president of the 102nd and Prairie Block Club, deputy commander of Rosemoore Community Patrol, service officer of AMVET Post 247, Transit news reporter and bus driver. See what I mean? By the way, we would like to congratulate the new officers of Post 247 and wish them good fortune for the coming year. We were in a very nice parade on Sept. 27 sponsored by the Greater Calumet Lions Club. It was a back-to-school-day-in-school parade aimed at school-age children. Remember, everything our children do today will be the basis for what they'll do tomorrow...**SCOTTY** (Big One) heard me talking about Atlanta, so he took his vacation, went to Atlanta for a look-see and stayed five weeks. Scotty says that when he retires he would like to go there and live. Now I can say to him, I told you so...The Rosemoore Patrol held its annual dinner-dance on Oct. 12 at the beautifulateau Bu-sche, 115th and Cicero. We had a wonderful time, and wish we had more space to name all the biggies who attended. We had representatives from the Chicago Police Department, city government and the state. Yours truly was M.C. To my surprise I was given a special award presented by Lt. Paul Blanton of the Chicago Police Department. You would be surprised to know at least 50 percent of the patrol works for CTA. Supervisors, operators, electricians, radio repairmen, you name it. And in case you've forgotten, we are not a vigilante group. We are more or less the eyes and ears of the Police Department. And I must say the police cooperate with us very well. Every day we see more and more ladies operating buses out of Beverly. I would like to welcome all of them, and say right on...Congratulations to all those named employee of the Year. Keep up the good work...See you next month.

- Amos Foster

ARCHER - Fifty golden years of marriage were celebrated by Retired Superintendent JOHN CONNOR and his lovely wife, LORETTA, on Oct. 17. Retired Operator PETE and EARL SCHULTZ celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on Oct. 4. Operator JOHN and MARION NEWMAN celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on Aug. 24. Congratulations and best wishes for all of them in the years to come...I wish to apol-

ogize to Instructor THOMAS REILLY for not welcoming him to Archer. We do welcome you, Tom. Tom and his wife, ANN, celebrated their 11th wedding anniversary on June 13. Congratulations to you and may you have many more beautiful years together. . . Retired Operator WILLIAM LEAHY, now living in Ireland, is doing quite well. ROY WILSON saw and talked with him when he was there...Operator C. C. JONES spent three weeks visiting his father and fishing in Arkansas...Box Puller PETE KUREK is living it up and getting the yard winterized...Clerk HEWITT GREEN spent his vacation taking in the countryside of Montego Bay and Jamaica, West Indies...Belated happy birthdays to: FRED BADKE, Aug. 8, WALTER MCKINNEY, Oct. 11, JOHN GROOM, Oct. 11, AUSTON WOOLFOLK Jr., Oct. 27, Mrs. MATTIE WOOLFOLK, Oct. 26, and WILLIAM MOOS, Oct. 31. Also W. B. GOLDSEY, Nov. 6, AUSTON WOOLFOLK, Nov. 18, FRANK HARTIG, Nov. 19, C. V. MARSH, Nov. 25, W. L. GREENWOOD, Nov. 24, and WALTER F. GIBSON Jr., Nov. 30...Our belated condolences are extended to the family of Pensioner EARL TIERNEY and Sanitary Engineer JOHN JAROSZEK; to RAY ROGERS in the passing of his mother; to T. STRAM in the passing of his sister, and to Pensioner WILLIAM SOMMERVILLE in the passing of his father...We wish to thank the Archer Credit Union for the coffee and rolls. It was quite a treat...Ladies and gentlemen, this is the time to start your savings account. Join the credit union. FRED BADKE and JOSEPH KUBICKI will be happy to take your applications. In a few years you will be surprised how it has grown...Congratulations to Clerk RICHARD CACINI who received his BA degree in criminal justice on Aug. 15 from the University of Illinois Chicago Circle Campus. Upon his graduation he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the army and will be stationed in Frankfurt, Germany. In a ceremony at

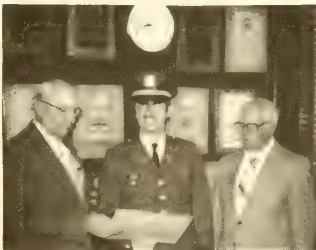
Archer, Richard was presented with his military leave papers by Superintendents JOHN LYNCH and JOHN PETROSIOUS. Richard said, "If it were not for the CTA, I would never have gotten a college education. Many of the superintendents, supervisors, clerks and drivers enabled me to reach my goal. I hope when I return that all the good people are still here."

- Owen Foscandave

CTA SECURITY -

Every patrolman in the Uniform Division has completed a course in first aid training and personal safety. Its knowledge and use can mean the difference between life and death, between temporary and permanent disability, or between rapid recovery and long hospitalization...TOMMIE BOSLEY and VICTOR OLIVIERI while on patrol observed a group of persons attacking two Chicago police officers in the area of West End and Pulaski. They immediately put out a call of location and proceeded to assist the officers. The offenders were taken into custody and transported to the 11th District...The latest officers who are attending the Basic Law course are: R. L. JACKSON, GEORGE WHITE, J. ZARLEANGA, T. O'MAHONY, O. JOLLY, R. PELLOZZIE, J. GURRIERI, L. WILLIS and J. ALEXANDER...The patrolman of the month is JAMES LAFOLLETTE. During the month of October, Patrolman LaFollette was selected and recommended for his long list of commendations, alertness in his night patrol unit and his neat appearance. LaFollette came to the department on Aug. 8, 1968, and worked in the West Section Unit. He attended the Police Training Institute at Champaign, Ill., and completed a course in Basic Law. Lots of luck, Jim, and keep up the good work.

- Frank Dickert Jr.



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JOINING THE ranks of the retired on November 1 was HARRY GENNETT, clerk, Archer Garage, who had 42 years of service with CSL and CTA.



NEW PENSIONERS

DANIEL CALLAHAN, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 9-19-47
FAY CAPRIO, Ticket Agent, South Shops, Emp. 3-4-42
West Section, Emp. 2-2-63
GUY DIMEO, Operator, Kedzie, Emp. 11-4-42
EDWARD FITZGERALD, Upholsterer A, South Shops, Emp. 3-4-42
HARRY GENNETT, Clerk, Archer, Emp. 10-24-33
FRANK PAVESIC, Painter, Plant Maintenance, Emp. 6-5-28

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

GEORGE HAYES Jr., Bus & Truck Mech., South Shops, Emp. 6-7-60

ELECTRICAL (Rapid Transit Signal Division) - Come on in! Welcome to our year-old club. You guys have been waiting long enough. Before we get started, please allow me to say happy birthday to BILL (The Gypsy) BAKER, Oct. 17; R. CAUDILL, Oct. 9; J. THEVIL, Oct. 28; DONALD HAWKINS, Oct. 2; MIKE PEDERSOLI, Oct. 31; ED DELANEY, Oct. 16, and RON BEDOE, Oct. 24...Your news reporter and my partner, DON HAWKINS, got together with our families and took a beautiful fall drive into Indiana to pick apples. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful fall colors and the eating and picking of apples, being it was our first time at this. Hawk and I found out it is not just signal equipment we can't agree on, we also disagreed on how to pick apples!..No one had to tell you that I filled in for STEVE ZELLNER while he was on vacation. You would have known it when you saw me, as I now have a scar located in the same place as Steve's scar--in the upper left hand corner of my pride...With a lot of luck and a lovely family to go along with him, a guy's summer vacation can be an out of this world kind of experience. So was the lot of Signal Maintenance Supervisor GEORGE MATEJOVSKY. Joining George on his trip northward and westward was his loving wife, MARY, and their three children--JEAN MARIE, 11, GEORGE FRANCIS, 9, and MARY CATH-

ERINE, 5. The excitement they encountered while motoring through Colorado and Utah will be remembered for a long time. George said the snowball fight they had in July, up in the mountains, really struck their fancy. They also viewed the 4th of July fireworks display which was atop a mountain near Manitou Springs, and was simply magnificent. The Matejovskys found the extremely hot weather on their trip very easy to take as the air was very dry. Of course a lot of swimming helped too...To satisfy your need to know, CLYDE YOUNT is home recuperating from an operation and is not off playing hooky. You can expect him back to work soon...PAUL JANKOWSKI is away for a few days on a fishing trip to Hayward, Wisc. Say, Paul, when you get back home with the fish you caught I am going to tell you a little story. Get ready, because you will hear my little story whether you bring back fish or not...JAMES REDDY recently returned from a vacation trip back to the old country, Ireland. I don't promise to tell you everything about his trip, but I will tell you he enjoyed himself and made it back Stateside OK...JOHN KOEPIE has apparently acquired a love for bigger and better things, at least when it comes to his home in Romeoville, Ill. John, who is building an addition to his house, took advantage of his vacation to really push the project. John must be preparing for his grandchildren...KEN BISSET and his wife, DONNA, are vacationing in foggy London town. If I know Ken, fog or no fog he will be seeing some signals and other related equipment while he is there, I am sure. We shall hear about that and more...To set the record straight, Signal Foreman VIC ZASTERA's new office location is not at Lake-Harlem as they would have you believe. It is in fact located at Harlem Avenue on the Congress route. I thought you might want to know...BIRNEST HICKS bought a home in Evanston, Ill., and said the building is of historical and architectural significance. He and his wife, MARCIA, plan to restore the building to its original condition. Birnest said if anyone wants to help they can come over in November. Just give me the address, Birnest. I know a lot of guys that seem to have nothing to do...We extend a warm welcome to new signal helpers, EUGENE ZWADLO and CALIXTE BROUARD.

- Tommie Lowery

GENERAL OFFICE (Internal Auditing) -

It happened one cool, lonely night in Calgary, Canada. All were gathered after a day of meetings at the ATU-Division 241 convention Sept. 28-Oct. 3. JIM (Wolf-Wolf) TOUHY, better known as "The Godfather", led his sleepy little group as they all stumbled off to bed. The stillness settled gently--to be shattered suddenly by a shrill ringing--a telephone! At 3 a.m.! "George, is that you?" "Yesh, tish ish

GEORGE LAICA." "This is the president. I've got to see you right away." "Oh! C'm on my way." So George s-t-r-e-a-k-e-d out of the room, pounding on doors. I alas, the joke was on him. Now Streak Laica keeps a bathrobe handy--always. Hey, Streaker, the wives thought you were great! Too bad "Curly" STENZE George's "bed partner", didn't get a sh. He took a lot of pictures, but forgot to u a flash. P.S. What's the story on the Lo Shop, George?

(Insurance & Pensions) -

HOLLY ROSCHMAN was united in matrimony to RONALD VITELLO on Oct. 11 at the Edison Park United Methodist church. They honeymooned in Jamaica,

(Safety) -

It was good to see JIM TRETTON back at work after a period of convalescence, as he wants to personally thank all his friends for their thoughtfulness by sending cards and telephoning.

(Personnel) -

Double congratulations to training coordinator SUE THIEME on the occasion of her father's 40th anniversary in the Lutheran ministry, and her own promotion within Personnel Development to the position of management development coordinator...Sincere gratitude is extended to Training Assistant BILL CLINE and Management Development Superintendent MIKE SMITH to all the CTA people who remembered them in their time of sorrow. Accept our condolences to the many that have already been received by Bill, who lost his mother, and to Mike whose father, a retired CTA bus operator, passed away. MIKE LESNIAK would like to wish his father, TED LESNIAK, electrical worker at Skokie Shops, a belated happy birthday...Moving over to the proud parent, grandpa, aunt and uncle department, ERV HARRIS announced that his son, MAURICE, would be presented in a piano recital at Metropolitan Community church on Sunday, Nov. 2. Lots of luck to Maurice in his first, one-man show...By the time this edition is in your hands, LEN LOHN will be a grandpa for the sixth time. Len's hoping it's a boy--he already has five granddaughters. The father is Len's son, STEVE LOHN, North Section foot collector who works out of Howard Terminal...DAN KANE, on the other hand, is looking forward to a Thanksgiving trip to Florida where he can check on the talking skills of his two-year-old niece, COLLEEN. Word has it that she's already more articulate than her uncle Dan, and anyone who works in Personnel Development can tell you how gabby that is!..A little further down the road toward adolescence are PAT DUNEK's twin four-year-old nephews. As Pat tells it, one of them pulled a Rudolph Valentino on a CTA bus the other day. It seems a little girly caught his fancy and as she was leaving the bus he gave her a farewell kiss and mur-

ured a romantic "Goodbye, little girl." His twin brother is a bit more fussy about his whole kissing business, and at last resort was only accepting busses on the week (a radical departure from kissing busses on the bus)...1200 on your AM dial--you're in Korea. Sergeant MARK MAGINNIS, the son of Personnel Development's STU MAGINNIS, is the afternoon on the Camp Casey, Korea, outlet for



Mark Maginnis

Armed Forces Radio Network. Mark, who was trained at the Defense Information School in Indianapolis prior to his ocean tour of duty, keeps members of the 6th Division entertained and informed in a 6-hour show that he produces and anchors each weekday.

- Regina Daren & Ellen Neurauer

FREST GLEN -

stard I'd like to wish all of you a very happy Thanksgiving...Box Puller T. SMOYNSKI wishes his lovely wife, PENNY, a very happy birthday. He also states he would like for her to take it easier around the house, but then our friend, Terry, says it's an old house and still needs the Mrs.'s hard work. Penny, I don't think you can...Operator JOHN KURINEC finally asked LORRAINE, his child bride, into taking him on a two-week vacation to Hawaii. Yes, John, we all agree it's about time you knew that Lorraine was getting tired of going to drive-in movies...Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to PAUL BOETTIN and his family in the loss of their son, DANNY, who passed away suddenly...Pensioner L. REINHARDT, better known as the "Grey Ghost", dropped by the spot to pay the boys a visit. I understand that Reinhardt was looking fine and in good shape. Sorry I missed your visit buddy, but very happy you came by...Superintendent HANK ZIOLKOWSKI and his wife, MARY, are off for a visit to Washington, D.C. Clerk SAM GIRARD says his wife stands on the corner only on Wednesdays, waiting for the old boy to show up. ANDA can't understand how your name has changed. Of course it must be due to time (ha-ha). I'm sorry for making the mistake...DAVE KNOERR, the young man who assigns the buses, just returned from a trip to Florida and the Island of Haiti.

The trip was grand but too short said Dave. Supervisor GALLAGHER was seen looking for a mail box. The old boy couldn't find it because he was leaning on it...Pensioner FRANK ENGELTHALER and his Mrs. just turned in 10 years of marital bliss. Congratulations...JOHN GIANPICOLO of the repair department wishes to extend a happy birthday to his lovely wife, PAM...It seems the barn boys are puzzled as to how FELIX got in an extra day. What's up, Felix? This summer he and five of his friends went fishing in Lake Michigan and only caught one fish weighing five pounds at a cost of \$100. Now there's the right gang to go out with...Operator JOHN BEDNARZ will have 33 years of service on Nov. 28. John has two sons and seven grandchildren of whom he is mighty proud...Supervisor HIGGINS has been off for some time having trouble with his legs. Here's hoping he has improved and will return to work soon...Operator DAROLD PERSON was recently married to a lovely young lady named SUE. Our congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy marriage...ED LAUBE is planning to retire on Jan. 1, and has been staying close to home so he won't miss his first grandchild which is due at anytime...Operator TOM MEAGHER has been on the sick list about eight weeks. He is also having leg trouble. Here's hoping he is up and around now and ready to return to work. By the way, Tom's wife is also in the hospital. Seems when it rains, it really pours in the Meagher household...Supervisor MILLER finally purchased cokes for a couple of the fellows recently. Watch your budget, Miller...Operator TED GALUS seems to be getting younger--must be the beautiful care given by his lovely wife. I have known Ted for a long time, and he always has a smile. Keep it up old buddy...Mechanic LAWRENCE COSTLEY Jr., the son of Loader LAWRENCE COSTLEY, had just cashed his and other employees' paychecks at a currency exchange when a man with a gun accosted him and ordered the money handed over. There was a struggle, and Costley owes his life to quick reflexes and the index finger of his left hand which lodged on the hammer so it wouldn't fire. Bystanders had called the police who arrived in time to seize the would-be robber. He was taking an awful chance, and we're glad things turned out the way they did...We extend a hearty welcome to all our new drivers to the finest garage in the system. Let's all work to keep it on top.

- W. A. Henry

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT -

The gang at the South Shops is glad to see GEORGE CROFOOT and BURT MUIRHEID off the sick list, and extends get well wishes to GRANVILLE CHEATHAM...HOMER WEATHERSBY and his family enjoyed a trip to Ontario and Niagara Falls, while

CLIFFORD and MILDRED PETTIS had a delightful trip to Three Rivers, Mich. They caught so much fish that the word got around to STAN HALL in Storeroom 48, and he took a three-week vacation relaxing and fishing and came back with two large northernns. Stan is elated to report that his daughter, LINDA, received her master's degree in England, and his son, RICHARD, graduated from Eastern, and DAVID, the younger son, is working on his master's at Kentucky Western. Congratulations to your fine family, Stan...Pensioner M. J. KORZEN, formerly of Storeroom 48, dropped in with his wife to say hello, and we also enjoyed seeing Pensioner HAROLD ENWRIGHT...JOANNE (cut me some slack) BOETTIN will be on her way to Mexico and to Denver, Colo., in a few days. She's saving her appetite for the Coors beer...BOB PIEPER and his spouse celebrated 36 years of wedded bliss on Sept. 30...ANDY CUNNINGHAM, Storeroom 61, spent a weekend in Atlanta. Through C.O.G. (channels of gossip), we'll have to learn the details of the happenings on that trip, Andy...Glad to see ANN GARRITY back with us after a lengthy illness, and hope to report that Specifications Engineer EDWARD AHLBRAND is up and at 'em in the next issue...We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to DOROTHY HARMON, Materials Management, whose father passed away suddenly...By the way--I need more news. This is your column so drop me a line or two about yourself. Just try me--I don't bite, I just write. I'm right here in Materials Management, room 730.

- DeLores Duff

NORTH PARK -

The North Park Credit Union annual business meeting will be held on Friday, Jan. 9, at River Park Fieldhouse, 5100 N. Francisco, at 8 p.m. Dividends will be declared, refreshments served, and there will be drawings for door prizes. All members are urged to attend...The Sambruca Club dinner-dance was held on Saturday, Nov. 8, at Chateau Royale. Operator PAT SCIORTINO, who was chairman of this fine event, would like to add his thanks to the many CTA families who patronized the festivities...Our congratulations are extended to Operator WALTER WALKER and his fiancée, VERONICA, on the announcement of their engagement Oct. 4. A party was held at Clerk RODNEY AUSTIN's home and a spring marriage is planned...Operator JAMES EARL JONES was married on Saturday, Sept. 20, to DELORES at Unity Temple. The reception held at the Millionaires Club on Michigan Avenue was attended by 300 guests. The young couple honeymooned throughout Canada...EVERETT MARTIN is now training for a clerk's position and we will all miss his smiling face. He was operating a bus out of North Park...The welcome mat is extended to

Service anniversaries in November

40 years



A. J. Sokol,
Skokie Shop

35 years

R. P. Beahan, Maintenance
H. W. Elke, Control Center
J. R. Lubawy, Claims Law
J. F. Mueller, Schedules
P. Raczon, South Shops
J. J. Repplinger, Vehicle Maintenance
E. A. Shea, West Section
F. J. Vitek, 69th Street
J. J. Wathier, North Park

30 years

E. Adams, 52nd Street
C. J. Bieganowski, 77th Street
H. P. Bowers, Forest Glen
A. E. Brandt, Electrical
G. W. Christensen, Engineering
P. C. Cleaver, Engineering
V. Dietrich, West Section
L. M. Dudek, Archer
R. Erickson, North Section
A. F. Flohr, Archer
P. Z. Fox, North Avenue
J. N. Friedman, Bldgs. & Grounds
L. Godek, Utility
J. P. Hartigan, West Section
E. Heatter, Rail Service
C. A. Johnson, Limits
H. R. Josetti, Limits
F. P. Kenny, North Section
F. J. Kleich Jr., North Section
S. S. Kloska, Jefferson Park
J. Krajcik, Kedzie
P. Kutchen, Forest Glen
G. J. Laica, Internal Auditing
H. Lowenstein, South Rail District
S. E. Mazurek, South Shops
J. J. McBride, Schedules
J. H. McNamara, South Shops
J. Mittler, South Section
W. Ponder, Forest Glen
H. H. Rambo, North Park
E. W. Rauch, West Section
J. J. Salabura, 77th Street

H. Schepler, Forest Glen
W. J. Sladky, Bldgs. & Grounds
J. J. Smok, Archer
J. A. Totter, 77th Street
R. H. Trezise, 77th Street
G. F. Wallace, Archer
T. S. Wojciak, Archer

25 years

A. E. Carlson, North Park
A. Diganfilippo, Skokie Shop
O. Elliott, South Shops
C. Gage, Utility
J. Georgeson, Real Estate
J. J. Griffin, 77th Street
H. Harris, Schedules
E. F. Jankowski, Skokie Shop
S. McGrath, Jefferson Park
J. W. Miller, Limits
C. L. Moore, West Section
J. P. O'Brien, 77th Street
P. O'Neill, Skokie Shop
A. R. Paige, Archer
A. R. Reid, West Section
O. White, 69th Street
J. B. Wojnicki, Archer

WANDA BLACK who is breaking in as a clerk at North Park...Superintendent ALEX JOHNSON, WILLIAM PARNUM and LOUIS MUELLER are eagerly awaiting the re-vamping of the receivers' room into new offices for their operation...Superintendent ALEX JOHNSON and his wife, HELEN, hosted a 50th wedding anniversary party for Helen's parents, ELMER and EMMA REDKER, at the Villa Olivia Country Club. A large delegation of relatives, friends and eight grandchildren made the evening a memorable one...Operator BILL HODGSON and his wife enjoyed a three-week vacation in Door County, golfing and fishing. Bill reeled in a 26 pound chinook salmon while fishing on a Sturgeon Bay charter boat. Congratulations to the Hodgsons who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Nov. 4...Clerk PHIL TULLY enjoyed his vacation in England with a wonderful visit with his many relatives and enjoying many of the fine shows in good old London...Clerk JOHN WATHIER will celebrate 35 years of service with CTA on Nov. 20 and is planning his retirement beginning Jan. 1, 1976...Clerk EDWARD (Curly) STENZEL and Operators HOMER REED and FRANK KOZIOL, along with their wives, attended the Transit Convention held in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and returned with many fresh ideas of union activities...Operator HAROLD ANDERSCHATT and his wife, ANNE, vacationed in Forsyth, Mo., where they stayed at the home of Pensioner RAY DONESKI and his wife, EVELYN. Visits

with Pensioners ART MUIR, ROY LEMKE, STEVE HERMAN and WILLARD GILL were most enjoyed...Mrs. TILLIE SHAPIRO, the mother-in-law of Operator SAM BAKER, underwent major surgery at Edgewater hospital and at this writing is recovering satisfactorily. She is 81...Congratulations to Operator HILLARD DERENGOWSKI and his wife, GEROLDINE, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Sept. 2...Taking my annual jaunt to Forsyth, Mo., your reporter had a fine time visiting my old buddies, Pensioners STEVE HERMAN and ART MUIR.



Muir, Herman and Horning

The weather was beautiful and the conversations about the good old days were enlightening and humorous. Steve and Art say hello to all their friends at CTA.

Repair Department Chit Chat: The repair

department had their annual fire inspection and came through with flying colors—rating 100 per cent. Congratulations to the foremen and their personnel...Pensione MIKE MELZESKI was a visitor at the garage, and reports that his eight years of pensioned life have been wonderful...Utility Chauffeur DICK BRADY and his wife, JULIE, vacationed in Pine Bluff, Ark., where they were looking over property. Also on the agenda were a few days visiting with Pensioner STEVE HERMAN and his wife, HELEN, of Forsyth, Mo...Mrs. FRANCES KASMAN, the wife of Assistant Foreman TONY KASMAN, underwent surgery at McNeal hospital and at this writing is recuperating satisfactorily...Enjoying November vacations at this time are: Assistant Foreman TONY KASMAN, Repairmen A. FERNANDEZ, HOWARD HALVERSON and JOE CITRO; Servicemen JOHN FILARSKI, GENE DRZEWICKI and DENNIS COOK...Instructor LOUIS BIENIEK enjoyed his annual fall "honey do" vacation, hammering nails, doing yard duty and driving wife IRENE around town...Operator ROBERT FLOOD and his wife, JOYCE, enjoyed a two-week vacation in Hawaii. The Floods enjoyed the beautiful Islands of Maui, Oahu and Kauai. The U.S.S. Arizona memorial, and the Kodak hula show, along with the scenery, flowers and fresh pineapple were most enjoyed also...Assistant Superintendent WILLIAM PARNUM and his wife, TENA, enjoyed a LAS VEGAS vacation. It is rumored that Mr. Parnum will

taking an early retirement, as his winnings at the tables were terrific.

- Melvin Hanning

IRTH AVENUE -

leaves and grass have shed their green to take an affinity for the brown of fall, and we find Operators BOOKER T. BOLTON, LARRY VAUGHAN and HORACE BROWN cleaning the oil shooting irons in preparation for deer hunting...We believe to be last of the vacationers are in as Operator CHARLIE HICKS and his wife, ROSIE, have just completed their tour of the great northwest...Oct. 5 marked four decades of married life for Pensioner ANTHONY LOPPI and his wife, JENNIE. The Glopys spent their time celebrating at Plenwood Farm, Ill...It was son number one, Instructor DAN VILLANUEVO and his wife, DARLENE. He was dubbed JOSEPH MICHAEL...Operator ALICE DRAKE has returned to work after a brief stint in the hospital, and Operator JOHN M. WEATHERSPOON is at home recuperating from operation...Among the many birthdays celebrated during the month of October were Assistant Superintendent DON GILGAN, Switchboard Operator WALTER J. LIX and Custodial Engineer RAY JABONICKI (who also was a double winner in the State Lottery). Although he did not have a birthday, Operator KENNETH C. METTLER was digging deep in the pockets as FERN METTLER and GOLDIE WYPLAY, his wife and mother-in-law, respectively, had birthdays on Oct. 9 and 10...We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Pensioner WALTER CICHY who died on Oct. 13...Pensioner EDGAR BROWN visited us from Patoka, Ill...A club composed of pensioners is in the process of being organized. The club promises many fringe benefits, with a class in fishing scheduled tentatively for February. Pensioners interested in joining may contact Pensioner PETE MADIA at 766-3622. Let's keep the news coming, fellas, and you will see your name in print.

- Aaron Pruitt

ERATIONS PLANNING (Schedules) -

Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM WORCESTER drove to the east coast, about 4,000 miles all, through Williamsburg, Philadelphia, Annis Port, Cape Cod, Salem and Boston. They walked the Freedom Trail, then went north through the fall foliage of New Hampshire and Vermont up to Quebec City, Canada. They came back through Niagara Falls. They had a real enjoyable, restful and educational trip. They also rode the subway in Boston where the light rail vehicles run coupled together and there's a one fare system. They also rode on the mutual loop bus on SEPTA's property which is a line operation...DOROTHY TSCHIED vacationed in Florida and vis-

ited various places. Dorothy is also sporting a new 1975 Dodge Dart. Good luck!...We welcome ANN KENNEDY to the department...Mr. and Mrs. JIM MCBRIDE, traffic checker, celebrated 30 years of wedded bliss. Congratulations and many more happy years together...Sympathy of the department is extended to Mr. and Mrs. WALTER THOMAS upon the death of his father-in-law, and to NICK ZAHN upon the death of his sister...Happy Thanksgiving to all.

(Routes & Systems) -

Our section has been fortunate to obtain the services of NORINE (Renie) NOWAK and MICHAEL MALINOWSKI. Renie has admirably filled the position vacated by EVELYN MARTIN as clerk-typist. She was formerly a school teacher in Michigan. Mike recently returned from a four-year hiatus (ha, ha) in the air force where he was in the security police and stationed in Michigan. He has the task of sorting, labelling and filing approximately 1,000 aerial photographs of the six-county region. Good luck to both of you in your jobs...Celebrating birthdays are FRANK MISEK, HANK WILSON and FRANK O'DOWD. Are you another year wiser, gentlemen?...Some of our staff recently went on vacations. JILL LINNE went to Grayling, Mich., for a week. She also spent some time on Mackinaw Island (buying fudge) and Sault Ste. Marie (taking the Soo Locks boat tour). Other entertainments included fishing, canoeing and a power failure that lasted for five hours. In the woods when there is a power failure, it's really dark, including no power for heat or plumbing. As would happen in cases of this nature, no candles were available either...CHARLIE DROZDA went to Island Lake near Spooner, Wisc. One of his favorite pastimes is fishing, and this vacation was no exception. He had a lot of fun catching a 16 inch muskie. Alas, he also had to close down his summer home for the winter. Next spring is quite a ways away, Charlie. Hope it arrives quickly so you can go fishing...BOB VANCE went on a European tour visiting England, France, Switzerland and Belgium. He greatly enjoyed riding the Paris Metro throughout the city, riding the tram and trolleybus networks in Swiss cities, and visiting London Transport for a day. Good weather prevailed throughout his trip. Bob visited Europe's highest railway station on Jungfrauoch Mountain in Switzerland, which is at an altitude of over 10,000 feet. It was so high that he had to take three different cog trains to get to the top.

(Passenger Controls) -

As Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "The reward of a job well done is that it's done." That certainly was the case with JOAN HARRISON. Everything she did she did well. So even though Joan has left the company and secured a job elsewhere, her well-done work will remain as a testament

of her talent. We miss her and wish her the best of luck...JOHN O'CONNOR and his wife drove non-stop to New Orleans in 18 hours. One of the joys of John's life is golfing, and he was able to get a bit of that in also. They also visited Biloxi, Miss., and drove home (1,000 miles) non-stop in 19 hours...GEORGE MACAK attended the National Meet of Train Collectors of America in York, Pa. A burning hobby of George's is the buying and selling of trains. As a true train collector, one of these days he may negotiate the sale of a 2200 car and put it in his back yard...Remember STEVE WOLGEMUTH and his new home? Well, he and his wife have been freeing in their home since their furnace is not in working order. It's like living back in the good ol' days when you had to keep warm by the heat in the fireplace (fortunately, they have a fireplace). Steve, you better hurry and get a new furnace before the water freezes in the pipes while you are taking a shower.

- Ray Batina & Linda Graybeck

PLANT MAINTENANCE (West Shops) -

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. GENE REID on their 13th wedding anniversary which was celebrated Oct. 4. Gene took his wife to see Tom Jones after an elegant dinner. Even Gene enjoyed the twirling, wiggling, jumping Tom Jones...Our deepest sympathy is extended to RITA HURLEY and her family in the death of her uncle in Ireland. Rita accompanied her mother to Ireland for the funeral...Congratulations to Plumbers JOHN IWANSKI and SYLVESTER BROWN who became journeymen...We bid a sad adieu to ROBERT BONESS, trackman clerk, who left us to become a laborer in the Building Department. We sure do miss you, Robert...The welcome mat is out to EDWARD TONER, maintenance coordinator in the Building Department. Happy to have you with us, Mr. Toner...I guess I'll never get tired of writing about FRANK MONTEFALCO, steel fabrication shop. Frank was nominated for the National Association of Suggestion Systems 1975 Suggester of the Year Award. The committee was impressed with his record of success and congratulates him for his fine level of accomplishment and participation in our suggestion program. Although another individual had been chosen for the award, Frank was given a hand-lettered certificate signifying the importance of this event. We are very proud of you, Frank...A special bouquet to BILL KENNY and BARNEY KELLER, ironworkers, and TOM CHORAK, painter, who volunteered to help when the Explorer Scouts tackled the CTA trail in a 50-mile Mass Transit Rally across the city. They had fun and enjoyed the experience...A special get well quick to IRVING JOHNSON. Irv is coming along fine and we hope to see him up and around soon.

- Jennie Scott

SOUTH SECTION -

My how time goes by. Halloween is past already and Thanksgiving is fast approaching...Instructor MITCHELL and MILDRED THOMAS took a fall vacation down to Mobile, Ala., and to Putnam to visit relatives. They had a reunion with all their families, and a good time was had by all...Just heard the sad news of the sudden passing of Janitor EUGENE ROGERS. He was everyone's favorite, always neat as a pin, and a real gentleman. Our condolences to the Rogers family...Welcome aboard to new employees ARNELL ALLEN, DARLENE BRATTON, GWENDOLYN DAVIS and JOE HOWARD...Back to work from the sick list are: Motorman WILK BATTLES and NATHANIEL HARRIS, and Switchman STEPHEN BEARD...We want to tell you about another wonderful CTA family working with us: the JACKSON family. The father is RICHARD JACKSON, South Section track inspector, who is mighty proud of his three sons--THURMAN, yard foreman, South Section, who had been a track star at Wendell Phillips High school; STEVEN, shop foreman, West Section, who had been in the military service, and EARLE, towerman, North Section, who also had been in the service. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson can be very proud of their three sons. Mother and father recently vacationed in Clarksdale, Miss., visiting friends and family...Motorman FRANK KLEVOICH is on the sick list. He recently broke his shoulder. Here's hoping you'll be back at work soon with your jolly smile, Frank...Good luck to all our students who worked with us this summer and are now back in school...Yard Foreman JOSEPH PUGH, who lost his leg recently, is home from the hospital recuperating and waiting to get his artificial leg. Keep your chin up, Joe, and you will be well soon...Clerk WILLIE GODBOLD had a wonderful time vacationing in Nassau in the Bahama Islands...Retired Agent KAREN FRIDDLE had been ill and in the hospital, but is now living with her daughter in Lansing where she is recuperating. . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to Towerman ADAM MODELSKI in the loss of his sister...We had a wonderful surprise visit from Retired Motorman FRED GRONEMEYER, former treasurer of our credit union. He and his wife came up from their home in Venice, Fla. Fred looks just wonderful, thinner, and was telling us all about how he loves living in Florida and his new home. His wife, TILLIE, had broken her arm but is doing fine and enjoying her visit in Chicago. . . DOROTHY HARMON, who works in the Purchasing Department and is the wife of Clerk ERVIN, was in the hospital recently but is now back at work... The CTA credit unions held their annual credit union day dinner-dance on Oct. 17 at Ferrara Manor on the North Side. My hubby, RON, and myself had a wonderful time, along with all our South Side credit union officials. We visited with many people we haven't seen in years from all the departments in the Mart and other

credit unions. I couldn't possibly name everyone, so I'll say we enjoyed everyone's company. The dinner was delicious along with the dancing and orchestra. Everyone insists, so I will tell you all that besides wearing a long yellow halter dress, I also wore my blonde wig. Some people didn't recognize me from the back with my wig. I guess I just wanted to see if blondes have more fun, but you know what--I always have a good time at a dinner or party... Conductor FRANK SMITH, who underwent surgery at St. Francis hospital in Evanston is home now. Hurry up and get well, Frank, so you can get back to work...Our sincere condolences to Pensioner HARRY ANTONION whose wife passed away recently. Harry said he is so thankful that they had the opportunity to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in July before she passed away...There is always so much sorrow mixed with happiness. Clerk JOHN BARRY was so happy over the birth of his 16th grandchild, a little boy named ANDREW who was born to his daughter, PEGGY, and her husband. This was her second child. Then his wife, NORRINE, was stricken with encephalitis and as of this writing is still in the hospital. Let's give all our employees and their spouses who are ill a little prayer for a quick recovery...Two of our North Section pensioners, now living in Florida, sent us this picture to let us know that they are fine and really enjoying retired life. WILLIAM NEUSON, retired mileage clerk, and his wife, ELM, are now living in Largo, and RICHARD BARTELS, retired collector, and his wife, BERTHA, reside in Tampa. Together they have celebrated 105 years of



William & Elm Neuson and Richard & Bertha Bartels

wedded bliss--the Neusons 51 years on July 10, and the Bartels 54 years on Sept. 24. Our congratulations to both of these lovely couples...By the time you read this column our South Section station superintendent's office at Ashland Avenue should be moved to 95th Street. This will include our station superintendent, STAN CHRIST, my hubby, Chief Clerk RON, and myself. Tell you more in my next column.

- Verna Hartney

TRANSPORTATION (Utility) -

Mr. and Mrs. FRANK GOODRICH recently celebrated their silver wedding anniversary.

sary. Congratulations! . . . MICHAEL POCHORDO married SHIRLEY ANN RACZ at St. Symphorosa church. Michael is the son of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM POCHORDO...Welcome to Utility were MICHAEL KELLY from Forest Glen repair, BERNARD HACK from 77th Street repair, JOHN O'KEEFE from Forest Glen repair at GARY BUTLER from Kedzie repair...Good luck to WALTER ANDERSON who transferred to Building Maintenance...Congratulations and best wishes to EDWARD SHIELDS who became a pensioner after 41½ years of service. Pensioners on hand to welcome Ed to their ranks were A. EIERMANN, 81 years young; JULIUS KUTA; TONY CANDELLA, who has moved to Derby Meadows near Orlando Park; ILL DICK O'GORMAN; DON EDWARDS; LARRY LINDNER, and DAN COUGHLIN from District B. Dan is planning to move to Florida. . . Our deepest sympathy to MILFORD CUMBERLANDER in the loss of two of his brothers...PETE CARPINO visited 3915 several times this summer and has returned to his home in Florida.

(Service) -

The Control Center sure was well represented by volunteers on Sunday, Oct. 19--the day of Chicago's first Mass Transit Rally. Some 312 Explorer Scouts were out there competing on buses and trains, watching their progress at checkpoints around the city were Controllers JERRY FRANKLIN, SY HORNBACH, HERMA MILES, WILL TAYLOR, JIM WASHINGTON, OLLIE WINSTON, and Superintendent FRED LIMMEL. Overseeing the Rally from the Control Center were Area Superintendent LES RACKER and JIM OHSE of District A.

- Colette Szegspanch

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE (Skokie Shop) -

It always seems like such a great relief to complete the magazine article and get it in the mail each month, even if it is usually by the skin of our teeth. But, alas, alas, before you know it, that magazine deadline date rolls around again all too soon and you remark, "Not again!" But here we are and we hope you all enjoy reading what we dug up in the last month. We have a little bit of everything, so here goes...Here's the latest on our remodeling work. We're still without the partitions, but the office furniture is being painted and pictures have been hung on our new painted walls. So, all in all, we're in fairly good shape. We'll get there eventually. Production Supply Control's new office is shaping up very nicely too...Even though we got scooped on this bit of news last month, we're still going to mention it in our column. RICH FABRY, Production Supply Control, is sporting around in brand new Ford Elite. Boy, what a sport... LITA CAUSEY, Production Supply Control and her husband, COY, Signal Department,

a very nice vacation driving through
gssouri, Kentucky and Arkansas in their
mp. At this writing they will be hitting
road again for parts unknown on an-
other short vacation...LARRY MONA-
AN, unit supervisor, and his lovely
e, MARLENE, spent some of their vaca-
tion out west in Colorado visiting rela-
tives...TONY ARINI, electrician, and his
ely wife headed out California-way and
ent their vacation with their daughter in
a Francisco. They also spent some time
Disneyland and Lake Tahoe...LOUIE
RIOLICH, electrician, and his lovely
e, RUBY, had a very fabulous vacation
South America. They flew to Rio de
neiro from Miami. Their itinerary in-
cluded visiting Igassu Falls, Buenos
res, Santiago, Machu Picchu Cuzco and
ma, Peru, then back to Miami...JOHN
KLINOWSKI, painter foreman, and his
ely wife, MARYANN, flew to Hawaii and
joyed the islands of Oahu and Maui, and
sited a glider ride over the mountains...
ERRY PEARSON, electrical apprentice,
ent his vacation in Las Vegas, which was
ally a honeymoon as Terry got married
ile out there. So, to Terry and DIANE,
my years of happiness...Now, for a bit
some new baby news that we failed to
ention in last month's article. PAT
NNIGAN, welder, and his wife, KATH-
EN, proudly announce the arrival of a
by daughter who arrived on their third
dding anniversary, Sept. 16. CARRIE
N tipped the scales at 7 pounds 6 1/2
nces. If Carrie Ann had arrived a day
er, she could have shared the same
thday with her mother, as Kathleen's
thday is the 17th. Carrie Ann's proud
and father, RICHARD, is a painter at
uth Shops. So happy anniversary to Pat
nd Kathleen, and welcome to Carrie Ann.
Another happy anniversary to ED, re-
ved electrical worker, and ALYCE MAY,
neral Office, who celebrated their 30th
Sept. 22...We had another retirement
t-together on Oct. 1 honoring CASEY
ARCHINSKI, machinist, and DOMINICK
ASANO, welder. The visiting Skokie re-
cess, ED MAY, LARRY DREW, STEPHAN
LASZCZERSKI and LEO KAJPUST, came
t to extend their best wishes to Casey
nd Dominick for a very healthy and happy
retirement...The Suggestion Bus was out
t Skokie and we are happy to announce the
nners of the drawing. MIKE FABIAN,
chinist; SAMMY THOMPSON, painter
prentice; BOB REDDING, carpenter, and
LL LITTLE, painter, all won \$5 Sears
t certificates. RAY LASKOWSKI, ma-
chinist, and ARTHUR MARTINEZ, welder,
re the winners of the \$10 Jewel gift
tificates. Congratulations to all of you.
We are sorry to announce that CLIFF
UNDERVEST, clerk at Harlem Terminal,
s been on the sick list. Cliff, we all
pe you are doing real well...We've just
out covered all of the news we received
om all of you, so until next month, take
care. Do bring in the news as you hear it,
d we'll be happy.

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

JAMES AHERN, 64, 69th Street,
Emp. 5-19-42, Died 9-21-75
JOHN BENNETT, 89, Devon,
Emp. 1-19-12, Died 10-3-75
JOHN BEUCEKAMP, 80, Devon,
Emp. 9-11-20, Died 9-18-75
JOHN BIENIEK, 60, Forest Glen,
Emp. 5-26-43, Died 9-20-75
EARL CORRIGAN, 79, South Section,
Emp. 9-11-26, Died 6-10-75
PATRICK CURNANE, 80, West Shops,
Emp. 3-23-26, Died 10-1-75
DOUGLAS DARTT, 78, Way & Structures,
Emp. 8-28-16, Died 9-7-75
JOHN DEZELICK, 88, 77th Street,
Emp. 4-9-10, Died 9-16-75
ERNEST FOYE, 86, Logan Square,
Emp. 11-2-44, Died 9-20-75
ERNEST FREDELL, 91, West Section,
Emp. 4-22-05, Died 9-12-75
GIUSEPPE GIAMBRONE, 86, Way & Struct.,
Emp. 11-3-29, Died 10-2-75
JOHN GIFFORD, 71, North Section,
Emp. 2-16-24, Died 9-21-75
PATRICK GRIMES, 82, South Section,
Emp. 8-21-23, Died 9-26-75
GUSTAVE HERMAN, 87, Devon,
Emp. 7-27-18, Died 9-12-75
WALTER HILL, 78, South Section,
Emp. 4-20-22, Died 9-21-75
JOHN JAROSZEK, 62, 69th Street,
Emp. 2-27-46, Died 9-24-75

FRANK KRUZICH, 70, South Shops,
Emp. 4-11-46, Died 9-1-75
ANGELO KUCHAN, 78, Way & Structures,
Emp. 5-24-22, Died 9-26-75
ROMUALD LAUDANSKI, 66, Wilson Maint.
Terminal, Emp. 1-21-52, Died 9-18-75
WILLIAM MASSION, 75, South Shops,
Emp. 5-5-25, Died 9-16-75
CLARENCE MCCANN, 73, 69th Street,
Emp. 9-8-23, Died 8-31-75
FRANK MILLER, 81, 69th Street,
Emp. 2-10-25, Died 9-23-75
RAYMOND MURRAY, 69, Skokie Shop,
Emp. 12-4-26, Died 9-3-75
JAMES ROBINSON, 92, 77th Street,
Emp. 5-18-14, Died 6-28-75
JOHN ROMANCIK, 75, South Shops,
Emp. 7-24-29, Died 9-9-75
FRANK RYAN, 85, Blue Island,
Emp. 2-14-12, Died 8-29-75
MICHAEL SMITH, 69, 77th Street,
Emp. 10-8-30, Died 9-24-75
EARL TIERNEY, 63, Archer,
Emp. 2-18-42, Died 9-25-75
BERNARD TOAL, 68, Electrical,
Emp. 7-26-43, Died 9-28-75
HUGO USCHNER, 81, West Section,
Emp. 2-24-14, Died 9-9-75
JOSEPH WACK, 72, South Shops,
Emp. 1-6-28, Died 9-22-75
GEORGE WRIGHT, 62, South Shops,
Emp. 8-31-45, Died 9-30-75

(Rail Terminals) -

Congratulations to
Pensioner FRAN-
CIS and EMMA
REGNIER who cel-
ebrated 60 years of
marital bliss on July
9. Francis and Em-
ma were honored at
a reception given by
their daughter and
her husband, Mr.
and Mrs. EDWARD PLONER, who live in
Buena Park, Cal. Until his retirement on
June 1, 1954, Francis was a crane operator
at Wilson Shop. He says hello to all
his old friends at CTA and would like to
hear from them. His address is: 1850 W.
Orangethorpe Avenue, Space 25, Fullerton,
Cal. 92633.



The Regniers

- Mary Fredrickson & Pat Farnett

(South Shops) -

I would like to start off this column by
wishing everybody here at the South Shops
a happy Thanksgiving...JOHN WARD of P/S
Control recently obtained a new nickname,
so if you ever call John on the phone, just
ask for Johnny Joe...INGA NELSON, ER-
NIE NELSON's granddaughter, just cele-
brated her first birthday on Oct. 1, Gram-
pa was on hand to celebrate with her...I

would like to welcome TONY WERTHEIM-
ER to the South Shops. Tony is supervisor
of methods and standards...Happy anni-
versary to JACK and MARGE MURRAY,
who celebrated their 25th wedding anni-
versary. Congratulations!...EARL LAR-
SEN just returned from a two-week vaca-
tion. He spent time in Dallas, Texas, and
Holland, Mich. Two of Earl's children
live there...GAIL HATHAWAY injured her
finger recently at home doing--guess what
--dishes. See, it just doesn't pay. Her
finger required eight stitches. But since
Gail is so dedicated, of course she came
to work and typed with nine...DON TAR-
NOWSKI added a motorcycle to his col-
lection in October. Watch out, Red Baron!
I can see Don now in his helmet and gog-
gles...Welcome to the South Shops is ex-
tended to NEIL MAHALE, AVME engi-
neer...Poor AL YODUAL went on vacation
to California and suffered an ulcer while
out there. Too bad he had to go out there
to have an ulcer, he could have had one at
home...AL (Cookie Bear) THOMAS and his
wife, SHEILA, recently celebrated their
first wedding anniversary. According to
Al, the honeymoon is still going on...Con-
gratulations to WALLY and TERRY FEUL-
NER on their 12th wedding anniversary...
TOM ALFRED would like some help in de-
ciding where to go on his vacation this
winter. Please send all suggestions to

South Shops in care of Tom Alfred...I hope everyone is practicing for the Turkey Shoot this year. The girls from the office have eight participants all set to go...Our deepest sympathy to LEONARD WIENCEK in the death of his father.

Congratulations go out to "True Grit" GOERNER, WILBERT BLAKEY and TARLETON CHERRY on their recent promotions to journeyman mechanics.

- Jeanne Dicht & Lawrence Bornas

G. SMITH and I. REYNA. Have a well deserved rest, as we have a long cold winter ahead of us.

- Art Eussing & Tom Moore

IRV and PAULENE KRAULEDIS came back from vacation after driving over 3,100 miles through all the New England states. Irv took a few country roads and tells us that the scenery was just beautiful. They made one of their many stops in Falls Church, Va., to see relatives that they haven't seen in 15 years. Irv says that the New England states are really geared up for our country's Bicentennial... The Brake Department's own crown prince of Poland, STANLEY GRZYWNA, recently won \$300 in the Illinois State Lottery...The TOM WASHACK family spent part of their vacation in Iron Mountain, Mich., fishing and camping on the Menominee river. They also visited an iron mine in Norway. The fishing was fair and the scenery just beautiful. Eat your heart out, JOHN NEWMAN!...Mr. and Mrs. HOWIE HELFERT were given a surprise 25th wedding anniversary party by their children. One of the gifts was a two-week vacation in Florida where they visited Disney World...PAT NALLY just returned from a beautiful vacation in Ireland and denounced all rumors about receiving a bonus for joining the IRA...Mechanic JOE KASPER's model building talents were rewarded recently at the Dixie Square Invitational Radio Control Model Airplane show. "The Ghost" walked off with second place honors in the glider class. He received a beautiful plaque for his efforts...TED WOSS, retired machine shop foreman, dropped by to see us recently while he was in the Chicago area. It was very nice to see him again. He is the picture of health. When Ted and his better half, ELVIRA, returned to their home in Hollywood, Fla., they sent me a letter which related an incident that took place on their way home from Chicago. They stopped at a restaurant just outside of Chattanooga when they were approached by Mr. and Mrs. ARLISGH GONETZMACHER who were on their way home to New Port Richey, Fla., after visiting their children in Michigan. Mr. Gonetzmacher is a retired CTA employee who worked in the power house here at the South Shops. The power house is not the same without him...

69TH STREET -

KHARY ALEX FLOYD, weighing 6 pounds 12 ounces, was born on Sept. 13, which was also the birthday of his grandfather, Operator W. WALTER. He is Walt's first grandchild. Congratulations!...Can anyone remember who wrote and what station the newspaper Trolley Pilot was circulated at more than 30 years ago? The winner wins one bum transfer...A big welcome is extended to FRANK VITEK, our new station superintendent. May your stay be a long and happy one...Operator J. KOVATZ visited his homeland and said it was wine, food, beautiful women and music on the Adriatic Sea he enjoyed so much...A big welcome to TOM MOORE, our new recruit from the repair department. You fellows downstairs will find Tom willing, ready and able to take all your news items...Operator TOM SOUTHERN bought a new Ford Granada...Pensioner EDDY GAYNOR says hello to all his friends at 69th. He sure looks good and is really enjoying that leisure life...Pensioner B. MIRABELLA, retired for eight years, looks good and is still cutting hair. He said Pensioner HANK RISCHE has the easiest head to cut because it is big and round like a bowling ball...The silent reaper stopped at 69th and took Janitor JOHN JAROZEK and Pensioner MICHAEL SMITH. To their loved ones, we at 69th extend our most sincere condolences...We are now going into the bowling and basketball season. So how about keeping me posted. We are really proud of our softball team and congratulate each and everyone...You will find my mail box on the wall just to the right of the clerk's window. Let's fill it with news about vacations, birthdays, anniversaries and the easy life of our retirees.

From the repair department we are sorry to begin on a sad note, but we must report the death of our good friend and co-worker, JAMES AHERN. His immutable loyalty to CTA and his friends should stand as an example for the rest of us. Our deepest sympathy to his family...We also share the deep sorrow of GEORGE GACEK and his family in the loss of his wife, GENEVIEVE...A wish for a speedy recovery is sent to KATHRYN UPSEL, the wife of LEO UPSEL, our day instructor. Also on the recovery list is J. DALY who underwent an appendectomy and should be back with us soon...We have word that CLAUDE BASDEN will replace JACK MURNANE as day clerk. A big welcome is extended to Claude, and a thanks to Jack for a commendable job of filling in when he was needed...On vacation at this writing are W. WHALEY, W. ROBINSON, A. CLARK,

77TH STREET -

Hi ladies and gents. The last two months of the year are always the most festive and busiest. While most of us are preparing for the holiday crunch and sending season greetings to our friends and relatives, few of our fellow operators found the time to slip away on a fall junket to far away places. WILLIE JETT and his wife YVONNE, along with THOMAS BANKS and Miss MARY JONES, are enjoying a beautiful fall vacation on the sunny beaches. Acapulco and the hills of Taxco. The exciting nightlife of the most beautiful city in the world, Mexico City, never looked better for eight days and seven nights. Jett and Banks also planned to find time for their favorite game, golf--at least 18 holes. The excitement will not end with Jett, as he is hoping that upon his return the delivery of his 1976 Cadillac Eldorado has been made. Some guys really know how to live...Operator ULYSSES JONE and his lovely wife, HELEN, weren't short stopping either. They celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary by going to Las Vegas, Los Angeles and Arkansas. Jones states and I quote, "I filled my suitcase with winnings, and don't ask how much it was because I'm not through counting it yet. I have one question, Jones--where did you put your clothes? It's getting harder every day to keep up with the Joneses...Our union held its national convention in Canada and our board members and commissioners were in attendance. I'm still waiting for the results of the events that unfolded. Board Members ANDREW BUTLER and ELCOSIE GRESHAM are getting more like politicians every day...Well, the new list of "Employees Of The Year" has been posted at 77th Street. Among those listed are some who have become regular on the list. They are Operators S. GANFIELD, W. ECHOLS and E. GRESHAM. Operator L. GREENE, a newcomer to the list, was elected over his first appointment. Congratulations to all the operators that made the list this year...Pensioner M. HUNT, former janitor at 77th, has been hospitalized at Holy Cross hospital. We're all wishing him a very speedy recovery. Our sincere condolences are extended to Operators J. DOSS, GARDNER and J. JAMES in the loss of their respective relatives. To each of these men we offer our prayers in their hours of sorrow...I would like to take this opportunity to wish all my friends and co-workers a very happy Thanksgiving...Support our Local 241 as it's the best union we have. Attend our monthly meetings whenever possible...S long for now.

- Allison De Bonnett

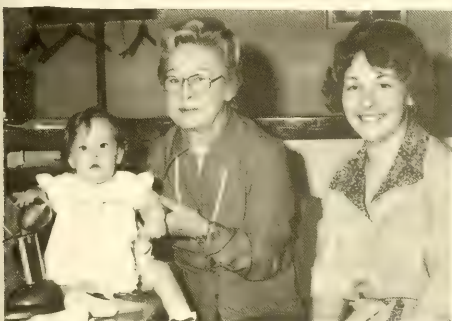
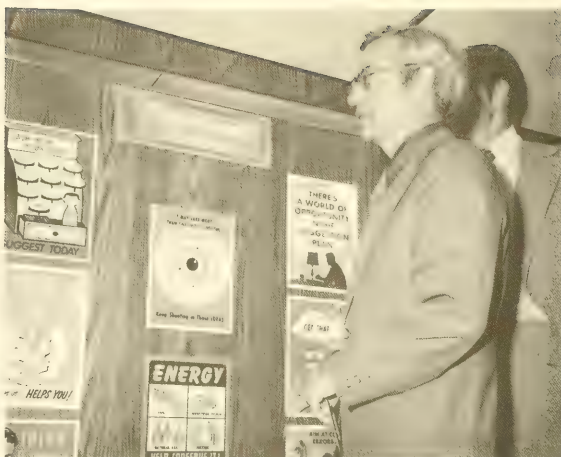
ANSWERS

Explorer Rally Quiz (see page 3)

- 1 (F). 2 (T). 3 (T). 4 (T). 5 (F).
- 6 (T). 7 (T). 8 (T). 9 (T). 10 (T).
- 11 (F). 12 (T). 13 (T). 14 (T). 15 (F).
- 16 (T). 17 (T). 18 (F). 19 (F). 20 (T).
- 21 (T). 22 (T). 23 (F). 24 (F). 25 (F).
- 26 (T). 27 (T). Multiple Choice: 28 (d).
- 29 (c). 30 (c). 31 (b). 32 (d). 33 (f).
- 34 (c). 35 (b). 36 (b). 37 (d). 38 (a).
- 39 (d). 40 (b).

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HE CAME TO LOOK: When CTA's Suggestion Bus (see TRANSIT NEWS, October, '75) was displayed for Mart employees at the Plaza, one of the distinguished visitors was RTA Chairman Milton Pikarsky who furthered the Suggestion System concept during his administration at CTA. He is shown inspecting some of the promotional posters that have motivated suggestions.



THEY'RE GETTING YOUNGER ALL THE TIME: First we had a woman at the mike and now it's one who hasn't even graduated. She is Sofija Cikara who really was visiting Daddy (Michael) at the Mart. He's a senior accountant in General Accounting and mom Maryann, right, was formerly in Capital Development. Grandma, center, is Ann R. Jobaris, wife of the late and popular Jack Jobaris who was superintendent of Engineering and Shops.

SIX CTA WOMEN HONORED AS LEADERS: At Leader Luncheon IV of the Chicago YWCA (held at the Conrad Hilton) six CTA women received certificates for noteworthy achievements and service. They were, standing left to right, Human Relations' Marjorie Holmes, Public Affairs' Latin-American community specialist Elda Leal, Personnel Development's Sue Thieme, and Development Planning's Joanne Vleedies; seated, left to right, Personnel Administration's Anita Curtis (here represented by Ruth Brown) and General Operation's Mary Boski.



what's news



Edward F. Brabec, popular labor union leader, is the newest member of the Chicago Transit Board. An appointee of Mayor Daley, Brabec fills the vacancy caused by the death last Feb. 23 of Clair M. Roddewig. The unexpired term he fills extends to Sept. 1, 1979. Brabec is business manager of the Chicago Journeymen Plumbers Union, Local 130. He also is a vice-president of the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry of the United States and Canada, an executive board member of the Chicago Federation of Labor and Industrial Union Council, and a trustee of the Chicago and

Cook County Building and Construction Trades Council. Brabec, 44, was born in Chicago and educated at St. David's Elementary school, St. Ignatius High school and Washburne Trade school. He served in the United States Army 1st Infantry Division. He is a member of the City of Chicago Department of Environmental Control Appeal Board and the Cook County Home Rule Study Commission. He is a former member and secretary of the Chicago Board of Health. He also serves as a member of the Board of Advisors of Mercy Hospital and Medical Center and is General Chairman of the Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade. The new Board member and his wife, Margaret, have four daughters and two sons, and live on Chicago's southwest side.

- CTA -

Women have scored two more firsts in jobs at the CTA. Mrs. Edith Carr has become the first woman line instructor in the driver training program. Standing at their sides, line instructors assist new bus drivers in learning how to drive. Mrs. Betty Jones is the first woman at the CTA to move into the classification of collector of fares—a job of helping bus drivers collect fares at heavy boarding points during rush hours. As one of the CTA's first women bus drivers, Mrs. Carr has had a perfect driving record for more than a year. Men may turn a deaf ear when she says it, but Mrs. Carr, who is 40, says she was "convinced from the outset that women make better drivers than men." Mrs. Jones, who is 27, also has had a perfect driving record of more than a year as one of the CTA's first women bus drivers.

- CTA -

Improvements for three CTA bus routes were voted Thursday, Nov. 6, by the Chicago Transit Board. The improvements, which are expected to be effective Nov. 30, are as follows: No. 77 Belmont—consolidation with the No. 77A East Belmont route into a new No. 77 Belmont route extending from Pueblo (8400 west) to Lake Shore Drive West. No. 21B Douglas Extension—extension via Cermak road from the Cermak Plaza Shopping Center near Harlem avenue in Berwyn to a new west terminal in a new North Riverside Park Shopping Center in the suburb of North Riverside. No. 68 Northwest Highway—extension from the Chicago city limits at 6900 north to a new terminal at Northwest Highway and Touhy avenue in the downtown area of the suburb of Park Ridge.

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CTA's Christmas is Cosmopolitan

By
Elda Leal

Christmas is here, I love this time of the year and I'm sure most of you do, too. Maybe because of the religious significance, maybe because of the families trying to be closer at that time of the year. Or because of the excitement of hanging decorations around the house and shopping around to surprise their

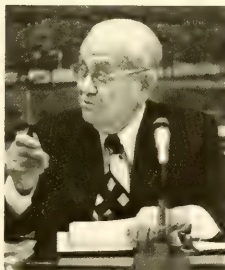


To All Employees and Families

In administering the affairs of the nation's public transportation system during a period of change and adjustment, it is so helpful to have such great reserves of employee loyalty and performance.

The Transit Board and the CTA managers greatly appreciate the dedication of so many CTA workers in providing prompt, dependable, courteous, and safe service to riders.

This holiday season provides an appropriate time to express our thanks and to wish to you and your families a well deserved happy holiday season and a rewarding new year.



JAMES R. QUINN
Vice-Chairman CTA Board

Holiday Greetings in the CTA Languages

Assyrian	ܠܝܓܝܠܝܐ ܠܝܝܐ ܝܥܝܕܐ ܕܝܠܕܐ ܕܥܝܪܐ
Chinese	謹賀新年 元旦 Sretna Bože.
Croatian	Sretna Nova Godina! Frohe Weihnachten
German	und glücklichen Neuen Jahr!
Hawaiian	Mele Kalikimaka Hui 'ole Makena hui hui
Hungarian	Boldog karácsonyt
Iranian	یاد سال نو مبارک Buona Notte!
Italian	Buoni Principi D'Anno!
Japanese	メリクリスマス 新年オキナク
Jewish	Happy Chanukah
Korean	축성탄 근하신년
Latvian	Precīgs Ziemassvētkus un laimīga Jauna Gada!
Philippines	MALAGAYANG PASKO Wesolych Swiat i Nowego
Polish	Rokuj!
Russian	СЪЗДАТЕЛЪ БОЖИ
Sinhalese	සුභ නවතර්සත් සහ වසන්තවත්සව
Spanish	Muy Feliz y Próspero Año Nuevo Beccanx Cloan i macan-
Ukrainian	Боро Хооро Рок!

loved ones...I don't know what it is, but I have the impression that people really try to be more understanding, more cheerful, and in general the atmosphere seems warmer, friendlier everywhere.

Once upon a time, long ago, there was a little girl. ..No, it's not a Christmas story. What I want to say is that this is a season particularly special for children, and the younger they are the more they enjoy this time of the year. I still have many wonderful memories and remember the impatience I felt for days prior to Christmas in my home in Mexico.

Through my own children, I have relived some of those sweet memories. It also brings such a tenderness of feeling to walk in the stores and watch the cute and curious faces looking in amazement at the toys on display. Or at their eager eyes looking under the Christmas trees at home to see if they can sneak a peek at the packages. They can't resist the temptation to guess what is inside.

I remember once I almost got a good spanking, but because it was Christmas, my parents had a change of heart and I escaped. It was past midnight and my sister and I were sharing a room. I could hear my parents whispering to each other as to the most attractive manner of placing the toys "delivered by Santa." Since they didn't want to wake us up, they were using a flashlight. They were blowing balloons to tie around the headboards on our beds to make our discovery of the toys even more attractive. But I guess my father blew harder than he should.

I was, of course, "pretending" I was sound asleep with my face covered, but after that sound, my curiosity grew bigger. I just had to see what the room would look like and guess by the size of the packages what they contained, so I started biting the blanket until I made a hole in it so I could take a good look without being noticed.

The spirit of Christmas has been communicated at CTA headquarters since early November by talented Chris Borcic of Public Affairs. She started drawing pictures with Christmas motifs for the girls at the office. A sample of her art is the picture on this page



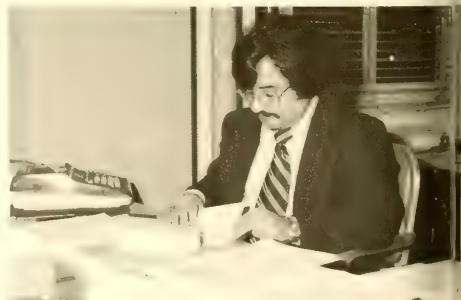
and the cover that she made, in color, for a Transit News staff colleague.

For those of you who don't know Chris, I would like to tell you that she is the capable gal who handles all the typesetting for this magazine, month after month.

Chris (whose very name is representative of the Christmas holiday) is representative of the truly international character of the whole CTA work force. She is a Croatian. The multinational, multicultural character of CTA is expressed in our Christmas greetings to you all.

Whatever you do, whatever your plans for Christmas, I hope that you and your families share many unforgettable moments. Presents, too! But an everlasting, happy memory and the inner rewarding satisfaction of making someone happy through our thoughtfulness is the best gift of all.

Think about something special for the children you know, for that older relative who is lonely, for a CTA rider who is one of your favorites, or a co-worker who has helped you on the job. Think about somebody...it will take you only a few minutes. I am sure you will find your way to deliver the Christmas spirit and enjoy it too!



Two of the many members of the CTA International family who wish you happy holidays in their native languages are pictured above. Left, at the typesetting machine which puts CTA Transit News together, is Chris Borcic, Croatian. Some of "Chris-mas" drawings have been used to illustrate this article. Right is Martin Ardam, Iranian, who joined CTA five years ago as a bus operator. Ardam is now a statistical analyst in the Scheduling Department.

Pop-On Miniphotos Speed CTA Travel Calls



Arline Data

A new microfiche directory system has been tested and evaluated in the CTA Travel Information Center. The results--faster, more efficient service to callers requesting route directions.

The new system involves putting close to 288 bus and train schedules for the metropolitan and surrounding suburban area on microfiche and filing them in a microfiche viewer. Using this viewer will enable the CTA travel agent to find requested route directions in a much shorter time than under the old manual search system.

The findings of the test, conducted from Sept. 22 through Oct. 17, 1975, showed that travel agents working with the viewers handled 39 per cent more calls per day than those agents relying on the old system.

An added advantage to the microfiche system is that it serves to standardize the information coming out of the Center. As Consumer Services director Tom Coyne explains, "Instead of 31 transit information systems, we'll have just one. The information each travel agent gives out will all be the same."

Only four microfiche viewers were used during the test period. Installation of additional units to accommodate the full force of 31 travel agents is anticipated some time in June 1976.

The CTA is the second to implement the microfiche

system in its operation and the first to obtain successful results from its use. According to Coyne, its initial implementation in Washington, D.C. met with poor results because of inefficient application of the system.

To fully equip the Travel Information Center will cost an estimated quarter of a million dollars, says Coyne. System consultants are Chase, Rosen and Wallace (CRW), which designed and set up the microfiche system.

Installation of the microfiche system marks Phase I of a program which will subsequently lead to the creation of a computer interface system. Computer interface, says Coyne, will eliminate most of the steps required to extract information from the microfiche viewer.

The travel agent will merely have to ask the caller for ultimate destination. All information will be stored in a computer which the travel agent will activate and thus obtain a route pre-determined by the computer memory.

"It's the ultimate step in mass transit information," says Coyne, "and something we hope to implement in the not too distant future."

Microfiche (My-crow-fish)

A microfiche is a film transparency, 4" x 6", containing 98 $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11" pages of information, reduced in size to fit within the transparency. The microfiche viewers in the CTA Travel Information center can each hold up to 780 microfiche or 80,000 pages of in-

formation. One page displayed on the viewer screen is magnified 24 times its original size.

Each film transparency or microfiche is mounted on a metal clip and then inserted into the viewer. The metal clip is binary coded to facilitate location of each page of information.

Bailey Remembers Early Bus-Driving Days

Editor's Note: When pioneer bus driver Jack Bailey dropped down to CTA headquarters to visit a friend and to do some shopping in the Loop, we took advantage of the opportunity for another of our nostalgic interviews. Arline Datu of our staff did the interview.

For 73-year-old CTA veteran Jack Bailey, driving a bus was a real test of stamina, skill, hard work, and adventure.

According to Bailey, between maneuvering around horse drawn wagons and trying to avoid the wide dirt lanes in the middle of the road, reserved for the streetcar tracks, there was more than enough to keep his hands full.

Back in 1927 when he became one of the first bus drivers for the Chicago Surface Lines (CSL), an all streetcar company eventually absorbed by the CTA in 1947, riding the streets was indeed an adventure.

Bailey recalls, "When they paved a street, they left a lot of room for the streetcar tracks. Our buses would get stuck out there a lot of times. There were times when we'd have buses buried up to the body in the snow or the mud."

No Time To Dream

The hazards of driving aside, there were also regular chores like collecting and ringing up fares, punching transfers, and keeping plenty of change handy.

"We were busy in those days, carrying full loads most of the time. We'd get them packed in there so



much, you could hardly shift gears. There was nothing monotonous about that job," says Bailey.

He adds, "If people are busy, they're more alert. I kept a very good record then--with no accidents because of it."

Bailey recalls with some amusement the training period he went through to prepare himself as a bus driver.

"We went in on a Saturday to get ready for starting on a Sunday. We were supposed to practice driving a bus, but the buses hadn't come in yet. So, instead, we drove these maintenance trucks around the block a few times. That was our training."

Was Also A Motorman

Of course, Bailey was no inexperienced beginner. He along with the other nine "first" bus drivers were previously motormen on the CSL's streetcars. They were each selected from the various carbarns on the basis of their experience as well as their age.

Bailey says there was a general reluctance to a



On his recent visit to CTA, Bailey was interviewed in the Public Affairs office by Arline Datu.



Old No. 1 pioneered CSL's bus service on Aug. 10, 1927, working the Diversey Extension with no backup unit available until four more buses arrived weeks later. In view looking south at Diversey-Cicero, note brick-paved intersection and concrete curb lanes with dirt center strip reserved for streetcar tracks.

got the new assignments because of the rivalry between the Chicago Surface Lines and the Chicago Motor Coach, an already existing bus company, for the bus routes.

"When we went out there, nobody knew how long we'd be around," recalls Bailey. But CSL won out and was able to maintain the first bus routes it had established in various sections of the city.

Bailey was assigned the No. 5 route and coincidentally was assigned to drive the No. 5 bus. The route was a stretch of 12 blocks along the length of Diversey between Pulaski and Laramie.

Care To Passengers

If you were to ask Bailey now how he enjoyed his new assignment, he'll tell you the three years he spent as a bus driver on the No. 5 route were some of his best years working in transportation.

"I always look back and think those years were wonderful. I knew so many people then," he says.

Twelve blocks, he explains, was a short enough distance for him to become fairly well acquainted with his passengers.

Bailey worked a morning shift and says that "it got to be a little family affair."

He claims he'd watch out for his regular passengers. "Every morning I'd come to each stop and wait for the ones who were a little late--they'd be the ones running from halfway down the block."

The family affair, as Bailey calls it, really did turn out to be something like that. He met his future wife, Elinora, while driving the No. 5 route.

She was an office worker at the time and a regular passenger of his. They were married in 1931--shortly after he left his route to become one of the first bus driving instructors.

Wrote First Rule Book

There were no instructors and no training program for bus drivers prior to 1930. When Bailey be-

came an instructor, a more extensive training program than what he himself went through was started, including classes on driving in inclement weather and how to handle a skidding bus.

In his capacity as an instructor, with his experience as one of the first bus drivers, Bailey was able to collaborate in writing the first rulebook for bus drivers.

In 1943 he was made station superintendent where he settled into a more sedate job and where he remained until his retirement in 1967.

Bailey now lives with his wife Elinora in Jefferson Park. No native to Chicago, Bailey was born near the Gulf Coast. He was an adventurer of sorts even back then. At an early age, he began traveling around the country with his father.

By the time he was 12, Bailey was taking off for different parts unknown by himself. His greatest ambition at the time, he says, was to head out west.

"I wanted to go out there to see the Indians, I guess," he explains.

Those Day Coach Sandwiches!

He managed to make it out there, more than once, by working as a "butchboy" on the cross-country trains. Bailey explains that, as a butchboy, he carried a basket filled with fruit, crackerjack and sandwiches which he would sell to the passengers on the train.

But in his quest for adventure, young Bailey discovered being a butchboy was a great way to make money. Ironically, his best runs turned out to be the trains that went out to Long Island on the East Coast.

"Those people heading out west used to bring more food on the train than what I would bring. I'd hardly make any money at all," he says.

Bailey gave up traveling and finally settled in Chicago in 1923 where he became acquainted with the city's underground--his first job was that of a motorman for the Chicago Tunnel Company. He left that after four years to join CSL as a streetcar motorman. A few months later he became one of CSL's first bus drivers.

Now that he's in retirement, Bailey enjoys telling stories about his experiences as a young boy and man. But by no means has he settled down to a quiet, sedate life.

"At 12, I didn't know the world quite as well then as I do now," he says. And one might add, he's enjoying it now more than ever.

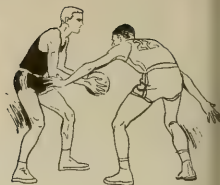
At 73, he is still vigorous and active, playing handball twice weekly with an occasional game of golf or tennis in between.

"I've found out you've got to keep doing something," he explains, "and I'm not old yet, you know."



CTA Sports News

MEL ALEXANDER, Sports Editor



CTA Basketball Season Begins

THE CTA basketball league kicked off the 1975-76 season on Friday, Nov. 21 and all reports indicate it will be an exciting cage campaign.

Fifteen teams, divided into two sections, will go after the coveted championship, held for the past two seasons by Archer Garage. The games will be played at the Washington Park fieldhouse each Sunday morning starting at 11:15 a.m., and each Monday and Friday evening starting at 7:15 p.m.

Teams participating in the league this year are: 69th Street, Beverly, 52nd Street, West Side "L", 77th Street, South Side "L", 77th Shops, Archer, Forest Glen, North Avenue, North Side "L", General Office, Kedzie, Limits and North Park.

In the opening games on Friday, 69th Street edged out North Park, 59-58; and Kedzie soundly thrashed 52nd Street, 76-30. On Sunday, Nov. 23, Limits won over Beverly by forfeit as Beverly could field only four men. West Side "L" downed General Office, 65-24; Archer drubbed 52nd Street, 106-44; North Side "L" beat 77th Street, 63-44; North Avenue edged South Side "L", 59-56, and 77th Shops whipped North Park, 54-49.

Everyone is invited to come out and root for their favorite team. Admission is free.



Jackie Robinson is the coordinator for the 1975-76 CTA basketball league. A member of the sports program since its inception, he formerly served as the assistant sports director.

Two Good Things

By Bill Gleason

EVERY White Sox fan I know, including Kay Joy who happens to be secretary and advisor to Joe Brickhouse, tells me that the world has been made better because "Bill is coming back." Even tho Sox fanatics who refer to Veeck as "that jerk who traded Johnny Callison and Honey Romano" are anxious for his return so that they can denounce him face-to-face out at the old ball yard.

We're all waiting to find out what Bill will do first and then what he will do next and next after that. How the nine dentists acquired the Sox — isn't it interesting that the price offered by the dentists is almost precisely what Veeck is paying? — I was going to be the advisor. The least I can do for Veeck is what I would have done for the Practically Painless Nine so, here we go, with a few original ideas.

(1) An electric message sign on the outside of the right-field wall, facing the Dan Ryan. (Thousands of fans pass there five days a week and unless they're reading the CTA they have plenty of time to read.)

(2) A "Burn the Fences" Day in mid-December. All the inner outfield fences, including center field, would be burned. Now get this, fans! The bonfire would be on the Astro Turf infield. Then Veeck would (1) tell groundskeeper Gene Bossart to plant grass seed and restore the sloping contours of the infield and (2) tell farm director Carroll Davis to sign the fastest, strongest-throwing, non-hitting center fielder in the minors.

—Chicago Sun Times

Editor's comment: Thanks, Bill, it isn't every outfit whose good service is published on the sports pages.

Has The Rose Bowl Had It? Hardly!

by J. H. Smith

Once upon a time, Junior, couples took the street-car on Saturday night dates, Henrici's was on Randolph, and nobody waited to see which Big Ten team would go to the Rose Bowl.

That was because no Big Ten team went. The conference rules prohibited post-season contests.

It was presumed that it was just as well because nobody would go to a football game after Thanksgiving anyway. Why, it would be too cold up here on the windy shores of Lake Michigan. It might even be snowing!

There were some pretty good teams that never played in the Pasadena spotlight with the eyes of the whole nation upon them. Or, rather, the ears of the nation because these were the days that Graham McNamee rhapsodized about the sunset over the Arroyo Seco and a radio console was the fireside entertainment center.

One of these non-Rose Bowl Big Ten teams was the Iowa juggernaut of the mid-20s with Duke Slater at tackle and the Devine brothers in the backfield.

Another was the great Michigan team that created a six or seven year dynasty of champions and featured what remains as one of the two or three best passing combinations of all time--Friedman to Oosterbaan.

Still another was Bernie Bierman's Minnesota teams of 1934 and 1935--undefeated--and scoring, in the earlier season, 30 points or more in every Big Ten game.

How many national championships were saved because the Big Ten didn't have to risk them in the Bowl is a matter of conjecture. However, considering the runaway that Illinois staged when the Big Ten-West Coast arrangement went into effect in 1947, it is unlikely that any laurels would have been lost.

Following the Illini victory, the conference won five more Rose Bowl games in succession.

When the Pacific broke the drouth in 1953, Southern California blanked Wisconsin, 7-0. That was the Badger team that boasted Allan "The Horse" Ameche, then just a sophomore.

Every Big Ten team has been to the Bowl at least once. The last to join the ranks was Indiana, then coached by John Pont, now the head man at Northwestern. The Hoosiers lost, but put up a good game against Southern Cal.

In recent years, the annual "run for the Rose Bowl" has come down to a last Saturday game between Ohio State and Michigan. The championship has hinged on that game, too, with the result that the Big Ten has been labeled the Big Two and Little Eight.

Now that the second, third, and fourth Big Ten finishers have been granted permission to accept

whatever Bowl invitations may come to them, the thought has been that the focus of attention will be lifted just a bit from the Wolverines and the Buckeyes.

But, that won't happen.

There may be better games played in the New Year's post-season, but the Rose Bowl is still the daddy of them all.

And, until alums stop yearning for a winter holiday in California, a seat at the Rose Bowl parade, and a look at what they imagine the girls of Hollywood must be like, the Rose will be the brightest flower in the garden.

Besides, the great American penchant for over-doing things has caught up with Bowl football.

Unless your favorite team is bowling somewhere else, the easiest thing on your eyes--and possibly your marital happiness--is to concentrate on one game.

So, in the cacophony of TV competition, the steady voice of Rose Bowl tradition has prevailed.

The Big Ten In The Rose Bowl

1902	Michigan 49, Stanford 0
1921	California 28, Ohio State 0
1947	Illinois 45, UCLA 14
1948	Michigan 49, So. California 0
1949	Northwestern 20, California 14
1950	Ohio State 17, California 14
1951	Michigan 14, California 6
1952	Illinois 40, Stanford 7
1953	So. California 7, Wisconsin 0
1954	Mich. State 28, UCLA 20
1955	Ohio State 20, So. California 7
1956	Mich. State 17, UCLA 14
1957	Iowa 35, Oregon St. 19
1958	Ohio State 10, Oregon 7
1959	Iowa 38, California 12
1960	Washington 44, Wisconsin 8
1961	Washington 17, Minnesota 7
1962	Minnesota 21, UCLA 3
1963	So. California 42, Wisconsin 37
1964	Illinois 17, Washington 7
1965	Michigan 34, Oregon St. 7
1966	UCLA 14, Mich. State 12
1967	Purdue 14, So. California 13
1968	So. California 14, Indiana 3
1969	Ohio State 27, So. California 16
1970	So. California 10, Michigan 3
1971	Stanford 27, Ohio State 17
1972	Stanford 13, Michigan 12
1973	So. California 42, Ohio State 17
1974	Ohio State 42, So. California 21
1975	So. California 18, Ohio State 17

'Scrubber Power' wipes out the powers that be

By Larry Weintraub

Wilfredo M. Villagomez works full time cleansing a highly visible section in the

city of the hatreds, obscenities and declarations by powerless people that they "run it."

Villagomez, 25, washes walls of subway stations. Each

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night from Sunday to Thursday he and a partner go to work in the underground with a high-pressure nozzle, a reservoir of detergent and an electric motor that powers the wash-water stream.

They also take brushes for the more difficult-to-remove graffiti. Oil-based paint messages that may mean fulfillment to those who wrote them mean to Villagomez only that he has to use the steel wool.

Villagomez has been on his Chicago Transit Authority job for about a year and a half. Classified a janitor, he has cleaned Howard St. L-subway line stations from Roosevelt to North and Clybourn and the Dearborn line stops from Division to Clinton.

He and his Tuesday night partner, Richard Thomas, 30, agreed that there are certain geographic patterns to the emotions they clean from, the walls.

"We get a lot of 'powers,'" Villagomez said. "We get Puerto Rican Power, Mexican Power, Black Power, Arab Power, Jewish Power. It's all the same to us. We wash it off."

He said some of the writings, like the power messages, seem to be positive and some are just "a bunch of dirty words." But some are negative — aimed at some racial or religious group.

"On the West Side, at the 18th St. station," Villagomez has noted that the dominant writings — often in Spanish — "are for Mexican power and hate Puerto Ricans."

Thomas, 30, said he has

noted that "all the South Side stations from about 35th St. are big on Black Power" graffiti. He added that the wall writings in those stations are uniformly "down on whites."

Villagomez and Thomas work from about 9 p.m. until about 5 a.m. They said that in their time on the job, there never was a need for police protection and they have not been menaced seriously by night passengers, although there have been minor incidents.

Both like the hours. They like the way night work gives them daytime hours for running errands and paying bills. Furthermore, it leaves room for some of their ambitions. Both plan to broaden their educations.

Villagomez, born in Yuriria, Mexico, came to this country in 1968 with two years of Mexican government-financed college training in chemical engineering, he said.

He hopes to complete an engineering degree, he said.

Thomas, too, has worked at laboring jobs elsewhere. A 1964 graduate of DuSable High School, Thomas hopes to wind up in engineering. He wants industrial engineering and said he starts taking courses at either Olive-Harvey or Kennedy-King junior college in December.

Neither man was especially angry that citizens write on station walls. For one thing, of course, it makes their job necessary. For another, said Villagomez, "maybe writing it down gets it out of your system. Maybe if you didn't, you might kill somebody."



Wilfredo M. Villagomez (left) and partner, Richard Thomas, at work scrubbing down the Washington-Randolph subway stop. (Sun-Times Photo by Randy Leffingwell)

OK, Chicago, I'm Here—Now, What?

Arriving passengers at Union (railroad) Station may now call direct—and free—to CTA's Travel Information Center for guidance on completion of their trip within the Chicago area. The phone is adjacent to the ticket windows on the south side of the concourse.

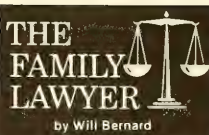
If CTA Travel Agent does not respond quickly because of a momentary rush of calls, the user of the Courtesy Phone is asked by a recorded message to wait a moment or so for a response.

The new direct line as well as the 670-5000 service, is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



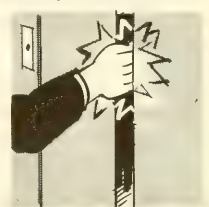
The CTA Chef

Holiday Seafaring



Self-Service Elevators

Tardy for a dental appointment, Alvin rushed up to the automatic elevator just as the outer doors were closing. Quickly he slipped one hand into the gap, expecting the doors to reopen. Instead, they closed upon his hand.



Alvin did manage to yank himself free, but in doing so he injured his fingers. Seeking compensation, he filed a damage suit against the owner of the building.

In a court hearing, the owner insisted that the elevator was in good order even though — for some unknown reason — it may not have worked on this particular occasion.

But the court ruled in Alvin's favor, saying he was entitled to the benefit of the doubt. The court said it was a fair guess that when such an accident occurred, there was indeed something wrong with the mechanism.

Generally speaking, the law imposes a high level of responsibility on the owner of an automatic elevator. He must take into consideration that it will be used by the young and the old, the wise and the simple, the deft and the clumsy.

Still, the owner isn't liable for "normal" mishaps. In another case, as an elderly man was entering an automatic elevator, the closing door bumped his shoulder and knocked him off balance.

But the door had functioned exactly as it was supposed to function. A court said later this was the kind of natural hazard that passengers must deal with on their own.

Nor is the owner responsible for a self-inflicted injury. One temperamental rider, trapped briefly between floors in a department store, vented his frustration by giving the elevator a swift kick in the panelling.

But when he sought damages afterward for his fractured foot, the court tossed out his claim. The court said the injury was caused "not by the stopping of the elevator but by his own kicking."

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In answer to our request, the National Fishery Education Center provides instructions for a Shrimp Christmas Tree. The flavorful shrimp are perched on endive boughs where they are ready for a quick dip into a zippy cocktail sauce. As a colorful, edible centerpiece on the buffet or a festive holiday dinner table, this tree is certain to capture compliments.

Shrimply Delicious Tree

- 3 pounds shrimp, fresh or frozen
- 2 quarts water
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup salt
- 4 large bunches curly endive
- 1 styrofoam cone, $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet high
- 1 styrofoam square, 12 by 12 by 1 inch
- 1 small box round toothpicks
- Cocktail Sauce



Thaw frozen shrimp; place shrimp in boiling salted water. Cover and simmer about 5 minutes or until shrimp are pink and tender. Drain. Peel shrimp, leaving the last section of the shell on. Remove sand veins and wash; chill. Separate and wash endive; chill. Place cone in center of styrofoam square and draw a circle around the base of the cone. Cut out circle and insert cone. Cover base and cone with overlapping leaves of endive. Fasten endive to styrofoam with toothpick halves. Start at the outside edge of base and work up. Cover fully with greens to resemble Christmas tree. Attach shrimp to tree with toothpicks. Provide cocktail sauce for dunking shrimp. Makes 12 servings.

If friends are coming home for the holidays, you are probably planning a get-together. What to serve that is easily prepared and still inexpensive can be a dilemma. Here is a tuna recipe that is easily prepared, very moderate in cost, and so tasty you may want to keep it at the front of your favorite recipe file. Tuna Olé is a dip with a south-of-the-border flavor. A $6\frac{1}{2}$ to 7 ounce can of tuna combined with other goodies makes $2\frac{1}{2}$ cups. Double or triple the recipe if your guest list is large. Sautéed onion and garlic in a creamy sauce is highlighted with Cheddar cheese and the flavor is further enhanced with mild green chilies and liquid hot pepper sauce. Add the flaked tuna and keep the delectable mixture hot to serve. Corn chips or fried tortilla strips are ideal for your guests to scoop Tuna Olé and add a delightful crunch.

Tuna Olé

- 1 can ($6\frac{1}{2}$ to 7 ounces) tuna
- 2 tablespoons margarine or cooking oil
- 1 cup chopped onion (1 medium-size)
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 cup milk
- 12 ounces medium-sharp Cheddar cheese, grated

- 1 can (4 ounces) diced, mild green chilies
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon liquid hot pepper sauce (optional)
- Corn chips or fried corn tortilla strips

Drain and flake tuna. Heat margarine or cooking oil in skillet. Add onion and garlic and sauté until tender. Blend in flour. Add milk slowly and cook until thick, stirring constantly. Gradually add cheese, stirring until melted and well blended. Mix in chilies, liquid hot pepper sauce, if used, and tuna. Serve with corn chips or fried tortilla strips. Makes $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 cups of dip.

"A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM," contemporary musical version of Shakespeare's comedy by Randolph Tallman and Steve Mackenroth, continuing. The First Chicago Center, One First National Plaza, Dearborn & Madison. CTA employees eligible for \$1 discount. 732-4470.

ADLER PLANETARIUM--"Star of Bethlehem" show thru Dec. Adults \$1; children under 17, 50¢; seniors with ID free. Planetarium admission free. Mon, Wed, Thurs from 9:30-4:30; Tues, Fri till 9:30; Sat, Sun till 5. 1300 S. Lake Shore.

AUDITORIUM THEATRE--Christmas with Roy Black and Adam & Eve Dec 20 at 8; from \$5.50. Toys for Tots Concert with The Monkees Dec 21 at 7:30; from \$2.50. Al Green Dec 26, 27 at 7:30, 11; from \$4.50. Antonia Brico with members of the Chicago Symphony Jan 12 at 8:15; from \$3. Eliot Feld Ballet Jan 23, 24 at 8, Jan 25 at 2; from \$3.50. Max Morath Jan 31 at 8; from \$3. 70 E. Congress Pkwy. 922-2110.

"BENITO CERENO," starring Robert Guillaume, thru Dec 21, Goodman Theatre. Based on the novella by Herman Melville, "Benito Cereno" is part of "The Old Glory" trilogy by poet Robert Lowell. The stirring study in contrasts between freedom and bondage is set off the coast of Trinidad in the early 1800s, where a U.S. ship encounters a mysterious Spanish slave ship. 200 S. Columbus Dr. 443-3800.

BLUE MAX NIGHTCLUB--Julie Budd and Paul Salos in a music and comedy show, Dec 26-Jan 10, Hyatt Regency O'Hare. 228-9000.

CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY--Christmas Exhibit from Dec 14. A More Perfect Union: The American Government deals with politics and government in Chicago, thru Jan 5. Women In Chicago, part of the People of Chicago Lecture Series, presented by Professor Perry Duis of the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle, Jan 14 at 7:30, Auditorium. Mon-Sat from 9:30-4:30; Sun, hol from 12:30-5:30. Members free; adults, \$1; children (6-17), 50¢; seniors, 25¢. Clark at North. 642-4600.

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY CULTURAL CENTER noon hour programs, daily except Sun. Vary from concerts to films. January topics include music, Chicago politics, architectural and historical view of the Loop, the occult, tennis and skiing, and worldwide cultures. Free. Bicentennial Exhibit: Original watercolors from the Joseph Boggs Beale Americana Collection, Dec 17-Jan 16. 78 E. Washington. 782-7396.

"COME CHRISTMAS" by the Vagabond Players, Dec 20, 27, Jan 3. Evanshire Church, 4555 Church, Skokie. Adults, \$1.25; children, 75¢. 674-6360 or 248-4794.

DART GALLERY--Jules Olitski, recent paintings, thru Dec 23. David Smith drawings, from Dec 26, 612 N. Michigan, Suite 205. 664-2150.

"DEATH OF A SALESMAN" thru Dec 28, Theatre Festival Players, Dawes School. Thurs at 7:30; Fri, Sat at 8:30. \$2.50. Oakton & Dodge, Evanston.



Time out

with Anit Leppiks

Things to do in the Chicago area

FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY Adaptations for Survival films. Strange Creatures of the Night, Dec 19-21; Bird's Paradise: The Waddensea, Dec 26-28. The Vanishing Wilderness films. Of Broccoli and Pelicans and Celery and Seals, Jan 2-4; Chain of Life, Jan 9-11; No Room for Wilderness, Jan 16-18. Santa Barbara--Everyone's Mistake, Jan 23-25. Screenings Fri-Sun at 11, 1, Meeting Room, 2nd Floor North. Roosevelt Rd. at Lake Shore.

FURNITURE designed by Frank Lloyd Wright on display at the Wright home and studio, Oak Park. Tours Tues, Thurs from 1-2:30; Sat, Sun from 1-4:30. Adults \$2; students, \$1.

"HERITAGE" thru March, Dream Theatre. Of special interest to senior citizens. Wed at 2 except Dec 24, 31. \$1.50. 2261 N. Lincoln. 871-3000.

"JEKYLL AND HYDE" thru Feb 7, Magic Circle Theatre. Thurs-Sun at 8, except Christmas Day, New Year's Day. Adults: \$3 (\$4 Sat); students: \$2. 615 W. Wellington. 929-0542.

JOHN PITTMAN thru Dec, Phyllis Kind Gallery, 226 E. Ontario.

LINCOLN PARK ZOO features the Polar Bear as the winter animal of the month. Thirty-five acres of zoo grounds house a collection of 2,600 animals, birds and reptiles. Open daily from 9-5. Children's zoo building open from 10-5. Farm-in-the-zoo open from 9:45-5.

LUNCH-TIME CONCERTS Dec 23 at 12:15. Features holiday music by the Chicago Children's Choir, Chris Moore conducting. The First Chicago Center, One First National Plaza, Madison & Dearborn. \$2.50. 732-3237.

MILL RUN THEATRE--Jerry Lewis and Jim Bailey Dec 26-31. Golf Rd. & Milwaukee. 298-2170.

"MOURNING BECOMES ELECTRA," by Eugene O'Neill, opens Jan 8, Goodman Theatre. Rooted in the classic Greek drama of the fall of the House of Atreus, O'Neill's trilogy examines a proud and mighty family torn apart by deceit, lust, and revenge in post-Civil War New England. 200 S. Columbus Dr. 443-3800.

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART--an exhibition of the sculpture and drawings of California

ntist Jeremy Anderson thru Jan 4. First comprehensive exhibition of Robert Irwin, whose works range from nearly invisible paintings to dematerialized environmental works, thru Jan 4. 237 E. Ontario, WH 3-7755.

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY--Christmas Around the World Festival, featuring 31 nationalities, thru Jan 1. Including internationally flavored theatre programs daily thru Dec 24, Auditorium. Starting by over 150 area choral groups thru Dec 24 to Christmas display area. UNICEF Children's Art Exhibit thru Dec 28, West Pavilion. The collection of 10 pieces contains works by 200 children from 50 countries. Christmas Cards From Other Lands thru Dec 28. Christmas greetings from more than 20 countries presented by Mrs. Howard Peterson of Chicago. Museum and Christmas festival admission free. Weekdays from 9:30-4; Sat, Sun, & Holyday except Christmas Day--closed) from 9:30-5:30. During the pageant period, Christmas display areas open until 8. 57th & Lake Shore.

UTCRACKER BALLET Dec 19-Jan 4, Arie Crown Theatre. Chicago Tribune Charities sponsors performances, matinees and evenings. 791-6000.

3RD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FLOWER SHOW Dec 19-Jan 4, Garfield and Lincoln Park Conservatories. Christmas flowers from many lands including red, white, and pink poinsettias. 9-9 daily except holidays conservatories will close at 5 Dec 24, 31. Lincoln Park Conservatory, 2400 north in Lincoln Park. Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park.

"STRANGE HUMORS," a new concept in musical theatre, thru Dec 21, Barry Street Loft Theatre. Fri, Sat at 8:30; Sun at 7:30. \$2.50; students, seniors, \$2. 676. Barry. 271-3119.

"THE ESSENCE OF PATHOS" thru Jan 11, New Concept Theatre. Thurs-Sat at 8:30, Sun at 8. Sacred Heart Parish, 7020 S. Aberdeen. 224-1900.

"THE LAND OF THE STAGE," Players Oe, Sun 1:30 thru Dec 31, Second City, 1616 N. Wells. 5. 337-3992.

"THE PLEASURE OF HIS COMPANY," with Lana Turner and Louis Jourdan, thru Dec 28, Arlington Theatre. Tues-Thurs at 8, Sun at 3 (\$8.50); Fri 8:00, Sat at 6, 9:30, Sun at 7:30 (\$10). Rt 53 & Euclid Arlington Heights. 392-6800.

"THE WONDERFUL ICE CREAM SUIT" thru Dec, Magic Theatre Company, Victory Gardens Theatre 1. Fri at 8:30; Sat at 7:30, 10:30; Sun at 3, 7:30. Tickets \$3.50. 3730 N. Clark. 549-5788.

"THREE PLAYS OF THE YUAN DYNASTY, 13th century Chinese fables, directed by June Pyskacek, by Tony Zito, Dec 19-21, Goodman Stage 2. Page Auditorium, 1016 N. Dearborn. 443-3800.

WORKS BY WALTER GRIFFIN (1861-1935), American Impressionist, thru Dec 31, Signature Gallery. Mon-Sat from 10-5. 320 S. Michigan. 341-36

King Service Center Opens

Whether it's a birth certificate or driver's education, veteran services or senior citizen service, the new Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Center at 4314 S. Cottage Grove--the most modern of its kind in the country--has programs and services to fit the needs of the entire community.

No longer does one have to travel across the city to get a birth certificate, or obtain certain health care, because it is all in one location--the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Center, which has direct service to the door on the Chicago Transit Authority's No. 43 43rd Street or No. 4 Cottage Grove bus lines.

Dedicated in early November of this year, the center boasts of services and programs to reach people from the pre-school age to senior citizenry. It has educational programs, hobbies and services of all kinds to include: a Head Start and Day Care program; Alcoholism, Recovery and Rehabilitation pro-



gram; Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) program; adult education, housing counseling, General Education Development (GED) program; touch-typing; youth development; income tax services; health services; interpreters; chess and photo workshops.

Other services include the Mayor's Office of Inquiry and Information, Board of Health, Mental Health, Chicago Civil Service Commission, Illinois Department of Public Aid, Illinois State Employment Service and the Chicago Public Library.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Sr., a retired Baptist minister and father of the slain civil rights leader, Martin, Jr., was a keynote speaker for the dedication of the building, which was covered by Transit News.

The center is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. The day care center is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

- covered by Betty Edwards

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ARCHER -

To the operators of Archer, we extend wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year from Superintendents W. MOSER, J. LYNCH, J. PETROSIUS, M. PORTER and B. HENDERSON, and Clerks W. HENDERSON, C. CARTER, F. SCHMITZ, A. LUBKE, E. STACK, J. PALMER, R. ZAJAC, W. KELLY, H. GREEN, H. STANKEVICIUS and A. MOR-NAR...Oct. 31 was a very good day for Clerk HARRY ROSS GENNETT, who retired after 42 years of service with the CSL and CTA. Thanks to Chief Clerk WILLIAM HENDERSON and Clerk EDWARD STACK, Harry wasn't forgotten. A retirement dinner was given for him and his lovely wife, GENEVIEVE, at the Beverly Woods restaurant. After many speeches and well wishes, GEORGE RILEY, director of support services, presented Harry with his retirement papers and riding card. We wish him a pleasant retirement and good health. Superintendent WILLIAM MOSER and JOHN LYNCH were MC's...A happy belated birthday to Operator EARL WATSON, Nov. 10, and to Collector DAVID SCOTT, Nov. 8. Happy birthday to Mrs. MURIEL GIBSON, the wife of Operator WALTER GIBSON, Dec. 5, Superintendent JOHN LYNCH, Dec. 13, Operator C. C. JONES, Dec. 23, and Operator AUSTON WOOLFOLK, Dec. 27... Operator JOHN GROOM and his lovely wife, VERA, celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary on Oct. 28. Clerk ROBERT ZAJAC and his wonderful wife, VICKI, celebrated their sixth wedding anniversary on Dec. 6. Congratulations and best wishes for many more years of happiness to all of you...Congratulations to Operator LEROY KNIGHT and his lovely wife, AMANDA, who celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary on Dec. 15. May they have many more beautiful years together...A speedy recovery is wished to Operator P. WATSON who is hospitalized. Hope he is up and about by the time we go to press... MYLES PINDAK has returned to work after recovering from a serious operation. Nice having you back, Myles...Operators VERLEEN SMITH, PAT KLOBUCAR, and MADELENE LYON have completed one year of service each. We are proud of our women operators. Keep up the good work, ladies...Our belated and deepest sympathy is extended to the families of the late LUKE JOHN KEEL and Pensioner WILLIAM LYONS. It was quite a shock to everyone in the passing of Luke and William. May they rest in peace... Merry Christmas and a very pleasant New Year to you all!

- Owen Rosenbaum

CTA SECURITY -

EDWARD M. JORDAN, manager of security, JOHN SHEEHY, superintendent of uniform patrol division, and RICHARD GLIEBE, director of personnel, wish the entire staff and department a very Merry Christmas. Mr. Jordan and Mr. Sheehy would like to personally commend all the men for the fine job they did throughout the year, especially the tact teams and crime prevention unit who worked under the supervision of Mr. Gliebe, while working with the Mass Transit Unit of the Chicago Police Department...Deputy Commander JACK KEEGAN and BILL BUTLER, director of plant security, commended Patrolmen G. MUNYER and D. ANGELL on preventing an armed robbery from taking place at the intersection of Damen and Lake. Both officers noticed a disturbance on the bus and went in to help the driver. One offender was apprehended and taken into custody...The West Section unit was very happy to see Patrolman J. LaFOLLETTE back to work after a short period of illness...Sergeant PAUL FIDANZE of the office personnel was so happy about his visit to Boston and Cincinnati for the World Series games, he is still showing his stubs around the office...The following officers were welcomed to the department after completing their basic law course at the University of Illinois in Champaign: R. JACKSON, J. ALEXANDER, O. JOLLY, A. WILLIS, R. POLLIZZE, G. WHITE, T. O'MAHONY and J. GURRIERI. Officer O'Mahony gave our department great honors by being elected class president over 25 other different police departments...Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Sergeant PAUL WALLACE who recently lost his mother...All members and officials of FOP Lodge 89, wish a speedy recovery to WILLIAM HIGENS, the brother of Patrolman JOHN HIGENS, who underwent an operation...President DANIEL P. MARTINAK of FOP Lodge 89 would like all newly-sworn in officers to contact their section representatives for membership. West Section: Patrolmen ROBERT STECFICK and WILLIAM MCKENZIE; North Section: Patrolmen JOHN LEAHY and TIM O'MAHONY; South Section: Patrolmen LEON RUTH, BERNARD McLAUGHLIN, MICHAEL CONSENTINO and PHILLIP THOMAS; Office: Sergeant HEINZ VOGT, ..Sergeant MARVIN GOLDWATER, radio man and communication officer, who assigns all beat cars, is really doing a wonderful job...Our Patrolman of the Month for November is Officer TOMMY L. BOSLEY of the West Section unit. Officer Bosley was chosen because of his alertness, aggressiveness and conduct as a police officer. Officer Bosley started with the CTA

as a bus operator and joined the uniform patrol division in 1973. Since then he received many letters of commendation for his outstanding work. His latest letter of commendation was from the Chicago Police Department for helping a police officer who was being beaten by four men Pulaski and Lake. Officer Bosley used his car radio to call for help and then assisted the officer. Officer Bosley completed his basic law course at the U of I in Champaign and was elected vice-president of his class. Good luck, Officer Bosley, and keep up the good work.

- Frank Pickett Jr.

DATACENTER -

We would like to welcome BILL MOORE, NIVA OGHIGIAN and ARLENE JENNY to our staff. Bill, a recent graduate of Circ Campus, just completed his CPA exam. The results will not be known until February. Good luck!...ANNE HAUPT, secretary to Director PAUL INDA, and RO-BANDUR were married Oct. 25 at St. Mar-ice church. There were six bridesmaids in attendance. The reception was held at the Velvet Coachman. The honeymoon location was a surprise for Anne until they reached the airport. The Bandurs flew to Orlando, Fla., and also visited Disney World...GERRY BLAIR and his daughter recently joined the YMCA's Indian Princess group. He spent two fun-filled days in Wisconsin with 100 fathers and 150 daughters. Gerry's known around the campfire as "Old Crow"...PHILLIP PAKER and his wife, DIANE, announced the birth of their third child, AARON DAVID, born Sept. 1 weighing 7 pounds 13 ounces. Judging from his hospital picture, Phil thinks he may be a boxer...MARY ANN BANDUR along with her Christmas shopping, is in the market to buy miniature light fixtures. Mary Ann's hobby is filling and decorating two-story miniature colonial mansions. Her husband, KEVIN, has done all the

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NEW PENSIONERS

RANK BENANTI, Combination Clerk, South Shops, Emp. 4-10-43
AMES BROPHY, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 11-17-36
VALTER DABROWSKI, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 9-13-43
OSEPH ESPOSITO, Operator, North Park, Emp. 2-20-43
RED HAHN, Street Collector, 77th Street, Emp. 8-18-45
RANCIS REUSS, Operator, Limits, Emp. 11-26-41
RANK TINDLE, Operator, North Park, Emp. 4-21-58

ABILITY RETIREMENTS

ARNABA GAGNON, Clerk II, Stores, Emp. 9-8-53
NITA HEANEY, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 5-28-37
LBERT JOZA, Operator, 19th Street, Emp. 11-30-53
TANLEY KALINOWSKI, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 10-7-46
AMUEL POSNER, Street Collector, Limits, Emp. 9-12-42
ILLARD VANDERVEST, Material Hndlr., South Shops, Emp. 4-23-47

lectrical work and is assisting her in wall papering and carpeting. "It's time-consuming but enjoyable," says Mary Ann. **MARY GRACE CASTILLO** tells us she is expecting twins. She is due in late February or early March. Her doctor tells her that twins usually arrive three to four weeks early. Since she may resign before our next issue, we wish her the best of luck. She will be missed by our staff... Happy birthday to our Sagittarians and apriorns, **LEO BRUDNICKI**, **JIM GRIFIN**, **ROSLYN STEINBERG**, **TOM BOLDT**, **OB RIZZARDINI**, **LOU RUTTKAY**, **BOB APUT** and **KRIS HANLON**...We'd like to wish all CTAers a Merry Christmas and happy New Year!

- Jane McGuan

ELECTRICAL (Rapid Transit Signal Division)

Look right this way, here we are! It seems like only yesterday when we read these words, right? Wrong! It has been over four years. This was the beginning for our first column back in June, 1971. Since then we have had some good times meeting here each month. You guys have been very good to me during this time. You not only have continued to look is way, but you have cooperated majestically, sharing the highlights of your vacations, fortunes, misfortunes or whatever with us. We have been able to laugh at our

mistakes. What else can I say but simply thanks...We offer an apology to two signalmen whose names were mis-spelled in our last edition. My assistant nor I can take the blame for that misprint, and we dare not blame it on the Editor or you would not be reading this in this article. We recommend to **DON TOPOLINSKI** and **LOU GONZALEZ** to make it easier on all of us, why not change your names...On the job again and slowly sliding into the harness is **PAUL CLEAVER**. Mr. Cleaver is superintendent of signals and communication. He entered the hospital for correction of a serious eye disorder. His stay also netted him correction of an abdominal disorder. Is that two for the price of one, Paul? Keeping vigil and making the countless trips to the hospital was his lovely wife, **CATHERINE**. Sorry about the backlog of work awaiting you when you returned. I guess we still need you around. Welcome back...In the hospital at this time after undergoing an operation is Signal Helper **WILLIAM KURTIN**. We wish you a speedy recovery, Bill, and are looking forward to your return...Signal Helper **HENRY MURRY** bought a new car--an Audi 100. In so doing, he joins two other Audi owners: **FRANK HALPER** and **DAVE BATTERSON**. At the time of this writing, I haven't found out what's so right with this little foreign car that three of our signalmen would go out and buy (or borrow) one. These three men work out of 61st Street if that means anything...I am still in contact with **DAN MORIARTY**. As you know he has had quite a battle with a serious illness. Dan said he has high hopes, but is not setting the date when he will be back to work. He expects to be busy for the next few days taking some more treatments and putting on some more weight. Hurry back, Dan, the guys miss you...Well that's it folks. Summer has escaped us again and the mild Indian summer has passed. We are now into the season of short days and long nights when more time is spent indoors with the family planning for the holidays. Everyone is looking forward to the brightly decorated Christmas trees and the thrill of receiving and giving of gifts on Christmas day. This is all followed closely by the beginning of a brand new year. So don't just sit around complaining about having to shovel snow and bundling up against the winter winds, try spreading a little cheer; after all, 'tis the season to be jolly...All you fellows know that vacation season is over, but none of you bothered to tell me. When I found out, I'd already been away for a week of the stuff. I had this feeling of getting out of town and just making it. When I could not control this feeling any longer, I pulled my wife, **LENNIE**, off her job, grabbed a bundle standing at the door, that turned out to be our three-year-old daughter, **ROBIN**, wheeled out of the driveway and minutes later was roaring down the highway. That's how our one-week vacation was--spontaneous, fancy free and plain delightful.

Now did I do wrong?..There is an opening this month for more new members of the "year older club", and here are some fellows who have been waiting for just this kind of break. Please step this way gentlemen. By the way, pick up your "Happy Birthday Anniversary" greetings near the welcome sign. When I call your name you are supposed to say, "Glad to be here." You are: Signal Maintainer **DAVE GREIG**, Nov. 6; Retired Relay Repairman **CARL GUSE**, Nov. 22; Signal Helper **HENRY MURRY**, Nov. 7; Signal Helper **FRANK GUARDERAS**, Nov. 28, and Signal Maintainer **RON OCLON**, Nov. 20. Do your thing, guys, while I go look for more members...Regretfully we report the death of **Dr. SAMUEL D. LURILLO** of Chicago Heights, Ill. Dr. Lurillo, who has practiced dentistry for more than 30 years, was the father-in-law of Signal Helper **MICHAEL PEDERSOLI**. To **Mike**, **SUZANNE** and the entire bereaved family, you have our prayers in your hour of sorrow...Signal Maintainer **PAUL JANKOWSKI** and his lovely wife, **INGRID**, are still cherishing the memory of their last fishing trip to Hayward, Wisc. Paul said the fishing was excellent and that the entire outing was refreshing and delightful. When asked if he felt bad about his wife catching the most fish, Paul said, "She always does, that's why I brought her along." Paul is a practical man...I promised to let you know when **CLYDE YOUNT** returned to work after his period of recuperation from an operation. So here it is--he's back...Our sincere thanks goes to Signal Engineer **KEN BISSET** and his lovely wife, **DONNA**, who shared some of the highlights of their vacation trip to London, England, with us. Their week spent in England was divided between taking in the sights of greater London and absorbing the beauty of the countryside. This trip had to be very easy for Donna, as she was traveling with "Sir Ken" who was born in England. Ken spent a lot of time on the underground, London's answer to our subway. With his camera in one hand and note pad in the other, he was at home anywhere on the London Transport, which operates London's entire mass transportation system. When talking to Bisset, you get the feeling that London is a gooody mixture of the old and the new. Ken said in London, when they use the word old, they mean the very old--over 200 years old. For example their underground, or tube as it is sometimes called, was begun in 1863 at which time steam engines were used. No, it didn't happen that way, this was not a company-financed trip. Ken, I envy you for your library. I bet it has increased more than 300 slides on this trip alone.

- Tommie Lowrey

FOREST GLEN

A very Merry Christmas to all, and the best in the New Year. May all your hopes and dreams come true...Operator **STROPE**

and his lovely wife, MARY ANN, became the proud parents of a baby girl, JENNIFER ELIZABETH, weighing 10 pounds 6 ounces. I wish to apologize for the delay in printing this announcement. I know how happy this fine couple is. I had the article right after the birth, but must have misplaced it along with the picture...Operator CARL NELSON and his wife, BARBARA, enjoyed a two-week vacation in Hawaii where they visited Honolulu, Waikiki Beach and the Islands of Kauai and Maui. Carl said that the Pearl Harbor cruise and the Arizona Memorial awakened some memories of World War II. Carl also said that surf riding would have been fun if he could stay on the surf board. Barbara can do the hula after only one lesson...Another operator who made the islands for 10 days was HENRY WISINSKI and his wife...Operator KENNEDY recently became a grandfather for the first time. No wonder he is all smiles...Operator WILSON celebrated his fifth wedding anniversary on Dec. 10. He said it as though the wedding was only last week...Operator UTLEY had a housewarming party and invited around 75 guests. Everyone had a fine time and the food and drinks were great...A belated happy birthday to Supervisor HANDS. Keep up the good work, I see great things in the future for you...Retired Forest Glen Operator NICK RUPP, who has been taking it easy for the past two years, was surprised with a birthday party given by his daughter, PEARL, and friends. Nick received a birthday cake baked by yours truly...JOHN MAHNKE became a grandfather again. His son, JACK, reports that it was a boy, and both mother and child are doing fine... Leaving us on Jan. 1 will be Clerk JACK MOREAU, a very fine gentleman. We sure hate to see him retire. Jack says that he and the Mrs. will now have more time for dancing. I understand that they are a wonderful dancing team. Good luck, Jack, and drop in and see us now and then...Supervisor GALLAGHER is planning to retire next September. In the meantime, he is getting fitted for a new wig. Of course he will need several fittings to get the right one, as he wants it ready for when he retires as he and the Mrs. are going to Ireland. It will be sort of a surprise for his family and friends, as it is supposed to be a secret. So please keep it under your hat...I would like to say hello to WILLIE DUREN down in Florence, Ala. Hope you are feeling good. We all miss you, so take care of yourself...To Clerk SAM GIRARD, we are wise to your little tricks. I know you are the one who likes to put all that paper in my box. Better be careful, I may set a trap for you...Pensioner W. LYONS dropped by the other day, along with Pensioner GEORGE SPORLEDER, and both of them looked great. George and his wife, MARY, took a trip to sunny Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and were the guests of Retired Kedzie Chief Clerk FRANK and ELAINE CARPINO. The Carpinos and Sporleders plus Mr. and Mrs. ART KRICKOW, Mr. and

Mrs. PETE CARPINO and Mr. and Mrs. ED KACZMAREK were guests of ED (the chicken baron of Florida) and CELI MUCHA. Ed Mucha was a bus operator from Forest Glen and envisioned his dream when driving a bus on Montrose Avenue and then spread his wings in flight to Florida. The day's outing for the group was a trip on a 38-foot sailboat on the ocean accompanied by relaxing music and refreshments served by Frank Carpino. Towards evening they docked at Creighton's restaurant on the Intracoastal waters for an enjoyable dinner as guests of Ed Mucha. After dinner they returned to the Mucha residence for more liquid refreshments and were entertained with organ music by Val Kaczmarek...This being the Christmas Season, your credit union is a good place to get some extra cash and also to save.

- W. A. Henry

GENERAL OFFICE (Medical) -

Lady Luck finally met up with Dr. PECK. The first time in his life he ever won something--a 10 pound frozen turkey which we all are looking forward to sharing.

(Personnel) -

Sorry to hear about DON RIESS who is spending his time at home recuperating from surgery. Hurry back, we sure miss you...Temporarily we are enjoying the company of MIKE BARRY who is working in the Mart as an interviewer after being transferred from Limits. We sure miss MIKE NARDULI who replaced Mr. Barry at Limits.

Two moves in November. BILL SHOLDICE and his wife, NANCY, of Library Services, from their apartment in Norridge to a condominium in Morton Grove, and DAN KANE from River Grove to a high rise apartment in Old Town...LEN LOHN and his wife, JULIA, headed south for Thanksgiving where they spent the holiday in Tampa, Fla., with their son, MEL. Believe it or not Dan Kane of the same department went on the same airplane. Len's son, STEVE, and his wife, MARY, presented grandpa with his first grandson. Len now has five granddaughters and one grandson. Steve also works for the CTA.

(Insurance & Pensions) -

Belated birthday greetings are extended to MAUREEN PALMER who celebrated on Nov. 17.

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neunauer

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT -

The Happy Birthday Melody went out to DORIS WINFREY, BILL ROMAN, MARTY FLANAGAN, EDNA SOUTHWORTH, TOM GOGGIN, REBECCA COUSIN and SAM (Gentleman Sam) ELLIS since our last

column. Oops, I forgot to include someone--me!..We wish to congratulate and ROSE TOOLIS on their 35th wedding anniversary. The happy day was celebrated with their six children and grandchildren...According to BOB PIERCE the most intelligent salmon were in Traverse City, Mich., last month. They were so smart, they'd take the bait right off hook and away they'd go. Bob's son-law managed to keep a large one on hook for a half hour but then lost it, and all...The "heavy" of the South Shops decided to take a few rookie bowlers to bowling alley and teach them a lesson how to throw "Brooklyn's" throughout 10 frames. From C.O.G. (channels of gossip), it was learned that the "heavy", LARRY TISHER, didn't expect the rough faces and tough competition. Larry did high series with a 693 over four games and a high average of 173, but he had to a lot of arm behind the ball when L. HARRIS beat him in a game by 50 pins. Only that, "The Tish" swore that "THE MITE" of Storeroom 7 was just lucky; bowl that 221 taking high game honor. J. W. WHITLEY came in time for second game and was heard whisper over the counter, "Do you have a size 11 shoe in stock?" After pushing the toe of a size 11 shoe, Whitley got his foot pointed in the right direction and bowled sizzling 140. V. GRIFFIN took time from his honeymoon and let his presence be known by improving his 103 game to 118. Not bad for a newlywed, huh? SMITH shocked everyone. Smitty bowled 89 the first game, 128 the second, and 118 in the last. Old man CRUSOE went from 88 to 117. C. DICKERSON and J. (Q) AKEW from Bay 6 came along to show what they could do. Dickerson jumped from low 89 game to 132, while Askew scored consistently in the low 130s. We could on and on with this, but it would be best let the guys who bowled tell you who the "heavy" really is...The South Shops would like to welcome RALPH PODGORSKI to Storeroom 59, into their ever growing CTA Club, and the guys are looking forward having VICTOR GRIFFIN, Storeroom 59, make that big move...Happy hunting to (The Godfather) BANDFORD, Storeroom 50, on his two-week vacation in the south hills of Meridian, Miss...Good wishes for a speedy recovery to Specifications Engineer FRANK MAGUIRE who is presently ill, and a warm welcome back to ED AHLEND and BRAND...We extend condolences to BILL CANTRELL, West Shops, whose father passed away...Last but not least, have very Merry Christmas and I'm making New Year's resolution to have more news--God willing, good news--in the coming year.

- Delores Duff

NORTH AVENUE -

A warm welcome is extended to the new operators who have come to us within the

Service anniversaries in December

35 years

Bagger, Treasury
E. Batterson, District A
Divita, Skokie Shop
H. Gallagher, District D
L. Grant, 77th Street
H. Hakanson, Forest Glen
H. Hammerschmidt, 69th Street
Klug, North Park
E. Lembachner, Claims Law
M. McCormick, North Section
E. Melander, 69th Street
J. Mescher, North Avenue
J. Skorupski, West Section
J. Stich, North Avenue
E. Stobart, Forest Glen
L. Targosz, West Section
Veltri, North Section
M. Zielinski, South Section

30 years

L. J. Albers, South Shops
J. M. Czaja, Skokie Shop
G. R. Duszynski, Forest Glen
R. W. Ferrari, North Rail District
E. K. Graetz, North Section
R. Graham, Kedzie
H. L. Gustafson, West Section
A. Higgins, Forest Glen
W. A. Jarchow, Archer
T. M. Kaczynski, Limits
J. Kaltsas, South Section
N. A. Lorenzi, Electrical
J. F. Matuszewski, West Section
W. McClanahan, South Rail District
F. J. Noakes, Schedules
G. Phillips, Skokie Shop
W. R. Pochordo, Utility
F. Rakstis, Harlem Maint. Terminal
E. E. Richardson, 69th Street
K. W. Ruehlmann, North Section
E. F. Steffan, 69th Street
H. J. Walsh, 77th Street

25 years

Batups, 52nd Street
J. Boski, General Operations
L. Brady, Personnel Administration
Devine, Stores-South
Evans, 52nd Street
Kilcullen, Stores-South
E. Link, North Park
A. Little, Skokie Shop

A. C. Loman, South Section
V. M. Lovelady, District A
J. B. Mitchell, South Section
A. M. Monson, Administrative Services
J. W. O'Shaughnessy, Skokie Shop
G. E. Peppard, Electrical
M. N. Reynolds, North Section
J. Stewart, Buildings & Grounds
W. D. Sudduth, 61st Maint. Terminal
J. A. Voddvarka, Transp. Support Services
E. J. Weston, Limits
F. A. Zbroskewich, Utility

tional esprit de corps at North Avenue, it was coffee and sweet rolls for all with George hosting and picking up the bill. With all sincerity, we can say without reluctance, "he's a jolly good fella."..The spirit of Thanksgiving is still faintly with us, so let the residual of giving thanks extend on to the last, the greatest holiday of the year, Christmas, the birthday of Jesus. We are blessed by being Americans, and we are further blessed by being employed by or retired from the CTA, the greatest company of its kind in the entire universe. Therefore, while we are enjoying the festive moods of the holidays, let us not forget those of far and near that are less fortunate than we. Keeping in mind and being sustained by the truth that "it is better to give than to receive," allow me, along with the members of my family, to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a joyous, healthy, and prosperous year in 1976.

- Aaron Pruitt

NORTH PARK -

Operator CHARLES KEMP enjoyed his annual pheasant hunting trip on a farm in Marengo, Ill., where he caught his limit of birds...Clerks LARRY and RON MILLER hunted ducks on Larry's property, using Ron's new breed hunting dogs, and report a successful catch...Operator ROBERT FLOOD, who won the state checker championship, is now involved with 10 other checker players from the United States in an international series with a team of players from the British Isles. This tournament is being conducted by mail and will take several months to complete...Operator LARRY McDERMOTT and his wife, VIRGINIA, spent a week in Columbus, Ohio, where their daughter, VIRGINIA, is a professor of communications at Ohio State university. Also on the agenda was a week taking care of their estate in Waupaca, Wisc., where they are getting things in shape for Larry's retirement in January...Operator ED JENKINS and his wife, KATHRYN, vacationed in Abbeville, S.C., where they visited for 10 days with their relatives. The scenery of the Smokey and Blue Ridge mountains were most enjoyed...Operator FRANK KOZIOL and his wife, FLORENCE, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a trip to Las Vegas, where they stayed at the Desert Inn taking in several shows. They also visited San Francisco where they stayed at the Travel Lodge on the wharf...Sanitary Engineer RAY JABLECKI won a State Lottery prize of \$1,000 in October. Rumor has it that he and his wife will be taking off for sunnier skies for a vacation...WANDA BLACK, our first woman clerk, is still alive after being buried under a mountain of work and instructors...Chief Clerk JERRY BLAKE and his wife, SHIRLEY, enjoyed their Thanksgiving dinner at the home of their daughter, CAROL, and her husband, HARVEY WALLIS, who reside in

las month...Pensioner RAYMOND NEW-
M paid us a visit en route to join the
innumerable caravan of retired operators
who have taken up residence in Arizona...
It is a couple of chips off the old block
as operator HENRY HARTFORD and his
wife, PATRICIA, were presented with a
boy PATRICK, weighing in at 9 pounds 7
ounces. It was a boy, KELVIN, for Oper-
ator VAL CHURCH and his wife, DORO-
THY...We extend our deepest sympathy to
the families of Operators LADELL JACK-
SON and RAYMOND MASON in the death of
the fathers...KAY PERNICE, the wife of
Operator JOSEPH PERNICE, is home
from the hospital. Pernice is happy in
more ways than one, since he found out
that cooking is not an easy chore...Opera-
tor ALBERT LOWERY and his wife, VER-
LA were elated over the visit of their son,
ALBERT Jr., and sisters, VIRGINIA LIT-
TLEJOHN and LILLIE P. BATES, from
Amnias. Al said the visit gave him
aid sinew to report back to work after
hang been off sick for a period of time...
A speedy recovery to Operator EDWARD
MCKPHY, who is off due to illness. Ed
was hospitalized for a period of time...

Operator JOHN M. WEATHERSPOON has
returned to the fold after undergoing sur-
gery and being off on the sick list...We er-
roneously titled Operator WHITE in our
column of the October edition. We wish to
correct that article to read Supervisor
White...Best of luck to Clerk BILL PLATT,
the newest addition to the office staff...The
dual position of switchboard operator and
night doorman has been strengthened with
the appointments of TOM DOBBYN and
CHARLEY LUEPKE...Dame Fortune has
caused the next two items to take the form
of a sonnet as VIRGINIA, the wife of
switchboard impressario WALTER BLIX,
celebrated her 25th year of married life
with Walter, and spent a few days in the
Mayo Clinic, 17 days in the hospital, and
then returned home with the same severe
pains. She returned to the hospital for
surgery and is still hospitalized at the
time of this writing. During the interim,
the Blix home was burglarized. Hang in
there, Walter. The truth is always strange-
r than fiction...Operator GEORGE DE-
ROSE was the winner of \$50,000 in the
Illinois Lottery. As a gesture of the frater-
nal feeling and a display of the tradi-

New Jersey...Clerk ART TROPPEL while on his vacation, decided to overhaul his snowmobile. He is expecting some big snow storms around his Mundein home... ERIC JOHNSON, the son of Superintendent ALEX and HELEN JOHNSON, suffered a broken leg while attending Augustana college. At this writing Eric is hobbling along satisfactorily... Clerk JOHN WATHER and his wife, MARIE, suffered through John's vacation with severe colds and had to postpone their vacation plans until John's retirement in the near future...Assistant Superintendent LOUIS MUELLER and his wife, MARGARITE, vacationed throughout Florida and enjoyed their stay in Clearwater where the sun and weather was most enjoyed...Operator LUIS FLORES and his wife, ANA, became parents of a son named PAUL, born on Oct. 23 weighing 7 pounds 14 ounces...Instructor JOHN PERKINS and his wife, DIANE, became parents of a daughter named HEATHER MARIE, born Nov. 4 at Skokie Valley hospital weighing 6 pounds 4 ounces. Congratulations to the above families... Street Collector SAM POSNER is now at home recovering from recent surgery and has high hopes of returning to work soon... A pat on the back is extended to Vacation Relief Superintendent CARL WHITE who filled in for Assistant Superintendent Mueller while he was on vacation...Our sympathy and condolences are extended to Operator FRANCIS GALLAGHER in the loss of his beloved mother, Mrs. ANNIE GALLAGHER.

Repair Department Chit Chat: Enjoying December vacations are: Assistant Day Foreman TONY KASMAN, Repairmen AL FERNANDEZ, HOWARD HALVERSON, DONALD SPARKS, FRED BAKER, DAN PRISBLE and PAUL SCHREVES, Servicemen DONALD COOK and GENE DRZEWICKI. . . Repairman PAUL SCHREVES plans to hold his annual Christmas block party and entertain his neighbors with many fine Christmas selections on his beautiful theatre organ...I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the men in each department who have helped me with news items each month...When Assistant Day Foreman TONY KASMAN retires Dec. 31 the Kasman family will have accrued 194 years of service with CSL and CTA: 38 years by the late Joseph Kasman Sr. of 69th Street, 36 years by the late Al Kasman of Archer, 45 years by Pensioner John Kasman from 77th Street, 40 years by Tony, 28 years by Michael Kasman at Forest Glen Garage and 7 years by Judith Kasman who worked in the General Office.

All of the office personnel, superintendents ALEX JOHNSON, WILLIAM PARNUM, LOUIS MUELLER and MELVIN LINK, the Instructors, clerks and janitors, wish to extend Season's Greetings to all employees at this station and their families.

- Melvin Parnum

OPERATIONS PLANNING (Schedules) -

Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH SABOL flew to Miami Beach, Fla., to visit with relatives and friends. Joe came back with a beautiful tan...The Schedule Department was blessed with many holiday season birthdays. Best wishes to KAY BATINA, ED REILLY, JOE SABOL and WALTER THOMAS...Our deepest sympathy is extended to WILLIE SCOTT upon the death of his father, and to JAMES MARBLE, traffic checker, upon the death of his father... A very Merry Christmas to all.

- Kay Batina & Linda Gysbeck

PLANT MAINTENANCE (West Shops) -

Happy to report that SAM SPIZZIRRI, carpenter, is home from the hospital and doing just fine. Before long, Sam, you will be back among us...WALLY HALLFORD, supervisor, escalator maintenance, spent his one week of vacation fishing with his buddies. He didn't do any bragging so I assume that the fish weren't biting...Good news about IRV JOHNSON, transfer room. He is home from the hospital and coming along very well. Take care, mind your doctor, Irv... LENA JONES, clerk for Buildings & Grounds, has been asked to be score keeper for the basketball team. Mark them all down, Lena...The plumbers from the West Shops scored again when Plumbers Local No. 130 held their fall raffle. Following are a list of winners: PAT MCGING, hockey tickets; JAMES DEPRATT, badminton and volleyball set; TOM BUTLER, coaster glass set, and CHESTER MAJEROWICZ, binoculars... Congratulations to EUGENE GARCIA on becoming a plumber...We want to welcome the following to the West Shops territory: Utility Department, Storerooms 20 and 43, Methods & Standards Department, and the Electrical Maintenance Department, Happy to have you with us...My best wishes to all for a Happy Holiday.

- Jennie Scott

TRANSPORTATION -

Another CTA marriage took place recently. On Oct. 25 BARBARA SIMIC and STEVE MARTIN were married at 4 o'clock mass at St. Jerome's church with the reception in the church hall. Barbara is a stenographer in 7-187, Steve works in Engineering and his father, AL, works in Purchasing. One of the bridesmaids, TONI MISETIC, works in Insurance and her husband, KRESO, who was an usher, works at Skokie Shop. The newlyweds went to Kentucky and Tennessee for their honeymoon. Con-



Barbara & Steve Martin

gratulations and the best of everything wished to the Martins.

(Utility) -

We welcome to Utility MICHAEL KELI, Forest Glen Repair; BERNARD HAY, 77th Street Repair; JOHN O'KEEFE, Forest Glen Repair; GARY BUTLER, Kedzie Repair...Good luck to WALTER ANDERSON who transferred to Plant Maintenance...Our sincere condolences to MILFORD CUMBERLANDER in the death of his brothers... WILLIAM POCHORDO's was united in holy matrimony to SHIRLEY ANN RACZY on Sept. 19... EDWARD SHIELDS retired on Oct. 1. Out to his him luck were J. KUTA, A. CANDELA, O'GORMAN, L. LINDNER, D. COUGHER and A. EIERMAN who is 81 years of age. JIM ROCHE is now home from the hospital recuperating and doing fine...OK, Uhl, let's hear it for Mrs. O. W. JOHNSON. She has shown us the beautiful side of humanity. Yes, she did it again—with artistic creations of goodies at every tirement pet talk. It's time we let know that we are able to support the crushing load called gratitude. Thank, Mrs. Johnson, you are the greatest!

- Colette Szegopand

SOUTH SECTION -

A very Merry Christmas to you and yours. May the holiday season bring forth many wonderful happenings...As I mentioned in my last column our South Section station superintendent's office is now settled in 95th Street. Superintendent STAN CHREBIEN, myself, and my hubby, Chief Clerk ROBERT, moved from the Ashland office to 95th Street. Assistant Superintendent DAVID MARSH moved from 95th Street to Ashland. I like our new headquarters very much and everyone has made us feel right at home. Congratulations to those who made "Employee of the Year"...Conductor CURT MORRIS is a very happy man. On the instant lottery he won \$1,000. You should see him smile. Lucky man...We're having quite a change-over in our new system pick effective in December. So good luck to everyone leaving to work other sections, and hello to everyone coming to the South Section...Cheers to Motorman FRANK KLEKOVICH and Conductor JOHN KALAS who now are back at work and off the sick list. Also heard that Janitor CLARENCE THOMAS and Agent SHIRLEY ANDERSON are back to work from the sick list... District Superintendent WILLIAM NASH is very proud of his daughter, Gail, who is a part-time model. He showed her picture in the current Jet magazine and she is a doll. She goes under the name of Gail Bennett, so be sure and look for her in magazines. She also had her picture in the Defender newspaper. She works for the State of Illinois unemployment office and recently received a promotion. She also teaches modeling at the Cleo Johnson

...ing school... Retired Supervisor
 WALTER HILL, who lived in St. Peters-
 burg, Fla., passed away recently and the
 funeral was here in Chicago... The 1975
 basketball league is starting to play.
 Norman ROBERT JAMES, 61st Street,
 has been selected as vice-chairman of the
 league. Let's go-go-go everyone and have
 a successful season... Our condolences to
 survivor ANDY O'BRIEN in the loss of
 his brother, and to Agent DOROTHY HAR-
 ris in the loss of her father... Retired
 Conductor PHARAOH (Mother-in-law)
 has stopped by 95th Street to pay us a
 visit. He and his wife had just returned
 from a trip to New Orleans where they
 stayed with Retired Conductor MOSES
 and his wife... Good news: Clerk
 BARRY's wife, NORRINE, who had
 contracted mosquito disease is now home
 and to the hospital. We all hope that she has
 a quick recovery now that she is home...
 Retired Conductor FRANK PONZIANO's
 daughter FRANK, was married to DEBORAH
 SZRWINSKI on Nov. 15 at St. Victor's
 Church. A big reception was held at the
 Hotel Allegro. Congratulations to Frank
 and his wife, and to Frank Jr. and his
 new bride. We were sorry we couldn't
 attend this happy event due to prior com-
 mitments... A big thank-you to Retired Con-
 ductor PAUL DUCAR and his wife, SADIE,
 who live in Lompoc, Cal., for sending me
 my lovely "Sand Dollars." I shall
 treasure them always... Conductor GEORGE
 JENSEN received a passenger commendation
 recently for his clear and distinct
 announcements.

- Verna Hartley

WHITE MAINTENANCE (Skokie Shop) -
 As the time you read this article, we will
 be well into the holiday season with all its
 bustle and bustle. But we do hope you will
 find the time to read what we have gath-
 ered in the past month. Of course it's not
 possible to take you very long to read it, as
 we didn't gather too much news. So here
 it is... GENE JANKOWSKI, upholsterer, is
 about to announce the marriage of his
 daughter, JANICE MARIE, to STEPHEN
 LIND MURPHY on Oct. 25 at St. Moni-
 ch's Church. The wedding reception was
 held at the White Eagles restaurant in
 Oakland. To the happy couple, we extend our
 wishes for a long and happy marriage.
 FRANK BUJNOWSKI, electrical foreman
 and his wife, MARY, celebrated their
 25th wedding anniversary on Nov. 9. Con-
 gratulations to both of you. It's only 21
 years to your golden anniversary and
 we hope they'll be as happy as the last 29.
 Now for some baby news and the an-
 nouncement of a new member of the Grand-
 old Club. JOHN RUSS, shopman I, and
 his wife, MARIAN, are the proud new
 parents of a darling baby girl, MEL-
 BA ANN, who weighed in at 8 pounds 1
 ounce on Oct. 4. This is their first grand-
 child and the new mommy is their daugh-
 ter, MARY ELLEN MCKINLEY, a former

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

WILLIAM BENNETT, 89, 77th Street,
 Emp. 10-6-09, Died 10-26-75
 JOSEPH BOLECH Sr., 87, West Shops,
 Emp. 5-9-10, Died 10-1-75
 ANNA BRANDETH, 88, Clairmont,
 Emp. 6-18-21, Died 10-10-75
 PAUL BROTT, 57, South Shops,
 Emp. 7-3-47, Died 10-9-75
 DELOSS CARSON, 70, Beverly,
 Emp. 1-11-26, Died 10-1-75
 WALTER CICHY, 67, North Avenue,
 Emp. 3-9-37, Died 10-13-75
 EDGAR COATES, 67, Purchasing,
 Emp. 9-2-26, Died 10-10-75
 LILLIAN CONROY, 65, West Section,
 Emp. 4-11-64, Died 10-20-75
 FRANCIS CURRAN, 83, 77th Street,
 Emp. 3-18-13, Died 10-8-75
 FRANK DELAQUILA, 62, Skokie Shop,
 Emp. 11-20-39, Died 10-23-75
 THOMAS DUNN, 72, 77th Street,
 Emp. 4-22-44, Died 10-22-75
 GEORGE EICHAKER, 87, Limits,
 Emp. 5-27-11, Died 10-20-75
 JULIUS FALKENSKOV, 87, Lawrence,
 Emp. 4-6-21, Died 10-4-75
 JOHN FITZPATRICK, 83, 69th Street,
 Emp. 12-23-19, Died 10-21-75
 FRITZ FOOGDE, 72, South Shops,
 Emp. 4-30-26, Died 10-23-75
 PATRICK HARTNETT, 82, 77th Street,
 Emp. 11-6-25, Died 11-5-75
 FRANK HEMSTREET, 81, Lawndale,
 Emp. 4-15-19, Died 10-24-75
 HARRY JACOBSON, 63, Forest Glen,
 Emp. 11-24-36, Died 10-20-75
 LUKE KEEL, 54, Archer,
 Emp. 3-12-53, Died 11-3-75
 PATRICK KELLEHER, 73, Kedzie,
 Emp. 9-2-42, Died 10-6-75
 THEODORE KOTAS, 71, North Section,
 Emp. 7-30-53, Died 10-30-75

WILLIAM LEAHY, 76, 77th Street,
 Emp. 3-12-23, Died 10-14-75
 WILLIAM LYNN, 84, 77th Street,
 Emp. 4-27-23, Died 10-13-75
 WALTER MAJEWSKI, 57, Maintenance,
 Emp. 1-23-47, Died 10-24-75
 WILLIAM MANNION, 77, 69th Street,
 Emp. 6-5-25, Died 10-5-75
 WILLIAM MILLER, 84, South Section,
 Emp. 6-22-12, Died 10-17-75
 WILLIAM MUNNELLY, 71, 61st Street,
 Emp. 9-30-42, Died 10-5-75
 PAUL PETERSON, 82, 77th Street,
 Emp. 2-6-13, Died 10-20-75
 EUGENE ROGERS, 57, Bldgs. & Grounds,
 Emp. 10-1-56, Died 10-21-75
 HAROLD RUCKDESCHTEL, 72, North Park,
 Emp. 4-10-43, Died 10-9-75
 ALBERT SAWYER, 85, Devon,
 Emp. 8-17-22, Died 10-4-75
 ELMER SCHILDT, 73, Congress,
 Emp. 10-22-18, Died 10-7-75
 RAYMOND SCHRAMM, 69, Accounting,
 Emp. 9-14-25, Died 10-9-75
 FRANK SOLURI, 66, South Shops,
 Emp. 6-24-37, Died 10-21-75
 ADOLPH STRANSKI, 66, Archer,
 Emp. 4-22-47, Died 10-5-75
 DENIS TOLAND, 76, Forest Glen,
 Emp. 1-15-34, Died 10-26-75
 MATT TOMASIC, 73, Engineering,
 Emp. 10-10-26, Died 10-20-75
 JOSEPH TONN, 70, Executive,
 Emp. 2-17-42, Died 10-29-75
 CHARLES WAADEN, 88, Electrical,
 Emp. 12-12-12, Died 10-9-75
 ANTHONY WALSH, 84, Cottage Grove,
 Emp. 3-29-23, Died 10-26-75
 ARTHUR WASHO, 88, North Section,
 Emp. 12-3-08, Died 10-26-75
 BENJAMIN WATTS, 63, South Section,
 Emp. 8-27-52, Died 9-27-75
 JOHN WILMES, 91, Lincoln,
 Emp. 4-4-23, Died 11-5-75

CTA employee from Research and Plan-
 ning. The blessed event occurred in Mem-
 phis, Tenn., where John and Marian spent
 five weeks on vacation awaiting the arrival
 of the new baby...

We are still re-
 ceiving some vaca-
 tion news, and
 this time it con-
 cerns TED SZY-
 MANSKI's trip to the
 West. Ted, electri-
 cal, and his wife,
 LEONORA, traveled
 to Phoenix, Las Ve-
 gas, and Alberque-
 que. While they
 were in Arizona they stopped to see EARL
 LEAMING, retired general foreman of Sko-
 kie Shop, and his wife, GRACE... While on
 the subject of vacations, EVERETT EN-



Ted, Grace & Earl

GLAND and his wife, MARCELLA, took to
 the roads several times this past year and
 had themselves a very nice time. In their
 travels they stopped in Virginia and had a
 very nice visit with HERB LINDQUIST,
 retired electrical foreman, and his wife,
 FRANK. While they were down in Florida,
 they saw ERNIE JONES, retired foreman
 of Wilson Terminal, and his wife, LOIS.
 We received word that Ernie and Lois
 treated themselves to a fabulous vacation
 cruise to celebrate their 48th wedding an-
 niversary. Their two-week cruise aboard
 the Nordic Prince took them to Puerto
 Rico, the Virgin Islands, Jamaica, Haiti
 and South America. Sounds like a very
 nice cruise, and a very nice way to cele-
 brate their anniversary... We also received
 word that OLLIE LAND, retired Paint Shop
 foreman, is moving to California. We all
 want to wish him well in his new home...

Our prayers and hopes go with ED BLI-CHARZ, Production Supply Control, to Mayo Clinic for further tests and consultations regarding that ailing leg of his. Come back with good news, Ed...Belated happy birthday wishes to ED HENDRICKSON, retired superintendent of Skokie Shop, who celebrated his birthday on Nov. 6. I know you're probably wondering why I'm using the Transit News to wish my husband a happy birthday. Well, it's like this--with the money I had for his birthday card I bought myself an ice cream cone. And seeing his birthday was the day before payday, he was out of luck...So with that we'll leave you and be back again next month. To all of you, have a Happy Holiday Season!

- Mary Hendrickson & Pat Harrett

(South Shops) -

We hated to say goodbye to DENISE COX on Oct. 31. Denise is awaiting the birth of her first child. We all wish her the best of luck and hope that she will return and bring the baby with her...PAT JONES and her family will have an out-of-town visitor for Thanksgiving--her mother, Mrs. LUCILLE STERLING, from New Orleans... We would also like to say goodbye to CHUCK LIEDTKE who left CTA for another position in another company. We all wish him luck. Come back and see us, Chuck...If anyone was wondering why ERNIE KAYE had been walking around with a grin on his face, well wonder no more. The month of October was quite a month as Ernie celebrated his birthday (?), one of his granddaughters, WENDY WILDER, was selected Little Miss Peanut of Blue Island, Ill., and last but not least, his pride and joy, his daughter, ROBYN, and some of her co-workers, made a TV commercial (sure money) for Bell Federal Savings & Loan. Robyn, a recent graduate of Maria High school, was to have gone to work for the CTA, but somehow Bell Federal got hold of her. So CTA's loss is Bell Federal's gain. Congratulations, Ernie Kaye!.. Welcome back to JIM FELTZ who spent a week's vacation in Hawaii with his wife, DIANE, and parents. Jim is the only one around here walking around with a tan.



Robyn Kaye

From the Shops--Our prayers and hopes go out to AL WENDT, mechanic in Bay 6, who is recuperating at home after open heart surgery. The same prayers go out to ALEX GASSICK, print shop, who is at home recovering from his illness. Good luck to both of you from all of us here at South Shops, and hurry back to work...Congratulations are in order for JOAN and WAYNE MATEJKA on the arrival of their

first baby, JEFFREY SCOTT, who weighed in at 7 pounds. Mother and baby are doing fine, but daddy is not sleeping nights... Good luck to JIMMIE L. BEATTY and LEONARD BOTTANDO who are leaving the South Shops Electrical Department to accept new positions as "B" helpers in the outside Electrical Department. I wonder how Lenny will survive with only a single lunch period...ED (Shoes) GERTZ is still at home nursing his injury after an accident here at the Shops. We wish you a speedy recovery, Shoes...The Brake Department's HENRY MILEWSKI and his wife, BERNICE, spent a glorious 18-day vacation in Hawaii recently. Upon returning home to Chicago, Bernice had to have surgery on one of her eyes to correct a defect. The operation was a success and she is doing very well resting at home... Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. TED CATTONI on the marriage of their daughter, SHIRLEY, to GEORGE ALKOVITCH at St. George's Catholic church, Oct. 18. The wedding reception was at Memorial Hall on Chicago's far South Side...Congratulations to GEORGE DREY and his wife, ELEANOR, on becoming grandparents in October and November. Both of their sons became fathers. DAVID and his wife have a little boy, ERIC DAVID. MICHAEL and his wife have a little girl, KELLY ANN. Congratulations!

- Jeanne Diehl & Laurence Bonas

52ND STREET -

Well, it's that time again--Christmas, New Year's and all the good things that this time of year brings. So I'm taking this time out to wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!..Through the hard work and efforts of the officers and the cooperation of the membership, the 52nd Street Garage Federal Credit Union received its first Thrift Honor Award, presented by the National Credit Union Administration which is an agency of the federal government. This is quite an achievement and all are to be congratulated. Take pride and support your credit union by increased savings and seeking new members...Let's get behind our basketball team and give them our full support. We would like to have a winning team...Be a defensive driver. Operate on schedule and be aware of your distance from other vehicles. Drive according to conditions of the street. The name of the game is rendering service with safety... Board Member BOB HOLMES requests your presence at the monthly union meetings.

- John L. Hudson

69TH STREET -

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all from your scribes, TOM MOORE and ART BUESING...Have you seen me, Art Buesing, on TV, or my name and articles

in our local papers? I am fighting a special assessment in my local town, and accept all the help, short of murder, I can get...Operator LOUIS MASTRE's son, caught a 6 pound walleye and a 1½ pound small mouth bass while fishing in the Lake River. Never heard Louis say he caught though...ARTHUR JOE bowled 606 scratch series in November, looking good, guy... Our good friend from credit union, BILL DONAHUE, spent 10 days in Ireland where he had an enjoyable time touring the southern part of the country. He then took all the Leprechaun to Rome, Italy, where it took them seven years to intercede for him to see the Pope. I don't know if it did any good, but Bill visited the Island of Capri, Florence, Naples...CHARLES KOCMOUD, the brother of Clerk RAY KOCMOUD, passed away. We extend our deepest sympathy...Fel... I'm going to paint my Transit News mailbox and put a lock on it. So let's get the news in it.

HARVEY BROCK celebrated his birthday on Oct. 27. I know he was delighted to receive his new batch of carp bait from his old country. C. REESE told me that both Harvey were the same age ten years ago and now Harvey is three years younger. I wonder how that works?...Pensioner SCHED recently returned from a vacation and fishing trip at his son's home in Bay Miss. Ray, are you sure that was a 20 pound test line fish broke? That sounds like a big one to me...BOB STEWART and his sister, SHARON, had a nice time visiting relatives in Texas. He said he had problems finding gasoline, his only way was paying for it...W. COOPER, D. B. LEY and R. SCHOMER have left 69th Street on the system pick. I hope you guys enjoy working at your new work location.

- Art Buesing & Tom Moore

77TH STREET -

Hi ladies and gents. 'Tis the season jolly...The Wheelers social and club kicked off the holiday season with their pre-Thanksgiving and cabaret dinner. The affair was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton-Chicago hotel. The newly elected president of the Wheelers, THOMAS G. LeNOIR Jr., and his staff are congratulated on their fine social entertainment...Mrs. MARILYN GRESHAM, wife of Division 241 Second Vice-president ELODIE GRESHAM, made her first plane flight. She accompanied her husband to the International Union Convention. He said she really enjoyed it, but didn't like when she would fly again...We're all wishing a speedy recovery to Operator BERT MARTIN after his recent illness. Martin is a good operator and a member. The very best for him and his family...Merry Christmas to all!

- Allison De Bacco

cta window

DEDICATED SERVICE, 29 YEARS WORTH:

Jerry Graybiel, right, who retires April 1 after 33 years with CTA, is congratulated by Vice Chairman James Quinn upon receipt of a plaque from the American Public Transit Association for 29 years of dedicated service to the entire industry. As long-time member of APTA's administrative committee for purchases and materials, Jerry headed specification development and transit company interchange, represented the industry's

maintenance and operations requirements in defense transportation, and helped develop a price index for purchase of transit industry materials. He was program chairman for APTA's purchases and materials division in 1954, chairman of the division in 1954-55, and division vice chairman for the association's purchasing committee in 1955-56. He addressed the 1966 convention on the purchasing manager's role in the industry. During 1973, he was APTA committee representative on the diesel fuel task force of the Federal Energy Commission. At the last APTA convention in October, he was a speaker on the subject of transit equipment contracts. Now serving as a special assistant in the finance division of CTA, Jerry was previously manager of materials management. Before leaving CTA officially, he intends to complete a landmark manual on "Procurement, the CTA Way."

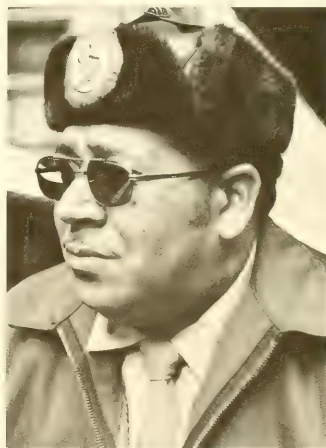


MILLINER'S LATEST MILLINERY: In case you think Bill Finkler, safety coordinator, decorated his hat to look like a Christmas plum pudding, forget it. The idea was borrowed from the safety director of Walt Disney World in Florida and the purpose is safety instruction. When Bill teaches safety, he wears the hat to call extra attention to the importance of wearing hard hats to reduce the possibility of work-related injuries. CTA wives might further the hint by wearing hats to the breakfast table each morning.



HELPING HANDS: For quickly coming to the aid of riders in need of help, Rail Janitor Sub-Unit Supervisors Peter Evans and Joseph Amella are deserving of special commendation. While at the Bryn Mawr "L" Station in the late evening hours Amella saw a man fall to the tracks. With his flashlight he signalled an approaching train to stop, then assisted the rider back to the platform. Evans, while making his midnight rounds at the State and Lake Station, saw three youths beat and attempt to rob a man. The youths fled as Evans came to the aid of the rider and two were apprehended later by police using descriptions which Evans helped to provide.

Joseph Amella



Peter Evans

SEVENTY FIVE

Here's How It Wraps Up

1975 was the year the Regional Transportation Authority selected a chairman -- ours. Milton Pikarsky was elected to the office soon after the first of the year. . . It was the year the Urban Mass Transportation Administration demonstrated its State of the Art train on our Skokie Swift. . . when the Water Tower Express shuttle bus made its first run to the growing upper Michigan Avenue shopping-business area. . . when the Paul Revere Bicentennial train was dedicated. . . when cab signalling for the increased security of passengers was completed on the North-South rapid transit route. . . when CTA introduced its first motorwoman. . . when the biggest snowstorm of the season (in April!) brought new praises for CTA rapid transit service and a blizzard of phone



Skokie Swift's Paul Revere . . . 77th's bus "beauty bath"

calls in the Travel Information Center. . . 1975 was the year when a new version of CTA's Route Map was issued, "sold" like hot cakes, and found a new mass distribution apparatus through the Chicago public library system. . . when CTA's modernized and expanded garage and brand new bus "beauty bath" was opened on 77th Street. . . when an improved 'L' station lighting program was touched off at Davis Street in Evanston. . . when a series of popular educational tours for school children was launched by Charter. . . when a Spanish language question-and-answer newspaper column on CTA was initiated by Elda Leal of Public Affairs. . . when the first Mass Transit "road rally" was held on CTA by the Explorer Scouts. . . when the expanded Travel Information Center



New lighting at Davis station on the Evanston 'L'

satisfactorily handled its millionth caller. . . when the largest award in the history of CTA's Suggestion System was presented to Frank Montefalco for saving the CTA \$24,000 by developing a portable tool for rethreading rapid transit car hoists. . . when the International Film Festival worked out a joint promotion to encourage people to go to the movies at the Biograph and the Granada by CTA. . . when union leader Edward F. Brabec was installed as a member of the Transit Board. . . when Fred King was appointed Manager of Personnel. . . when Transittalk was introduced as a weekly newsletter and information source for all employees. . . when the CTA's Bicentennial fleet climbed to more than 30 in buses and more than 20 in trains.

'An exceptional...combination'— Two Top Men Head CTA

Two new key officials of the CTA—James J. McDonough, Acting Chairman and George Krambles as General Manager were named by the Chicago Transit Board at its meeting on February 5.

James R. Quinn, the CTA Vice-Chairman who has headed the Board during the last year, told the meeting that the election of McDonough and the appointment of Krambles

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provide the CTA with "an exceptional and unusual combination" for its top management.

"Mr. McDonough, the new head of our Board, is a vigorous young man who already has made an outstanding record in positions of great responsibilities both in public service and in private industry," said Quinn.

"Mr. Krambles, our new General Manager, is a person of many years of proven experience and success at the CTA," said Quinn. "He also is recognized nationally as one of the best experts in all phases of the operation and management of large public transportation system."

McDonough, who is 42, became a member of the CTA

Board Dec. 18 as an appointee of Mayor Daley. He is president of Murphy Engineering, Inc., a Chicago-based civil engineering consulting firm, and formerly served as Chicago Commissioner of Streets and Sanitation.

Krambles, who is 60, most recently has been Manager of the CTA's General Operations Division, the largest operational segment consisting of the transportation, maintenance and operations planning departments.

In naming McDonough and Krambles as the CTA's top management officials, Quinn explained that the CTA Board based the action partly on precedent at the CTA and also on a proven organizational structure used by both governmental and private industry organizations.

"In the past, when the head of the CTA Board has not been full time, he has been designated as Acting Chairman," explained Quinn.

"The election of a head of the Board who is not full time is in keeping not only with a long practice in many governmental and private industry organizations, but it also is a practice in a large number of (Continued Page 2)

Moments after the Board meeting the new Acting Chairman and General Manager were already in conference.





Upon McDonough's election, the Board Members Wallace D. Johnson and Vice-Chairman James R. Quinn,

transit systems throughout the country, including such cities as Los Angeles, San Francisco, Milwaukee, Cleveland and Pittsburgh."

"In addition to heading the Board, Mr. McDonough will have a constant and direct relationship with Mr. Krambles, the General Manager, in the Management and operations of the CTA," Quinn said.

In response to being elected head of the CTA Board, McDonough termed public safety as the "all important factor" in the operations of the CTA.

"Over the years the CTA has had an excellent safety record, with efforts constantly being made to improve that

record, both by applying new technology and safety measures and in the training of employees," McDonough said.

"All of us are mindful of the tragedy January 9 at the Addison station on the Kennedy route, and I know that all of us will take every possible step to maximize still further the safety of our operations as our Number One priority," McDonough said.

The appointment of Krambles as General Manager, Quinn noted, follows an organizational plan that has prevailed at the CTA for most of the years since the Transit Authority began operations in 1947.

Going To School To Learn How To Teach Better

How people learn (the learning process) . . .

Characteristics of the adult learner. . .

Communication between instructor and student, . . .

Perception (what leads people to their understanding of things) . . .

These were among the intriguing subjects studied by 111 CTA instructors recently during a 12-session combined Instructor Workshop at Limits Training Center.

Assisting Sue Thieme of Personnel Development as leader were instructors Arthur Bennett and Clifford Hicks, from Limits. James Austin, Al Crawford,

and George Greco, from the Maintenance Department's Technical and Behavioral Education Center, also assisted.

The workshop was designed for maximum participation and open discussion, but a textbook, The Supervisor as a Classroom Instructor, was employed as a guide.

The workshop also used filmstrips designed to illustrate the lessons in the text.

Video tape was employed so that "pupils" could see themselves as instructors and self-assess their own performances.



In Video-Equipped Classroom: Instructors help these teachers learn more about their own teaching. In the foreground, standing left to right, are Sue Thieme and Bob Kerman of Personnel Development plus Clarence Heilbrunn, Joe Daugird, Henry Hooks, John C. Norman, Herron, Clifford Hicks, Frank Peppers, all of Transportation. Seated left to right, Roosevelt Corbin of Transportation, Earl Burkett of Maintenance, James Austin of Maintenance, and Clarence Junkins of Transportation.

Women's Lib Leader Finishes 'Run'

B'Arline Datu

Women bus drivers may be fairly new at CTA (Joe, '74), but women operating employees have been around for at least 32 years.

As Mary Sullivan can testify, when the women "invaded" CTA, it caused a minor uproar, and not for celebration.

Back in 1944 the Chicago Motor Coach Company (later absorbed into the CTA) hired Mary Sullivan as one of its first six bus service women. Mary's assignment was to clean bus interiors, then considered strictly a man's job.

"Men didn't like women doing their job when I started working," says Mary, "but I had a good foreman. He never gave me any trouble. I guess now everything's gotten more liberal."

A more liberal attitude notwithstanding, after 32 years and at least 15,000 clean buses to her credit, Mary Sullivan decided to throw in the towel.

Her retirement was official as of the first day of the new year.

Though close to retirement age, Mary hardly looks the 60 years she confesses to be. A sturdy figure clad in heavy-duty blue jeans, sweat shirt, lumber jacket and work boots (her bus cleaning attire), she's also not quite the image of your typical grandmother. But this grandmother of two isn't really surprised by any such misconceptions. "A lot of people say I look young" is her amused comment.

A native of Clark County, Mississippi, Mary came to Chicago in 1944 "because of the job opportunities" and landed her job at Chicago Motor Coach.

They assigned her a night shift, she recalls, and only allowed her to sweep floors and wash windows. Because they were working the double-decker buses then, the cleaning job was a day-long task and often involved more than one person.



Mary Sullivan:
Retiring after 32 years . . .

With the end to the double-decker era, Mary was tackling the bus cleaning work singlehandedly. Two buses a day, four hours each was the quota.

Not much for a day's time, you would think. But after a bus has put on 4,000 miles (the mileage which determines when a bus is due for a complete, thorough cleaning), the job is comparable to cleaning a very dirty house twice over, she explains.

After first sweeping out all the loose dirt on the floor, she'd go over the entire bus with a metal, spatula-like scraper and liquid solvent. These tools she used to pick up pieces of chewing gum embedded into the floor, under the seats, or anywhere else the gum chewer found convenient.

Next floors, walls, ceiling, windows and seats were hosed down with a spray water pump, then wiped clean and dry with thick towels and rags.

"The only thing I didn't do," says Mary, "was polish the chrome."

Those days behind her now, she is joining a senior citizen group and plans to travel around to places like Hawaii and the Bahamas.

A quiet person, Mary was somewhat surprised at the attention given to her retirement. But, just as in those first few years with Chicago Motor Coach, she took it all in stride.



. . . and 15,000 clean buses.



CTA Sports News

MEL ALEXANDER, Sports Editor



Tight Cage Battle Down The Stretch

WITH THE CTA basketball league season moving into its final weeks, two teams seem to have the best chance to win the championship--69th Street in the South Division with an 11-0 win-loss record, and North Avenue in the North Division with a record of 10-1.

Since there is a four-team playoff scheduled for each division, honors could go to any of the top six teams, as of this date, in the South Division: 69th Street, Archer, South Side "L", 52nd Street (which seems to be very impressive since getting their new female coach, Ms. Georgetta Griffin), West Side "L" and 77th Street. In the North Division, North Avenue, North Park, North Side "L" and Forest Glen rate positive as the top powers.

With the playoffs scheduled to begin on March 5, and the way each team is playing, it is a toss-up as to who will play in the playoffs.

The Archer team, champion for the past two seasons, is not faring very well. But don't count them out. If one recalls the 1973-74 season, they were in a tie for second place but came on strong to overcome

the strong North Avenue team which was unbeaten the season to take the title.

No matter what the outcome, the fans will get thrills from the tight race. So come out and root for your favorite--they will need your support now more than ever.

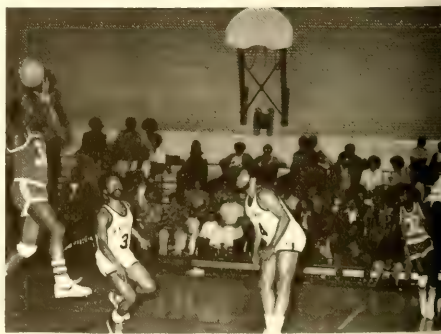
CTA BASKETBALL LEAGUE

(Standings As Of February 2)

South Division	W	L	North Division	W	L
69th Street	11	0	North Avenue	10	1
Archer	8	4	North Park	7	8
South Side "L"	7	5	North Side "L"	7	8
52nd Street	5	6	Forest Glen	6	9
West Side "L"	5	8	Kedzie	5	9
77th Street	5	7	Limits	3	10
South Shops	1	9	General Office	1	10
Beverly	0	11			



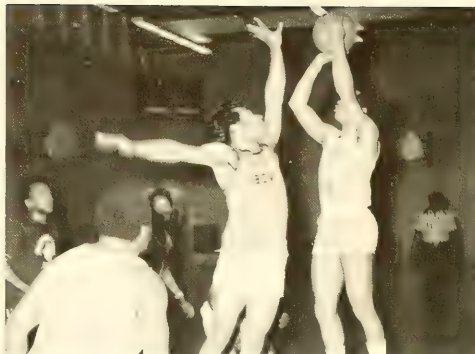
R. Lindsey, 11, runs into a block as R. Wheatley, 10, and L. Harris, 7, tie him in. J. Lyle, 9, and J. Harvey, 43, look on.



W. Dones, 15, jumps high as he passes off to R. Lindsey, 11, for a layup as T. Collier, 3, and L. Hale, 14, look on helplessly.



M. Jackson, 2, North Avenue, jumps high for a shot over the outstretched hands of Beverly guard Robinson.



J. Nelson, 23, North Avenue, leaps high for rebound as teammate Baker, 22, await the outcome.



A. Willis, 00, North Avenue, makes an easy layup for two points. Teammate W. Baker, 22, takes position for rebound if Willis hammers.



T. Little, 47, 69th Street, is surrounded by North Side "L" players as he goes up high to take rebound away from W. Dones, 15, as R. Cowart, 13, blocks out L. Harris, 7.



J. Hayes, 14, North Side "L", seems to be in rough territory as he grabs rebound in game with 69th Street.



R. Lindsey, 11, North Side "L", takes jump shot for two points as J. Harvey, 43, and L. Hale, 14, watch action.

CTA, International

Thirty days hath September
April, June and November
All the rest have thirty one
Excepting February alone
Which hath but twenty-eight in fine
Till leap year gives it twenty-nine.

By

Elda Leal

1976 can be divided by four which means it's Leap Year. February is filled with an amalgama of events. You can find history, carnivals, celebrations and superstition. What's your bag?

For the Mexican people February 2 brings historic and sad memories. This was the day when, under the Treaty of Guadalupe, Hidalgo, Mexico gave up the States of New Mexico and California to the United States in 1848.

For the U.S., February is very special because three of our presidents were born in this month. Feb. 9, 1773—William Henry Harrison, our ninth president; Feb. 12, 1809—Abraham Lincoln, our 16th president, and Feb. 22, 1732—George Washington, who was our first president.

On Feb. 2, in many Catholic countries it's Candlemas day, when parishioners bring their candles and offerings to church to be blessed.

If you are getting tired of the cold weather and believe in Ground Hog day, Feb. 2 should have given you an indication of what the weather will be like ahead. The legend, brought to America by people from Germany and Great Britain, goes like this:

"On February 2nd, people should watch out for the ground hog or woodchuck and follow his footsteps when he comes out of his burrow to look for his shadow. If the sun is shining and he can see his shadow--bad news--winter will still be lingering for some time--and he goes back to sleep. But if he cannot see his shadow that means spring will be here soon."

But the real fun in February is in New Orleans and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. It's the Mardi Gras season there, and they really know how to celebrate this gay festival started by the French people.

Germans call it Fastnacht and in England it is called Pancake day. Many other Latin American countries have similar celebrations which are called Carnavales.

The most colorful and really wild Mardi Gras celebration seems to be in Brazil.

A friend of mine who lives there tells me that for the week prior to the beginning of the Lenten season, the hotels in Rio de Janeiro are filled with people from all over the world. Many even sleep in the streets.

Tourists join the residents of the country in the celebration, dressed in the most exotic attire--shining, colorful, feathered costumes, some very scanty.

The bands play day and night and the floats, elaborately decorated, parade down the streets with thousands of people singing, dancing and drinking. Street vendors have the most extravagant items to sell to the tourists. The most exotic dishes are also prepared and sold in the streets.

Nobody works on those days and many businesses are closed. People completely forget or postpone their problems and worries and are happy, amusing visitors as well as themselves.

Are you getting in the mood? For a little Latin-American flavor, you might get in touch with Abel Govea, one of our professional draftsmen in the CTA Engineering Department. Govea is a former dancing instructor at the Arthur Murray and Fred Astaire Studios. This very month, he demonstrated dances like the Mambo, Samba and Cha Cha at the Ben Franklin Room of First Federal Savings in a fund raising event.

CTA Draftsman Abel Govea, former dancing instructor.



Cinderella Man

Four witnesses in a recent case identified the defendant as the guilty party. Luck would have it that the thief, while fleeing from the scene of the crime, had lost one of his shoes. The shoe did not hit the defendant's foot and the assailant against him collapsed.



Of course, this particular defendant was only too happy to put on the telltale shoe. But so was an accused person who refuses to admit to such a test. May he be compelled to do so?

The answer involves the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution which says that no one may be forced to give incriminating evidence against himself. Corroboration in this case?

A man on trial for murder requested to roll up his sleeve so the jury could see whether or not he had a tattoo on his arm. He refused to comply, invoking the constitutional privilege against self-incrimination.

But the court ordered him to do so as he was told. The court said the Fifth Amendment applies only to the giving of testimony, not to mere establishing of identity.

Under similar reasoning a accused person may ordinarily be compelled to make fingerprints, remove glasses, or try on a hat.

On the other hand, the law is drawn on procedures that are needlessly demeaning.

In a robbery case, after the defendant had admitted his guilt, the jury took up the question of punishment. At that juncture the judge required the defendant to pose in the hat, the mask, and the pistol he had used in committing the crime.

But an appellate court later held that this was improper, much as there was no need to establish the defendant's identity. The court said the only effect such a demonstration would be "to arouse (the jurors) to passion."

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"A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE," March 2-6, ICCC Theatre, Morgan & Harrison. 996-3187.

"AMERICA, THE COLORFUL!" Chicago Flower and Garden Show March 20-28, McCormick Place. Seven full acres will showcase over 50 formal gardens, plus numerous exhibits designed to instruct the how's and why's of horticulture at home. Market section will sell all types of gardening needs. Advance tickets for \$2.75; children, \$1.25 available thru March 10 from Ticketron. Tickets at the door: \$3.50; children, \$1.50. Lake Shore at 23rd. 786-0285.

ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO--72nd American Exhibition honors the Bicentennial by showing the recent work of a cross-section of about 30 major living American artists. Opens March 13, Morton Wing. Admission charged. Suggested fee: \$1.50; students, children, seniors: 50¢; members free. Michigan at Adams. 443-3500.

"AS I LAY DYING" Wed-Sun at 8 thru March 14, Dream Theatre. 2261 N. Lincoln. \$4; students, seniors, \$3. 871-3000.

AUDITORIUM THEATRE--Eugene Fodor Feb 27 at 8; from \$3. Electric Light Orchestra Feb 28 at 7; from \$4.50. Alvin Ailey City Center Dance Theatre March 2-6 at 8, March 7 at 2; from \$3.50. Irish Dancers March 12 at 8. Preservation Hall Jazz Band March 13 at 8; from \$3.50. William Warfield March 1 at 4; from \$2. 70 E. Congress Pkwy. WA 2-2110.

"BENEVOLENT DEVIL" thru Feb, Victory Gardens Theatre. Fri-Sun. 3730 N. Clark. From \$4. 49-5788.

BLUE MAX NIGHTCLUB--David Brenner, comedian, and singer Donna Cellini thru Feb 28. Hyatt Agency O'Hare, River Rd. South at Kennedy Expwy. 96-1234.

BRITISH SALUTE AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL with Her Majesty's Royal Marines in program of sword dancing, precision march formations, and the sounds of the legendary pipes and drums of The Black Watch, March 5-7, International Amphitheatre. Fri at 2; Sat at 2, 8; Sun at 1:30, 5:30. \$3.50-6.50. 361-4762.

CHAUTAUQUA! opens Feb 25, Dinglefest Theatre Co. Multi-media show presents the American loss of innocence, tracing chautauqua from its beginnings until the introduction of radio. Feb 25 at 8; Thurs-Sat, Sun at 8:30; Sat at 8:30, 10:30. 2261 N. Lincoln. 2-4.50. 871-3000.

CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY--Civil War Exhibition, 1861-1865, continuing, A. Montgomery Ward Gallery. The Richness of Velvet thru March, costume collections. The James Babson Toy Collection thru April 15. 100 Years of Chicago History as Seen in the Chicago DAILY NEWS, thru March. Canning, textile dyeing with cans demonstrated by Barbara Ryan Leyendecker, March 6 at 1. American Issues Program Film Series--"Goodbye Billy: America Goes to War," "And Who Shall Feed This World," "Triumph--Peace Corps in Honduras," "World Without End," March 14 at 2. Mon-Sat from 9:30-4:30; Sun, 12:30-5:30. Members free; adults, \$1;



Time out

with Anita Leppiks

Things to do in the Chicago area

children (6-17), 50¢; seniors, 25¢. Clark at North. 642-4600.

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY--The First Piano Duet, Clara Siegel and Marion Rutenberg, Feb 28 at 12:15. Chicago Bicentennial Print Collection, March 1-20. Cultural Center, Michigan and Randolph. Admission free. 269-2837.

"COYOTE AND HIS BROTHERS," a collection of short Indian tales by Lin Wright, thru March 14. Goodman Children's Theatre. Sat at 11, 2:30 (\$1.95); Sun at 11 (\$1.25). 443-3800.

DART GALLERY--John Dowell, drawings and watercolors, Feb 27-March 24. Suite 205, 612 N. Michigan. 664-2150.

"FLORA AMERICANA" show March 1-20, North Room, Carson Pirie Scott & Co. State St. store. Second annual flower show features plant life native to the Americas, including the cacti and succulents of the arid Southwest, the color and symmetry of an East Coast formal garden, the lush foliage of a southern bog and the crisp freshness of a northern evergreen forest. Tours daily on the half hour during regular store hours. 1 S. State. 744-2294.

"GENTLEMAN AND A SCOUNDREL," comedy with Bill Daily, thru April 4, Pheasant Run Playhouse, Route 64, St. Charles. Dinner-Theatre tickets \$9.55 Tues-Thurs; \$10.55 Fri, Sat. 261-7367.

GOODMAN THEATRE--"The Last Meeting of the Knights of the White Magnolia," by Preston Jones thru March 21. Panorama presents life in the small West Texas town of Bradleville in the 1950's and 60's. Tues-Thurs, Sun at 7:30; Fri-Sat at 8:30. Backstage tours thru June 12. Tours visit the costume shop, sound and lighting booth, and give a look at Goodman as the actor sees it from the stage. Wed at 12:15, Sat at 1. 200 S. Columbus Dr. 443-3800.

"GREEN JULIA" Thurs-Sat at 8 thru April 8, Magic Circle and All-Media Drama Workshop, 615 W. Wellington. From \$3. 929-0542.

"HELOISE" thru March 14, Old Town Players. Fri-Sat at 8:30 (\$2.50); Sun at 6:30 (\$3). 1718 N. North Park. 645-0145.

"HERITAGE," Wed at 2 thru March, Dream Theatre. Of special interest to senior citizens. 2261 N. Lincoln. \$1.50. 871-3000. (Continued Page 9)



Time out AT THE SYMPHONY

The sounds of music are everywhere in Chicago on a Friday night--from folk tunes in suburban grottos to a classic jazz band in New Town to rock at a private Gold Coast club.

But none is more beautiful than that which comes from Orchestra Hall. This is evidenced by Solti's direction of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra which features such "greats" as Dame Janet Baker, mezzo soprano; and pianist Alicia de Larrocha.

Orchestra Hall is a people place--where generations of Americans can rekindle their individual cultures. For nothing is more reflective of a people than its music. And in true American tradition, Orchestra Hall is serving it all up this season.

The Janet Baker concert evening January 17 was one such example--the program included the classics and today's modern composition from three countries.

There was Symphony No. 40, G Minor, K. 550 by Mozart to begin the evening, followed by the French love songs of Berlioz, *Les nuits d'été*, Opus 7.

If you were curious about how driving a rapid

transit train sounds when put to music, you would have been enraptured by the frenzied, yet majestic pace of *Music For A Great City*, by Copland, a American.

And lovers of the German genius, Wagner, had his Overture to *Tannhäuser* to properly close the program.

Solti's direction of what is known as the world's greatest orchestra is the core to this melting pot of music. Once you watch him, you'll never think of classical music in the same terms again.

For he has perfected a communication between composer, musician, and listener to weave a spell incorporating us all into a great rainbow of sound. It's never been so vibrant before.

Solti is like a marionette toying with the orchestra--his head and arm gestures are so loose, yet so coordinated. Each muscle conducts. Were you to freeze any pose, you'd be amazed at the correlation between sound and stance--they fit exactly.

Other times he stands with hand on hip, giving the appearance of a mother hen clucking to her brood.

But every movement reveals Solti's love affair with his music and his orchestra, for how else could he achieve such all-knowing precision.

In addition, Solti has often been heralded for his operatic accompaniment. He showed why again with Dame Baker. It was hard to detect where voice and orchestra separated; such was their flawless welding. Even someone who is not an opera fan would be in awe.

Upcoming Symphony Events

"MUSIC IS THE MESSAGE" CONCERT

Feb 25 at 2, Henry Mazer, conductor; Margaret Batjer, violin; Judith Stone, cello; Jim Tilmon, narrator. Dan Tucker: Celebration For Orchestra; Wientawski: Violin Concerto No 2; Copland: El Salon Mexico; Dvorak: Cello Concerto (First Movement), \$1-2.50; box seats, \$3.50.

SUBSCRIPTION CONCERTS Feb 26 at 8:15, Feb 27 at 2, Feb 29 at 3. Ricardo Multi, conductor. Mozart: Symphony No 29, A Major, K. 201; Bartok: Deux Images; Tchaikovsky: Symphony No 2. \$6-13.

ARTISTS SERIES CONCERT March 1 at 7:30. Canterbury Chamber Ensemble, D. G. Mason: Pastoral for Clarinet, Violin and Piano; Brahms: Piano Quartet, G Minor, Opus 25; Dohnanyi: Sextet, C Major, Opus 37, \$2.50 (unreserved, general admission); box seats, \$5.

"UNIVERSITY NIGHT" CONCERT March 3 at 8. Bernard Haitink, conductor; Judith Burganger, piano. Ravel: Alborada del Gracioso; Mozart: Concerto For Piano No 18, B Flat Major, K. 456; Mendelssohn: Symphony No 3 (Scotch). \$3-6; box seats, \$7. Available to students thru Feb 26; thereafter subject to availability to general public.

SUBSCRIPTION CONCERTS March 4 at 8:15, March 5 at 2, March 6 at 8:30. Bernard Haitink, conductor. Ravel: Alborada del Gracioso; Stravinsky: Symphony In Three Movements; Mendelssohn: Symphony No 3 (Scotch). \$6-13; tickets subject to availability.

SUBSCRIPTION CONCERTS March 11, 12 at 8:15; March 14 at 3. Bernard Haitink, conductor; Silvia Marcovici, violin. Cowell: Hymn and Fuguing Tune No 3; Mendelssohn: Violin Concerto; Shostakovich: Symphony No 4. \$6-13; tickets subject to availability.

ARTISTS SERIES CONCERT March 15 at 7:30. Landolfi Quartet. Rochberg: Quartet No 1; Bartok: Quartet No 5; Beethoven: Quartet, E Flat Major, Opus 127. \$2.50 (unreserved, general admission); box seats, \$5.

YOUTH CONCERTS March 16 at 10:30 a.m., 12 noon. Henry Mazer, conductor; Charles Sterba, piano; Cyrus J. Colter, narrator, in a "Music of Many Lands" program featuring the works of Berlioz, Grieg, Shostakovich, Falla, and Copland. 75¢-\$1.50; box seats, \$2.50.

SUBSCRIPTION CONCERTS March 18 at 8:15, March 19 at 2; March 20 at 8:30.

Carlo Maria Giulini, conductor; Dmitri Alekseyev, piano. Webern: Six Pieces; Moussorgsky-Ravel: Pictures At An Exhibition; piano concerto to be announced. \$6-13; tickets subject to availability.

SUBSCRIPTION CONCERTS March 25 at 8:15, March 26 at 2, March 27 at 8:30. NON-SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT March 29 at 8:15 features same program. Carlo Maria Giulini, conductor; Faye Robinson, soprano; Claudine Carlson, mezzo soprano; Frank Little, tenor; Raymond Michalski, bass; Chicago Symphony Chorus, Margaret Hillis, conductor. Beethoven: Symphony No 9. \$6-13; tickets for subscription concerts subject to availability. Box seat tickets for March 29, \$16.

CIVIC CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT March 26 at 8:15 in the ballroom of Orchestra Hall. Program to be announced. \$2.50.

"MUSIC IS THE MESSAGE" concert March 31 at 2. Henry Mazer, conductor; Donald Peck, flute; Harlan High School Chorus, Mrs. Effie Gardner, director. Brahms: Variations On A Theme By Haydn; Tchaikovsky: Capriccio Italien; Chaminade: Concertino For Flute; Lambert: The Rio Grande. \$1-2; box seats, \$3.50.



Solti

of his breathtaking performance.

If you don't believe it, watch the women. Solti's conducting has been said to make sophisticated matrons stomp and shout. He fascinates high school girls whose favorite listening up until visiting Orchestra Hall was the latest rock group. And he draws

hearty applause from the men whose companies are taking a new interest in supporting a civic orchestra.

Maybe it's because he makes musical phrases clear with a tightness of direction which doesn't dawdle. Maybe it's because he's a romantic, aptly paired with a romantic orchestra like the Chicago. And maybe it's because Solti is one who always likes to keep fresh, traveling himself to various music halls of the world, letting other conductors compete, if you will, for his Chicago audience.

Therefore, the remainder of this subscription season offers, in addition to Solti, other conductors such as Carlo Maria Giulini, Bernard Haitink, and Henry Mazer. Compositions vary from Bartok to Beethoven, Prokofieff to Mendelssohn, Grieg to Stravinsky.

Orchestra Hall is also offering two special concert programs, Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 in D Minor, Opus 125, and Wagner's *Der Fliegende Holländer* for those who prefer to devote their evening listening to a complete work.

In addition, Orchestra Hall's matinee schedule provides operating personnel on split shift schedules an opportunity to attend matinee concerts at noon and 2 p.m., at reduced ticket prices on selected weekdays.

Finally, if you'd rather renew your American musical heritage this Bicentennial year, each concert by the Chicago Symphony Artists Series of Chamber Music Concerts will feature the work of an American composer.

Things To Do (Continued)

"JAMBOREE," Feb 29 at 3, Chicago Contemporary Dance Theatre, 2257 N. Lincoln. \$3.50; students, seniors, \$2.50. 871-3000.

MILL RUN THEATRE--Gaugin, with Lee Pelyt, thru March 1, from \$5. The Pointer Sisters and Jimie Walker, March 9-14. From \$7.50. Golf Rd. & Milwaukee, Niles. 298-2170.

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART--Abstract Expressionist Exhibit by painters Arshile Gorky, Wlem de Kooning, Jackson Pollack, Franz Kline, and Philip Guston, thru Feb. Peter Blume, A Comprehensive retrospective exhibit, thru Feb. "Alternative Realities" exhibit of five young artists, Bill Martin, Gre Taylor, Sheila Rue, Tom Akawie, and Cliff Renolds, thru Feb 29. Silent Comedy Classics--"Modern Times" and Film Short, Feb 24 at 6. \$1.50. Members, students, \$1. 237 E. Ontario. Mon-Sat frn 10-5, Thurs from 10-8, Sun from 12-5. Adults, \$1 seniors, students, 50¢. 943-7755.

POLO indoors Sun at 7 thru March, Walter Tver Army. Barrington vs Milwaukee, Brookfield vs Lake Forest, Match Game (to be announced), Feb 28. Hinsdale vs Barrington, Milwaukee vs Lake Forest, March 7. Brookfield vs Hinsdale, Lake Forest vs Barrington, Match Game (to be announced), March 14. Milwaukee vs Hinsdale, Brookfield vs Barrington,

March 21. 234 E. Chicago. \$2, \$4, \$5.25; tickets available thru Ticketron.

"SPLENDORS OF THE MILKY WAY" sky show thru March, Adler Planetarium. 1300 S. Lake Shore. \$1.50; children, 75¢. 294-4624.

"TAMBOURINES TO GLORY" March 3-6, Kennedy King College. March 3-4 at 3:15, March 4-6 at 8. 69th and Wentworth. 962-3301.

"THE BECKONING FAIR ONE," thru Feb, The Organic Theatre. Wed-Sun. 4520 N. Beacon. From \$3.50. 271-2436.

"THE HITLER MASQUE," by Ronald Roe with William J. Norris thru March, Victory Gardens Theatre. One man show portrays Adolph Hitler, the man, during his final hour just before he committed suicide April 30, 1945. Fri at 8; Sat at 8, 10:30; Sun at 7:30. \$4; students, seniors \$3 for all shows except Sat. 3730 N. Clark. 549-5788.

"THE MAGIC OF YOUNG HOUDINI" Sat at 1 thru Feb 28, Mill Run Children's Theatre. 600 Golf Mill Shopping Center, Niles. \$2.25. 298-2333.

UICC-CONCERTS Wed at 2 thru March, Education and Communications Bldg. Erica Wallenstein, violinist; Eleanore Vail, pianist, Feb 25; UICC piano students, March 3; UICC Jazz Ensemble, March 10. Harrison & Morgan. Admission free.

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**It Isn't Winning Or Losing--
 But How You Played The Game**
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By W. B. Wolfan

Sports is something that gets into your blood when you are young.

Many years ago it mattered not whether you were All-American, All State or just a second stringer.

A high school coach had lifetime tenure in his job because if he won one city title in 30 years that was good enough (my own coach retired at age 65, and is still teaching physical education).

At 17, I became a sports writer, and for 12½ years I covered every sport--basketball, football, track, tennis, baseball--involving seven high schools, a junior college and one denominational privately en-

The losers would walk off the field, head held high, and congratulate the others on their victory.

There was no uproar in the stands--no one hurling pop bottles at officials. It was unheard of in that era.

So it doesn't seem out of place to ask what is gone wrong.

Well, some people say the fun has gone out of the game--too much emphasis on the physical, and not enough on ideals.

Make no mistake about it, players were very physical in the 1930's, among them Bronko Nagurski and Bill Hewitt. We saw them play pro ball.

Once the Bronk carried five rivals on his back as he drove across the goal for the Bears from seventy yards out.

We knew one player who met up with Bill Hewitt on the NFL. This chap told us it took him two weeks to regain his physical health after meeting up with Hewitt. We'd stack Nagurski and Hewitt against the McJoe Greene's or anybody else who could last the full 60 minutes (nonplatoon system).

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Prep violence 'encouraged'

Game isn't fun any more: coach

dowed institution that played only basketball.

In that long period before World War II, I cannot recall an act of violence by a participant--either on the prep football field, basketball court or in any other sport. The only violence I can remember seeing was in a sport, professional boxing, where belting the other guy out with a right hand punch was the name of the game.

But that was pro boxing, the manly art of self defense. I never saw a high school basketball player slug another because if he had, he would have been kicked off the team that day.

Among those athletes who competed in the prep sports I covered, the list today numbers presidents of companies, doctors, lawyers, architects, almost any profession one can name. That is what happened to them after their high school and college careers were long gone and forgotten. They succeeded in life.

What is the message that comes out of these lessons of yesterday?

Simply this--those young men played for fun, love of the game, and believe me, the winning spirit was ever present, but it was not the ultimate.

So the blame doesn't all belong upon the physical view of sports the kids get on the tube.

What's wrong today, in our opinion, is that no one seems to teach the youngsters that the true emphasis of sports is in learning how to live with others, in developing a sense of fair play. Discipline provides this--and winning usually follows, but winning is not everything if it means bashing in the other guy's head while doing it.

Sports is merely a game that precedes the game of life. Our authorities who run sports had better be awakened to what is happening at the interscholastic level, before we have lost one of our most precious commodities--development of manhood.

Who can remember who won the Rose Bowl 50 years ago? And there is nothing as anonymous as the ex-All-American of 1955. You have to look in the record book to find out who he is or was.

So what does count? They used to abide by the rule--"it isn't whether you win or lose, it is HOW you play the game."

We had better get back to that philosophy--or we are returning to the days of the Roman gladiators.

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

CLAIMS LAW & REAL ESTATE -

We have more changes to report. A fond farewell is extended to MARY BERRY who left our department on Jan. 9, and is now working in the Treasury Department. We wish Mary much happiness in her new job and we will all miss her. A new face? That's RUSS PIROVANO, director of Administration and Development. We extend a warm welcome to him. JANICE ORLOWSKI has made a few moves---one to a new home in Hanover Park with her husband, ETCH, and one to the Insurance Department. We hope she finds happiness with them. Speaking of moves, NANCY and LOU CASTRO moved to their new home in Glen Ellyn. Congratulations and good luck. Before BILL SCHRAM took his pension on Jan. 1, his many friends and co-workers at CTA had a wonderful get-together for him in the office. During a break in the activities, Bill was presented with a gift of his retirement portfolio by LEON



Wool, Schram, Lembachner & Sepic

WOOL, director of Claims Management, and BILL LEMBACHNER and PETE SEPIC assisting. Have a happy and healthy retired life, Bill, and come see us sometime...SAL and ROSEMARY GARRO became grandparents for the first time when their daughter, ROSEMARY, and her husband, ALEX, became the proud parents of LARA ELIZABETH TAFARI. This new addition to the Garro family has made ELEANOR great-aunt---not that she wasn't already. CAROL TAYLOR will celebrate her one-year anniversary with CTA on Feb. 17. Isn't this be the first of many to come...A Hated happy birthday to RUSS PIROVANO. Was that 29 again, Russ?...JOHN and BETTY HENNESSY and their daughter, REGAN, spent the Christmas holidays by taking a three-week vacation to Ireland and England. John reports that a good time was had by all...BILL UHL made an appearance in January. Bill has been off for quite some time with a baseball injury. He has since been re-located to the Insurance Department, but it's good to see him back in the "ol' ball game"...When questioned, GAIL GRIES stated there is

nothing happening in the Real Estate Department. Come on, you guys, let's have some news...Get well wishes go to TERRI KRAMER, DON BURTON, MARGE SCHINTZ, BING APITZ and MIKE SHANAHAN. Hope to see you all back by the time this issue is in print...That's about it for this month.

- Michelle Vitale

CTA SECURITY -

Fellow colleagues and other readers of the Transit News: I am sorry this is going to be a short article, but I am just returning from a furlough and haven't had time to gather any news...First of all I would like to say that EDWARD M. JORDAN, manager of Security; JOHN SHEEHY, superintendent of Uniformed Patrol Division; RICHARD GLIEBE, director of Personnel, and the entire department wish a speedy recovery for Retired Sergeant TONY MOKSTAD who is in the intensive care unit at St. Elizabeth hospital...President DANIEL MARTINIAK of FOP Lodge 89 would like to thank all the members and their families who helped to make the raffle on Jan. 14 a success. Patrolman JOHN HIGENS came out with high honors by selling 100 tickets. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes were won by Sergeant HEINZ VOGT, Lieutenant SAM RINI, and JUDY TOKARCZYK, the wife of TOM TOKARCZYK, who works out at the West Section Unit. The raffle tickets were pulled by Miss TERRY SWEENEY and little PATTY (Flynn) WASSON...It was a fond adieu that the CTA Security Department bid Officer HARRY LAATSCH who took his pension on Jan. 1 after more than 33 years of service. A member of the North Section Unit, Harry was presented



Jordan, Laatsch and Sheehy

with a farewell gift by Mr. JORDAN and Mr. SHEEHY. So, Harry, we all wish you good luck and a long and healthy retired life...Congratulations to Patrolman JOE CONNORS of the South Section Unit who celebrated 30 years of service with CTA on Jan. 25. In his younger days, Joe was

a sparring partner for former heavyweight boxing champ Joe Louis, and received the nickname "Little Joe Louis" around the department...Range Officer ANTHONY NOVAKOVICH, a former officer with the Markham Police Department, is doing a wonderful job in teaching the course of firearm qualifications. He commended Chief BILL BUTLER, Sergeant PAUL FIDANZE and Sergeant PAUL WALACE on perfect scores of 100...Patrolman of the Month---During the month of January, Officer ROBERT SMITH of the Crime Prevention Unit and a graduate student of DePaul university majoring in police science, was chosen for his outstanding work on and off duty, and his long list of commendations. Officer Smith came to the department in November, 1973 and worked the West Section Unit as a uniformed patrolman. In June of 1975 he attended the police basic law course at Lisle, Ill., and graduated with a 96 per cent average. In September, 1975 he was selected by Richard Gliebe, director of Personnel, to attend a police training course in crime prevention at Lisle, Ill. After completing his course he returned to the unit where he developed two crime prevention patterns, working with the Chicago Police Department Mass Transit Unit, which led to the arrest of two offenders. Officer Smith's latest commendation was for the apprehension of eight youths at the Douglas Terminal who had kicked out bus windows and pulled the emergency cord while exiting from the bus after threatening the driver. The youths were arrested and turned over to the Cicero Police Department youth officer. Good luck, partner, and keep up the good work.

- Frank Pickett Jr.

ELECTRICAL (Rapid Transit Signal Division) -

"There we've done it again!" Our fellows have a record of coming through when the going gets tough. They really hang in

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JOINING THE ranks of the retired on February 1 was **RAYMOND JANKOWSKI**, operator, Archer Garage, who had 42 years of service with CSL and CTA.



NEW PENSIONERS

WALKER BALK, Clerk, North Section, Emp. 10-3-40
CLEMENS BART, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 7-24-41
ROBERT BUTLER, Motorman, South Section, Emp. 8-14-46
SAMUEL CASELMAN, Bus Repairer, Campaign Area, Emp. 10-8-45
JOHN DALY, Adjuster I, Claims Law, Emp. 5-16-44
HERMAN DUKES, Motorman, South Section, Emp. 3-30-50
ERNEST ERICKSEN, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 8-27-42
ANTHONY ESONES, Bus Repairer, Archer, Emp. 6-17-39
ELIZABETH HEERAN, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 3-23-47
LAWRENCE HOFFMAN, Box Puller, Limits, Emp. 1-21-46
RAYMOND JANKOWSKI, Operator, Archer, Emp. 10-18-33

RUTH JOHNSON, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 2-11-70
LESLIE KEAG, Superintendent, Limits, Emp. 8-24-36
ARDIST KELLEY, Rail Janitor, Maintenance, Emp. 6-25-43
JOHN LIOCE, Repairman A, Desplaines Terminal, Emp. 1-16-46
J. KENNETH MAREK, Schedule Maker, Operations Planning, Emp. 10-17-42
KATHLEEN McKENNY, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 9-15-41
JAMES McPARTLAN, Bus Serviceman, North Park, Emp. 12-9-47
ADOLPH MESCHER, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 12-18-40
JOHN METKE, Operator, Archer, Emp. 9-26-40
EDWARD O'SHAUGHNESSY, Mail Clerk, Administrative Services, Emp. 5-6-41
ARMAND PETERSON, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 7-7-42
DANIEL PRISBLE, Bus Repairman, North Park, Emp. 7-28-42
WITOLD SKORUPSKI, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 12-4-40
JOHN STICH, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 12-5-40
EUGENE VANELLA, Supt., Power Ops., Electrical, Emp. 5-4-39
FRANK VITEK, Superintendent, 69th Street, Emp. 11-29-40
MICHAEL WILKIEL, Substation Attendant, Electrical, Emp. 12-10-44

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

JESSE BYRD, Operator, 52nd Street, Emp. 6-27-44
FRANK KUBICKI, Tire Repairer, Archer Tire Center, Emp. 11-14-47

there when an emergency in the extreme cold merits their attention. Such was the case with the much publicized train accident on the Kennedy Rapid Transit line recently. Our hats are off to these gallant men who were some of the first to show up at the accident, and without a doubt, the last to leave...What do you say when JIM REIDY makes signal maintainer; why the same thing they said to Alexander Graham Bell when he first invented the telephone: "Now who do you call?" Welcome to the club, Jim, and the best of luck to you... While ice fishing in the snowy January weather, I found a most interesting group of new members for our "year older club." Standing here (and there) warming their hands (and hearts) among warm happy birthday greetings were: Retired Signal Maintainer ELMER STOKES, Jan. 7; Signal Maintainer COY CAUSEY, Jan. 2; Signal Maintainer CHARLIE SEMON, Jan. 14; Signal Maintainer JIM REIDY, Jan. 28; Signal Helper JIM GOLDEN, Jan. 27; Signal Maintainer WAYNE ALBRECHT, Jan. 31, and Signal Helper JIM LOWDER, Jan. 5. Congratulations, gentlemen...Regretfully we report the death of PATRICK A. COMER, the father of Signal Maintainer

ROGER M. COMER, Howard Street. To this bereaved family, you have our prayers in your hour of sorrow...A luncheon was given in December for PAUL CLEAVER, superintendent of Signal and Communications, in honor of his retirement. A host of friends, acquaintances and fellow employees showed up to wish him well. Topping the list of men who were there and made short speeches were: GEORGE KRAMBLES, General Operations manager; ARTHUR SANDBERG, manager of Engineering, and JAMES STEWART, director of Equipment Engineering. Also being honored at the luncheon was JIM JOEFREY, general clerk, who also retired. There were plenty of girls present (mostly office staff) to pretty up the place and to wish the honorees a successful retirement. Not the least among these was Paul's own charming wife, KITTY. Paul started working for the company in November of 1945 as a track maintenance helper. He has vivid memories of stomping along the rapid transit tracks when he worked as a signal helper and as a signal maintainer. His effort now is being turned to stomping around the countryside making full use of the 28-foot trailer he bought

just before his retirement. One highlight of the event was the presentation of a 1 foot canoe to Paul and Kitty, purchased the men in the field as well as the off force. No you weren't there, but Retired Signal Foreman WILLIAM BAKER was. So was LEN WUKSTEN, STEVEN ZELNER, CLYDE HAYES and VIC ZASTER. Signal Engineer KEN BISSET did a fit job as M.C. Our sincere thanks to two fit gentlemen who served us well. May you both have a long and joyous retirement. We join Retired Signal Maintainer PET WEST in mourning the death of his mother Mrs. MARGARET WEST. Mrs. West, who was nearing her 93rd birthday, had many friends who will miss her. To Pete, his charming wife, JEAN, and their daughter TOMI, you have our prayers...Congratulations to Signal Maintainer CHARLIE SEMON on his 30th anniversary with CTA. Charlie is with the Signal Department construction gang, leads a good life, doesn't kick the dog, is kind to the cat, etc. What are you going to do for an encore Charlie?..I know you guys are out there all our retired signal personnel and friends of same. But I can't quite put my hands, eyes--er, ears on you. I can almost hear the faint noise about this time of the month as you shuffle the pages of the Transit News looking for bits of news about what's going on here at CTA as well as the whereabouts of other retired guys like yourself. OK, I'll give you something you can sit down with: the fellows here (the working force) still have a lot of respect for you and wish you the best of everything. I enjoy hearing from you and would like to sort of put you in touch with each other. I can be reached by phone: Extension 441 on the south, or address correspondence to: Tommie Lowery, Signal Maintainer, c/o Clerk, 329 East 61st Chicago, Ill. 60637...We regretfully report the death of our fellow employee Signal Maintainer LEON WILSON, on Jan. 4. Words cannot express our sorrow nor the emptiness we feel at losing a warm and dear friend. To his loving wife SUSAN, and all of his family, again we offer our heartfelt sympathy. God bless you and be with you in these hours of sorrow...Signal Maintainers JOHN WOUFEL AL PELUSO and PAUL JANKOWSKI got caught working out in the cold with their ear flaps down. They got front page coverage (picture and all) in the Cicero Life of work they were doing stringing cable in the extreme cold and snowy weather at 50th Avenue on the Douglas Rapid Transit line. (Enough of the showing off, fellows now come on inside before you freeze)...KENNY KLEICH is back! You guys all know Ken, formerly a signal maintainer on the North and West Sides before he resigned a few years ago. Kenny has now returned as a signal design draftsman. Welcome back old buddy, and lots of luck in your new position.

- Tommie Lowery

GENERAL OFFICE (Insurance & Pensions) - Birthday greetings to GRACE GONZALEZ, Jan. 2, and MARIA HESS, Feb. 4...The welcome mat is extended to JANICE ORLOWSKI, receptionist, who transferred from the Claims Law Department.

(Medical) - Happy birthday wishes went to Dr. ARNOLD PECK on Jan. 23.

(Administrative Services) - PATTI JO JACOBS received a beautiful diamond ring from CRAIG HEATTER, Personnel Department. The wedding is planned for next year...The welcome mat is extended to MICHELLE WALKER, clerk-typist...In last month's issue of Transit News we told you that EARL (Pete) PETERSON took his retirement on Jan. 1 after more than 32 years of service. What we didn't tell you was that a swell get-



Peterson and Wood

together was held for Pete in the mail room before he left, given by his many friends and co-workers. Pete was presented with a gift and his retirement portfolio by Management Services Manager ROGER WOOD. Good luck and good health, Pete, we'll miss you.

(Personnel) - CECILIA PARENTI took a maternity furlough to await a blessed event...The department wants to wish MARY ANNE McMAHON and her husband, PAT, lots of luck with their new son, TERRY. They got a wonderful present from Santa Claus when he left the little bundle of joy under the Christmas tree. We also want to say how much we miss you now that you're gone, Mary Anne. As soon as we figure out your filing system, we will be back in business...Best of luck and happiness to HARRY SYKORA, personnel analyst, who with his bride recently bought a new home in Palos Heights...Also to ROGER TORBIK, superintendent, salary administration, and his nappy family, lots of luck and happiness in their new home on Chicago's Northwest Side...Congratulations are in order for ED BOLE, supervisor, Job Classification, on his promotion to supervisor, Employment Department...MARIA LOPEZ is spending many sleepless nights with her new addi-

tion to the family. They got a new puppy named Tita, and she is all that Maria talks about...Congratulations to TOM CZECH and his wife, SUE, on the birth of their first child, NICOLE MARIE, born Jan. 17...ERMA POINTER just completed one year of service with this department, and we hope it will be a long relationship...AL PORTER, formerly of Claims Law, has joined the department and is a most welcome addition. Happy to have you aboard, AL...ART HUBACZ and his wife spent the holidays in San Diego, Cal., visiting with his son, daughter-in-law and adorable grandson...Just before the holidays, KATHY FABRY spent a week in Sarasota, Fla., where she visited the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus Museum and Mansion, the Jungle Gardens, and enjoyed swimming in the Gulf of Mexico...LINDA MARTINEZ, typist, reports that her grandfather, Mr. JUAN NAVARRO, is resting at home now after his recent kidney operation. Linda says her grandpa is over 80 years old, and has had several operations in the past few years but still seems to have more energy and enthusiasm than a lot of us younger folk...BARB COLWELL and her husband, ED, assistant district superintendent of the North Rail District, took a few days off in January to drive to Philadelphia and take a look at the transit system there. Barb says ED shows signs of becoming a hard-core railfan and that a little of it is rubbing off on her too...BILL CLINE and the rest of Personnel Development celebrated the second birthday of Bill's daughter, KATHLEEN, on Jan. 22. Kathleen's younger sister, ELIZABETH, appeared in our September 1975 edition of Transit News...JIM TRETTON retired Jan. 1 after more than 24 years with the CTA. All of us wish him many happy and healthy retirement years. And don't forget to stop in and see us whenever you are in the neighborhood, Jim.

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neumann

FOREST GLEN -

Attention all CTA retirees: a retirement club is being organized at the present time with meetings being held at the Golden Flame restaurant located at Higgins and Nagle. Meeting time is 12 noon, the second Tuesday of each month. All pensioners are welcome. We will be looking forward to seeing you at the CTA Pioneer Retirement Club...A first--Clerk MOSELEY's wife, BERNADETTE, presented him with a beautiful baby boy, JOSHUA GRANT, born Dec. 23 weighing 7 pounds 12 ounces and 21 inches long. What a nice Christmas gift, and just in time for a deduction on his income tax. That's planning. Mother and baby are doing fine, but Moseley has been looking tired. Been practicing diaper changing?.. Speaking of babies, TONY SMITH can hardly wait until April when he and his Mrs., CHARLIE, are expecting

their first, Good luck...Retired Operator NORRIS and his wife, JEAN, recently enjoyed a 23-day trip to Europe where they visited London, Paris, Naples, Venice and the Alps. Being a retired bus operator, that's how they toured Europe--by bus--and enjoyed every minute of it. Norris, who had 39 years of service before taking his pension, had worked a night bus on Northwest Highway. Many thanks, Norris, for your phone call...By the way, fellows, have you noticed Superintendent JAMES BROGAN lately? Take note of his good looking suits. The old boy is getting younger, and a fine gentleman to boot... My lovely wife, JEAN, came home during the recent snow storm with her boots on the wrong feet. I wasn't sure which way she was walking, but what a picture she made. Mrs. Henry is a good sport--she has to be to live with me...We would all like to wish the very best to the following men who retired on Jan. 1. Each will be missed, and do drop in and pay us a visit: C. BACHARA, E. BRZECZEK, G. EDWARDS, E. GUEDEL, A. HIGGINS, E. LAUBE, J. MOREAU, F. PRADZINSKI, E. STOBART, A. STRASSER, R. THORNE and R. ZAPP...L. J. MARINGER, the top man on the picking list, must have been in doubt about getting his run. Being on the street when the pick started, he left six choices. Maybe it was the shock of being raised to first place...Received a Christmas card from Retired Operator W. G. WOOD who says hello to all. At the present he is working for the Tucson Transit Company as a schedule maker and enjoying the beautiful weather. Any of you who would like to drop Woody a line, his address is W. G. Wood Sr., 4834 E. Wyoming, Tucson, Ariz. 85706...Operator TED GALUS says, "It's about time I picked easier runs." Guess the old boy is slowing down some... Use your credit union.

- W. A. Henry

KEDZIE -

The Kedzie Instruction Department would like to see our accident record improve by reducing our accident ratio. With a little effort by all the operators, we can attain this goal...Operator HARVEY BEY, assistant treasurer of Kedzie Credit Union, was re-elected president of the West Side Chapter of the Illinois Credit Union League which consists of approximately 58 credit unions. His job will be to assist all credit unions in the chapter with new operating material, program planning and communication seminars. We hope this year will be just as great as last year, as his leadership and determination have proven that a well planned meeting is beneficial to all credit unions involved. Good luck, Harvey, in 1976...CONNIE FLORITA, the wife of Tire Center Foreman JOSEPH FLORITA, was hospitalized but is now home and doing very well...Janitor F. (Red) CARLIN was hospitalized for a gall bladder operation

Service anniversaries in February

40 years



H. W. Higley,
North Park



G. A. Riley,
Transportation



J. Nesbit,
Electrical



T. P. Hoey,
Skokie Shop



C. J. Snyder,
West Section

A. V. Racky,
Claims Law

J. J. Finlay,
Kedzie

35 years

N. Anneri, North Avenue
E. H. Bugal, Security
S. Canella, Stores-North
F. J. Grimaldi, North Avenue
J. E. McCoy, Real Estate

30 years

G. H. Adams, Specifications
W. Bell, South Section
W. A. Burbatt, Beverly
M. J. Burke, South Shops
J. DeBenedetto, West Section
R. Dickerson, 69th Street
C. V. Dugo, Electrical
R. W. Flood, North Park
T. Foy, South Shops
L. D. Garmony, 52nd Street
D. V. Gorski, North Avenue
W. F. Gourmoe, Beverly

J. R. Grzelak, Forest Glen
J. Halko Jr., 69th Street
M. E. Hamilton, South Shops
G. G. Hatchett, Control Center
J. Hill, 52nd Street
T. D. Kelly, North Park
P. J. Kenny, Electrical
F. S. Lipinski, Forest Glen
J. T. McCrea, 77th Street
E. V. McDeldowney, Vehicle Maint.
S. S. Michalec, Utility
W. P. Rafferty, South Shops
J. M. Thurow, Central Counting
A. Toney, 77th Street
D. J. Trant, South Section
F. R. Zampetti, Desplaines Maint. Term

25 years

J. G. Arendt, Archer
S. E. Brown, Forest Glen
H. C. Chatman, Beverly
J. Collymore, South Section
W. C. Cooley, South Section
E. Corker, South Shops
H. C. Crawford, Buildings & Grounds
D. D'Andrea, Kedzie
H. E. Dixon, Forest Park
M. A. Doll, Electrical
P. Duffy, Stores-South

J. L. Echols, 77th Street
C. Edwards, Archer
W. Falls Jr., 52nd Street
D. J. Gilliland, Stores-South
W. W. Haskins, Buildings & Grounds
W. P. Hooper, Kedzie
W. Hunter, Forest Park
M. Jackson, Buildings & Grounds
E. Kane, South Section
J. Levanovic, District B
L. Lumpkin, 77th Street
F. Mason, Utility
J. J. McDermott, Skokie Shop
H. McMillan, Utility
J. C. Miller, Utility
A. Mines Sr., Beverly

W. E. Mitchell, West Section
B. H. Paxton, Skokie Shop
W. E. Payne, South Section
R. L. Poellnitz, Utility
S. A. Pollock, South Section
J. W. Quinn, North Park
I. Richman, North Park
R. G. Robinson, 77th Street
A. Scarbrough, District A
A. Silins, North Section
J. W. Simmons, South Section
J. F. Simpson, Stores-South
J. W. Sims, 77th Street
E. P. Singleton, South Section
H. R. Siuba, South Shops
D. W. Sparks, North Park

and is now home recuperating...Pensioner J. LYNCH who was also hospitalized for an operation is now home and doing fine... DOROTHY CLARK, the wife of Pensioner DAVE CLARK, is in Swedish Covenant hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery. ..We express our deepest sympathy to Retired Superintendent C. SONDRERS in the death of his wife, JESSIE; to Operator M. DZINCIOLOSKI in the loss of his mother, Mrs. ANN DZINCIOLOSKI who was laid to rest on Jan. 14 at St. Joseph cemetery, and to the family of Operator GEORGE BROWN who passed away on Jan. 14... R. C. JACKSON has left our ranks to join the CTA Security force. He said he likes his new job and it is very interesting. Good luck, Jackson...To everyone having a

birthday this month, Happy Birthday. To everyone having an anniversary, we wish you many, many more...Everyone is invited out to see our basketball team in action. The schedule of games is posted on the bulletin board...Don't forget your credit union--save a little each payday.

- Raymond Graham

LIMITS -

Greetings!..Well, by the time you read this a very fine guy and a friend of everyone here will be gone. The man? Our superintendent, L. M. KEAG, who retired Feb. 1 with more than 39 years of service with CSL and CTA. I don't have too much in-

formation yet, but Mr. Keag has promised to let me know of his future plans in time for the next issue, so keep an eye out for the March Transit News...Another new retiree is L. J. HOFFMAN, our p.m. box puller. He said, "In all my 30 years with CSL and CTA, I have come in contact with a lot of wonderful people. I have benefited in so many ways. I want to thank each and every one of them from the bottom of my heart, and I shall cherish this warm feeling for as long as I live. Thanks, everybody." How about that!..Leaving Jan. I was a very special kind of guy. Just one look around the garage and you can tell right off he's not here. He had a special way of doing things that really made the place look great. Who? None other than

initior STANLEY TUREK. I'll be talking to him too about his retirement plans, so watch for the next issue...Our deepest condolences are extended to Former Superintendent C. SONDER'S in the passing of his wife; also to C. IACULLO in the passing of his brother, WILLIAM. By the way, Iacullo is off sick at this time. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope he's back to work soon...Get well wishes go to Operator HAMMON who has been off sick for some time, and to Operators MANN, ROWEN, THOMPSON and GREEN...Hear'd at Ms. BETTY JONES will be back very soon. How about that, fellows, pretty pretty will be gracing our garage again soon. And speaking of coming back, hurry and get well soon, IRMA, we miss you here!...Well, that's about it for now. Don't forget to save at your credit union. And don't forget to get all your news in to me--CHARLES TURNER, Badge 9509--for next month. See you then.

- Charles Turner

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

TRICIA REED, stenographer, Specifications Department, moved on and up to secretarial steno in Internal Auditing. Congratulations, Pat--we'll miss you...ANDY GUNNINGHAM, Storeroom 61, went to California for the holidays. He was very proud to show the latest snapshots of his to lovely granddaughters. But from the tapevine, it was learned that he also spent a day or two whooping it up in Vegas. It was seen those pictures, too, Andy...One of our material control clerks spent his vacation in Arkansas eating all of that "own home" cooking. He's having trouble keeping his pants fastened, and as of this date he's checking out Weight Watchers and trying to locate Vio Tanny. That couldn't be QUALLS, could it?...We certainly enjoyed having our "Main Man," J. WHITTNEY, from the South Shops, in Storeroom 6 for a week...It was a pleasure to see Inspector HAROLD ENWRIGHT again who now resides in Lehigh Acres, Fla...JEAN (NEILL's husband, JIM, is home recuperating from his recent illness. We're happy to report that ROBERT PIEPER's wife is home also and getting along fine...Happy birthday to the Capricorns of Materials Management--namely, JOANNE DETTIN, MARY CAHILL, IRMA PRYOR and LINDA LUNDBERG...Glad to see HARRY TISCHER back in Storeroom 20, West Shops, for his annual visit, and we wish to welcome MARK FITZPATRICK to the 2nd also...CHRISTINE and WILLIAM GUNTWELL became the proud parents of a son, DAVID WILLIAM, on Dec. 11. David weighed in at 4 pounds 3 ounces. William is a laborer in the Stores section at West Shops...We send speedy recovery wishes to PENNIS DRISLANE, stock clerk, Storeroom 20, who is in St. Anne's hospital...Or sincere condolences to DOROTHY ULJANIN, typist, Storeroom 20, who lost

Marilyn Scores Second "First"

"Moving forward" was the goal of Mrs. Marilyn Jackson when she became the first female subway-elevated conductor in August, 1974 for the Chicago Transit Authority.

Now, a year and a half later, Mrs. Jackson has qualified as a line instructor--making her the first woman in the CTA's rapid transit system to hold this position.

Working out of the company's South Section, Mrs. Jackson said, "My first 18 months with CTA have been most rewarding as well as a real challenge. I hope to continue to move forward in the CTA until I reach the height of my capacity."

Evidence of Mrs. Jackson's desire to make transportation her career, came recently when she began inquiring as to what college courses she could pursue in order to become an interlocking engineer with the CTA.

"Although my two years at Loop Jr. College were spent preparing for a degree in English," Mrs. Jackson noted, "since working at CTA I want to learn all I can about transportation, become an expert and remain in the field."

Mrs. Jackson in her spare time takes off for the roller skating rink--a hobby she has followed since her grammar school and high school days.

Mrs. Jackson is a 1968 graduate of Hyde Park High school. Her husband, Bennie, is a bus driver for the CTA. He works out of the 77th Street Garage. The Jacksons have two sons, Brian, 6, and Eric, 2.

— Betty Edwards



Marilyn Jackson

an aunt on Jan. 11, and also to TONY DIGIOVANNI whose sister passed away...The guys in Storeroom 42 would like to welcome Laborer DAVID KNOERR and Stock Clerk JOHN GURRIERI...HELEN SLATTERY and her husband, TOM, Skokie Shop, have taken their long-awaited vacation. At last report they were soaking up the warm weather in Florida. How we envy them...A "Little Termite" entered the world on Dec. 20 and made THURMAN COLLIER (the "Termite" in Storeroom 7) and his wife, ADRIENNE, very happy. The "Little Termite" weighed in at 7 pounds 10 ounces and Ticket Agent Supervisor A.M. SCOTT, the grandma, was passing out the cigarettos. By the way, the baby's name is THURMAN G. COLLIER III...The South Shops welcomes JESSE JUMPER back, and also extends the welcome mat to RICH SMITH...ART EGGERT recently paid a visit to the South Shops and looks better than ever. He's really enjoying his pension...Get well wishes are sent to ED GRZENIA, Storeroom 53.

- Delores Duff

NORTH AVENUE

It is very encouraging to talk to so many of my readers and to know that the interest in the column is at an all time high. I welcome suggestions and constructive criticism. The magnitude of our various departments at North Avenue makes it difficult at times to assure proper coverage of all activities and involvements of our fellow workers. If things work out as

hoped, I shall, beginning with the next issue, have contributing reporters from every facet of our physical plant, thereby offering a guaranty of all the news...Operator CHARLIE HICKS and his wife, ROSE, carved out another notch as they celebrated their wedding anniversary Dec. 21...Many years of service came to a halt as Operators HERMAN H. LANG, JULIUS TEDESCHI, DOUGLAS A. THIME, JULIUS C. BISWURM, ROY C. GAESS, THEODORE F. SWIDER and MARTIN H. SEXTON made their final run as operators Dec. 31. The new retirees were honored with free cake and coffee in their honor by the C&R restaurant for all members of North Avenue. We take our hats off to the owners of this local establishment and praise them with the highest profile possible, for a gesture such as this is worthy of mention and will surely leave a lasting memory with all...Operator ALBERT JACQUES successfully presided over his first meeting as president of the Cook County Council of the Illinois Wildlife Federation on Jan. 14. Jacques is the first person elected to the office of president without going through the ranks of the lower offices...Operators SANTOS RAMOS and FLOYD BANKS JR. are off due to illness...Supervisor CLARENCE SHEPPARD who was off sick and hospitalized is back on the job again...There is an old adage, "Association brings on assimilation," and it holds true as Pensioner ED FISCHER and his wife, MILDRED, were both hospitalized during the same two-week period at St. Anne's hospital...Approximately a year ago Pensioner JACK KREBS had open heart surgery. We

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

had a card from Krebs and we happily report that he is doing excellent...Operator ANTHONY FRENCH, accompanied by EUGENE WROBEL, formerly a bus operator and now with the Schedule Department, had wonderful luck with the fishing at Bending Lake in Ontario, Canada...A reminder from the credit union--it is still not too late to join the Christmas Savings Plan for 1976...Keep the news coming and you will see your name in print.

- Aaron Pruitt

NORTH PARK -

Attention all pensioners and old timers: a social meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 12 noon at the Golden Flame restaurant, 6401 W. Higgins Road. A luncheon will be served at a nominal cost and a discussion of planned events for future meetings will be discussed. Everyone is invited. For further information call FRANK (Red) LASKE at 825-5386. ..The 25th annual business meeting of the North Park credit union was held on Friday, Jan. 9, at the River Park Fieldhouse. Dividends of 7 per cent were declared and refreshments were served. Elected to the board of directors were DALE PETERS, RODERICK AUSTIN and CHARLES SAUER. MEL HORNING was elected to the credit committee. The following won door prizes: MAXINE MESS, BETTY SCHRAMM, EL-EANOR RICHMAN, ELLA CARLSON, VIOLET HORNING, MARIE ZALE, RICHARD GUSTAFSON, CECIL EICHELBERGER, GUS JONES, FRANK PRISBLE, BOBBY HOBBS, WARREN SCHOLL, GEORGE SADLICKI, WALTER HARRIS, CLAUDIO ALVAREZ, HOMER REED, JOHN GOMILLA, BARRY SMITH, HENRY SCHRAMM, MARK MYERS, GENE DRZEWICKI, MAURICE WILLIS, CHARLES SAUER, JOE CITRO, ANTHONY GRANAHAAN, WILLIE TURNER, JACK BRECKENRIDGE, EDGAR NEWTON, JOE CONWELL and FRED POL-LION. ..Operator JOE MIKIETA and his wife, LILLIAN, became grandparents for the ninth time when a grandson named JAMES JOSEPH was born Nov. 10, weighing 8 pounds 10 ounces at DuPage hospital. James' parents are Joe's daughter, Mrs. JOAN ELAINE MORTON and her husband, ROBERT. . . Operator HARRY OSOWSKI wants his friends to know that on and after Jan. 1 there will be one less "Pole" standing at North Park as he will be enjoying his golden years of pensioned life...On Saturday, Jan. 3, Mrs. LEONA NEWMAN and her daughters, AUDREY, ROBERTA and BONNIE, held a surprise pension party for HENRY NEWMAN who retired on Jan. 1 after 33 years of service. Included among the guests were Operators GINO PAOLI, WILLIAM KNIGHT, MEL HORNING and their wives, and by proxy, BILL SEIFERT. Henry's plans for the future lie in the State of Wisconsin where he will fish to his heart's content...A get well card to Operator EARNIE BUCHANAN of 915 E.

ANTON BIALK, 85, North Section, Emp. 8-14-07, Died 12-18-75
WILLIAM BORCHARDT, 83, North Section, Emp. 12-24-09, Died 12-14-75
LORENTZ BREINING, 89, South Shops, Emp. 11-22-28, Died 12-25-75
NELLIE BRESNAHAN, 79, South Section, Emp. 8-11-43, Died 12-10-75
GEORGE BROWN, 34, Kedzie, Emp. 2-15-62, Died 1-11-76
WILLIAM BROWN, 80, Cottage Grove, Emp. 12-21-25, Died 12-13-75
EARL CONWAY, 77, 69th Street, Emp. 8-3-28, Died 12-6-75
ROBERT CARROLL, 74, Beverly, Emp. 4-6-44, Died 12-30-75
PAUL DOWNEY, 78, South Section, Emp. 1-28-27, Died 11-11-75
JEREMIAH DUNN, 71, 69th Street, Emp. 1-8-34, Died 12-14-75
JOSEPH EVANS, 58, 52nd Street, Emp. 12-30-50, Died 1-6-76
ANGELO FALBO, 67, South Shops, Emp. 1-19-48, Died 12-16-75
FREDERICK FEINENDEGEN, 75, Skokie Shop, Emp. 9-18-19, Died 12-29-75
GARRETT FOY, 69, North Park, Emp. 11-16-36, Died 12-12-75
ANDREW GARSTKA, 71, Kimball, Emp. 6-2-43, Died 12-17-75
BENEDICT GARUCKAS, 80, 61st Street, Emp. 10-26-26, Died 1-4-76
JOHN GRIFFIN, 74, Archer, Emp. 8-12-42, Died 12-18-75
ERNEST HARDWIDGE, 89, 61st Street, Emp. 3-21-11, Died 12-4-75
JAMES HICKEY, 73, West Section, Emp. 4-22-20, Died 12-25-75
GALE HRUSKA, 73, 69th Street, Emp. 11-13-29, Died 1-3-76
JAMES HUNT, 67, 69th Street, Emp. 3-7-39, Died 12-11-75
JAMES KELLY, 62, 69th Street, Emp. 11-30-36, Died 1-7-76
CHARLES KNOERR, 72, 77th Street, Emp. 8-13-26, Died 12-13-75

ZIGMANT MARTIN, 68, Stores, Emp. 9-25-46, Died 12-8-75
ADOLPH MERKEL, 84, Devon, Emp. 6-11-20, Died 12-12-75
WALTER MOSS, 87, South Shops, Emp. 3-14-27, Died 12-27-75
ANTHONY MROZYNSKI, 73, 69th Street, Emp. 11-14-27, Died 12-16-75
JOHN MURRAY, 85, 69th Street, Emp. 2-13-20, Died 12-5-75
HARRY NEWBERG, 72, Claims, Emp. 9-3-29, Died 11-29-75
CHARLES NEWMAN, 55, South Shops, Emp. 10-18-51, Died 1-6-76
TERRENCE NICHOLSON, 74, District, Emp. 12-31-26, Died 12-10-75
BARNEY NIMKAVAGE, 81, Stores-South, Emp. 1-15-23, Died 12-23-75
FRANK O'CONNER, 72, North Park, Emp. 2-26-26, Died 1-2-76
PATRICK O'CONNOR, 90, Lawndale, Emp. 4-17-21, Died 12-14-75
THOMAS O'HARA, 78, 77th Street, Emp. 11-19-18, Died 12-8-75
CARL PEPOW, 61, Beverly, Emp. 10-16-45, Died 12-10-75
PETER RACZON, 63, South Shops, Emp. 11-27-40, Died 12-15-75
CORNELIUS SCANLAN, 89, 69th Street, Emp. 11-12-19, Died 12-21-75
GEORGE SCHINDLER, 69, Engineering, Emp. 4-22-30, Died 12-7-75
ANDREW SCHMELTER, 65, Forest Glen, Emp. 8-19-37, Died 12-21-75
WILLIAM SIMON, 63, Electrical, Emp. 2-16-36, Died 12-14-75
JOHN SULLIVAN, 75, Skokie Shop, Emp. 10-30-23, Died 12-7-75
LOUIS THOMPSON, 82, West Section, Emp. 7-22-43, Died 12-30-75
JOSEPH TVRDIK, 66, South Section, Emp. 5-22-37, Died 11-14-75
LEON WILSON, 38, Electrical, Emp. 2-4-63, Died 1-4-76
ALFRED WITHERSPOON, 48, 61st Main Terminal, Emp. 3-8-68, Died 12-28-75

Prairie Avenue, Des Plaines, Ill., and Pensioner JOE GRASSL of 1229 Thacker Avenue, Des Plaines, Ill., would be most appreciated by these two shut-ins.

- Melvin Horning

OPERATIONS PLANNING (Schedules) -

JOE LYNCH and his wife and daughter drove to Florida to get some of the warm sun, but the temperature dropped. Hope you had warm clothing with you. Joe stopped in to visit with Pensioner STEVE LAWLOR in St. Petersburg, and also met Pensioner WILLIAM DEVEREUX...KAY BATINA is now a great-aunt for the second time. Her nephew's wife gave birth to baby girl number 2, ELIZABETH GEANNE. ..Our deepest sympathy is extended to the

family of Pensioner FRED KAHLFELD who passed away Jan. 3.

- Kay Batina & Linda Gysbeck

SOUTH SECTION -

Our news--RON's and mine--is that we have a little puppy named "Snuffy Smith". He's half beagle-half terrier, about three months old now and a little monster, but he's real cute and we're having a lot of fun with him...Congratulations to Conduct CLEVELAND JACKSON who was appointed supervisor Jan. 4...Conductor EAF JONES Jr. and his family took a winter vacation down to New Orleans and then Beaumont, Texas, to see his grandmother. ..We were shocked when we heard that Retired Assistant Superintendent JOSEF

VRDIK, who lived in Oakland, Ark., suffered a heart attack and passed away the first part of December. How sad! He was enjoying his pension so very much. Our sincere condolences to his family...Back on the sick list to their posts are: Motorman WILLIAM PAYNE, Conductor JAMES LAWRENCE and Clerk JOHN ARRY. Also, Mrs. BARRY is now home from the hospital and starting to slowly improve...Agent IRENE HUERTA decided to take the big step. She resigned and was married and moved to Richland, Mich. Now that's a big step to take. Much happiness is wished Irene, and everyone will miss her charming smile at Ashland Station...Yard Foreman JOSEPH PUGH, who had been on the sick list for many months, went on disability pension Jan. 1. We all wish you a fast return to good health and many good wishes...Both 95th Street and 1st Street did themselves proud. They at their commendation/complaint party for the last quarter of 1975 and received free coffee on Jan. 29. Keep up the good work, fellows and gals...Also going on pension on Jan. 1 was Agent CLIFFORD ERCHENRODER. Much happiness in his retirement is wished to Clifford...Saw Retired Work Train Motorman DOMINIC (kicker) CESARE recently. He looks just as lewdly and says hello to all his old friends...Switchman MOSES WILSON's mother passed away recently. Our sincere condolences to Moses in his loss...Clerk ERVIN HARMON had a good vacation. He went down to Miami to see the Super Bowl. I think all the men would have liked to see the Super Bowl in person...Saw that Retired Agent NELLIE BRESNAHAN passed away recently. She had been on pension for a number of years...Former South Sider, Conductor DORIS NEAL, now working on the West Section, as on Channel 2 Saturday, Jan. 17, singing, and was she good! Hope everyone had a chance to see her on TV. Keep up the good work, Doris...Be sure to watch the bulletin boards as the South Side credit union will have its annual meeting and party sometime in March, and we want all of you to join us for a good time. The date and place have not been decided yet, so be sure and watch for the bulletin...Receiving messenger commendations recently were: Conductor JAMES DAVIS for his friendly announcements, and Motorman MICHAEL LEWIS for being helpful in giving directions to a passenger...Retired Supervisor JAMES QUINN called around the holidays and said that he is enjoying his retirement and wishes the very best to all his friends. On the sick list at this writing is Agent Supervisor DOROTHY HARRIS, Agent SHIRLEY ANDERSON and Conductor AVID STRONG. Hope you all will be back to work shortly...Conductor SAM JONES was transferred recently to ticket agent. The best of luck to you...Hot off the press: 1st Street won the Public Safety Contest for the fourth quarter of 1975 and will be presented with a plaque and free coffee and

rolls soon. Tell you more next time.

- Verna Farney

TRANSPORTATION (Utility) -
EDWARD SLAMP and WALTER WANGERO joined the ranks of the retired Jan. 1. They both had 30 years of service. Walter's new address will be in Rio Rancho, New Mexico. PAT PORCELIUS called from San Diego, Cal., to wish them well. Pat said it was too hot to sleep any later when he called. Among the well wishes coming to greet Ed and Walter were AL EIERMANN, WILLIAM MOOG, WALTER JOHNSON, MATT STIGLIC, JACK KLIMA, JULIUS KUTA, AL SCHMIDT and DON EDWARDS. Don is recuperating from throat surgery and will spend the next year learning to talk. Good luck, Don...RUDY MAU and his wife have been enjoying Phoenix, Ariz., for the past 20 years. His letter said that the first frost had arrived, but he was still picking oranges and lemons.

- Colette Szegedant

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE (Skokie Shop) -
Greetings in this the Bicentennial Year...I guess you have noticed that I am writing in the singular this month, due to the fact that there is only one reporter. PAT HARNETT, Electrical, decided he didn't want to be a reporter anymore, so if and when you hear any news please send it to the office and I'll do my best to get it in the magazine...ED and ALICE MAY were very happy to have their daughter and son-in-law, KATHY and DAN RYAN, and their two grandchildren, GREGORY and JENNIFER, spend the holidays with them. The Ryans flew in from California and we even had a white Christmas to treat them to. Both Kathy and Dan worked in the General Office before moving to the West Coast...TONY ARINI, Electrical, also had company from California as his daughter, AMELIA, and her husband, BILL, came to Illinois to spend the holidays with the rest of the family. I'm sorry to report that Tony has been on our sick list for several weeks. He was in the hospital for awhile, but he is at home as of this writing and doing real well. Hope you'll soon be back to work, Tony, we do miss you...The best of luck to NIEL KEMPE, the son of RALPH KEMPE, truck shop foreman, who just opened his own pharmacy in Bellwood...It's a happy anniversary to IVO and IVY DIPIERO who celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary on Jan. 7. Happy anniversary wishes also to COY CAUSEY, Signal Department, and

his wife, LITA, Production Supply Control, who celebrated their's on Jan. 22...Best wishes to DON VILLA, Electrical, who left us to go to the Signal Department...We had a retirement get-together in honor of WALTER LAURINEC, carpenter, who retired on Jan. 1. Have a very healthy and happy retirement and come back and visit us, Walter...We are sorry to say that ED SHIELDS, 98th Street terminal clerk, has been on the sick list. Our hopes and prayers are with you, Ed, until you are fully recovered...Well, this is it for this month. With your help we'll have a better showing next month. So bring in the news.

- Mary Hendrickson

(South Shops) -
Congratulations to ED and MARION SHIELDS on becoming parents again. On Dec. 22 little JOANNE MARIE was born weighing 8 pounds 4 ounces and 21 inches long. Not so little really, is she? Ed is trying to catch up to FRANK HENNIGAN and his wife who have eight. Gee, Ed, only four more to go...More congratulations to ERNIE and his wife who became grandparents again. Ernie's son and his wife, GERRY and MYRNA, became parents of a baby boy, THOR LEE NELSON, weighing 6 pounds 12 ounces and 19½ inches long on Dec. 19. Now they have a boy and a girl. Congratulations!...Our sympathy is extended to JIM and BILL HAWORTH in the death of their aunt, MARGARET CARRINGTON. Bill and his wife, MARGE, are planning a trip to Vegas. I hope Bill comes back with at least his shirt. Good luck, Jim and his wife, SHIRLEY, and children just acquired an addition to the family. They received a dog, Buffy, an Alaskan malemute. I hope he doesn't get too big for you, Jim...I would like to welcome BOB KIEHN to Technical Services, South Shops. Nice to have you in the family...We all wish JOHN LIPKA well. John left on Jan. 28, not on a vacation but on sick leave. John will undergo surgery on his hip, a very painful operation. We all look forward to seeing you back to work as soon as possible, John...JEFF SAPINSKI just returned from his skiing vacation in Jackson Hole, Wyo. He had a wonderful time and made it back without any mishaps or broken bones...JIM FELTZ started the new year off with a bang, someone ran into the back end of his car...AL HAAS is sporting a brand new car, a Buick LeSabre. It must be nice to have money, huh?...TED PIETRUS and his wife and children will be going to Breckenridge, Colo., for a skiing vacation. Ted leaves on Feb. 22. We hope to have more details when he returns—if he returns. He might like it so well he won't want to come back...Many of the girls here in the office were delighted to participate in a bridal shower for MAUREEN HOULIHAN. The shower was held at the Holiday Inn in Chicago Heights. Everything was very nice, and Maureen received many nice and



Gregory & Jennifer Ryan

needed gifts...BUD ROSENTHAL will take off to the wilds of Africa this month. He will be taking a safari trip. Good luck and watch out for the natives and lions...TOM ALFRED is looking forward to his vacation. He will be flying to St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands. We will get all the scoop next issue. So really live it up, Tom, and bring back some exciting news. But keep it clean...

GLENN ROSS is a very proud man these days. As you can see, He accompanied his daughter, DIANE MARIE, for her bow as a debutante in the 1975 Cotillion held at the Pick Congress hotel. She is very interested in veterinary medicine. Another daughter, DAUNE RAE, was valedictorian of her graduating class at St. Peter Lutheran school in June, and is now a freshman at Luther South High school. She hopes to follow in her mother's footsteps and become a teacher.



Diane & Glenn Ross

VICKI JARECKAS recently spent 12 days, including Christmas and New Year's, visiting relatives in Mexico City. Vicki spent some of her time in and around Mexico City touring the various museums and a silver mine. She amazed the local residents with her taco-flavored Kugelis...Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD ZAJAC spent part of their holiday as the guests of their relatives in California. Rich and his wife managed to get out of Chicago just after the United Air Lines strike was settled. The Zajacs attended both the Rose Bowl parade and Rose Bowl football game and enjoyed it immensely...Machinist FRED E. PETROZZ vacated in Mexico City for two weeks in early January. Fred said he had a wonderful time while staying at the Las Briesas Resort hotel...I would like to take this spot in the column to wish a speedy recovery to Mechanics JOE SANDERS and WALLY KAWECKI, and Electrician JIM LAMONT...Congratulations go out to our recently retired co-workers and friends: GEORGE STREICK, JOSEPH SIWEK, THOMAS O'MALLEY, WILLIAM PRESZ, BENNIE PABINSKI, JOHN CACCIATO and EDDIE FITZGERALD. A party was held at Sharko's East and was attended by 75 friends and co-workers...Welcome to BILL STALLWORTH of the upholstery department upon joining the shop ranks after coming from the Beverly Garage where he worked as a bus driver. Nice to have you with us, Bill...Congratulations to FRED and NANCY SIMMONS upon their becoming grandparents for the second time. The baby, MICHAEL, was born to LINDA and RICK BUSBY and weighed in at 6 pounds 7 ounces...Congratulations to JOE LUKSO on breaking the bank in Vegas on his recent vacation there.

- Jeanne Dicht & Lawrence Bernas

69TH STREET -

The silent reaper stopped by 69th Street and took Pensioners ANTHONY MROZYSKI and GALE HRUSKA, Operator J. KELLY and the mother of Instructor WILIE GUTHRIE, who passed away in Atlanta, Ga. All of us at 69th extend our deepest sympathy to their families and loved ones...I had Pensioner J. P. NELSON on my bus and he certainly looks good after eight years of retired life...Operator SCOTTY HIGGINS was pleasantly surprised when his brother, ANDY, and his wife, from Frostburg, Md., visited him during the Christmas holidays. It was the first time they had spent Christmas together in 28 years...Our best wishes to Former Operator ALBERT ZOJA who is now on disability pension...Operator WALTER MONROE is still on the sick list due to the automobile accident he was involved in. To Walter and all the other men on the sick list, we wish you a speedy recovery...Not much news this month, so I'll take this time to wish all those on pension a very happy and healthy retired life: "Wee Willie" WILLIAMS, RAY RAJ, B. MIRABELLA, HANK RISCH, JACK WILSON, RAY LAFAIRE (former switchman on the "L"), JOE DAVIDSON, ED MEYER, L. JOLLY, Former Superintendents GLEN PEYTON, E. SWANSON, E. C. TOCCI and JACK MORRIS and his wife, DOT, my fishing pals; CHARLIE URBICK and his invisible dog; W. NORTON, CHARLIE HAYNES, DAVE MCGOWAN, the fastest man with a key, H. SANGER, and TONY VANDENBURG of 69th credit union fame. To those I failed to mention, please contact me as we at 69th would like to hear from you.

- Art Bussing & Tom Moore

WEST SECTION (Agents) -

Agent VITO SKORUPSKI celebrated his birthday on Jan. 15. On Feb. 1, he took his pension after more than 35 years of service. He also became a grandfather of a little baby girl who was born recently. Congratulations, Vito, and we wish you good luck and good health in your retirement years...The GLASPIE family, WILIE and CORINE, are really proud of their daughter, LENA, who is a graduate of the



Lena, Corine, Robert & Willie Glaspie

Barbizon School of Modeling. Lena sophomore at South Shore High school, plans to become a fashion designer at graduation...We welcome new Agent SHEILA WATZKE and JERRY TUFAN to the West Section. Jerry was former North Side agent before resigning to have a baby...I saw Retired Agent MARION K who said to tell everyone hello...Assessment Agent JERRY LOMAX spent a two week vacation in her hometown, New Orleans. Jerry recently celebrated birthday, but she won't tell us which of Congratulations to CHARLIE SNYDER celebrated 40 years of service with on Feb. 7. Charlie said he is still young to retire...Janitor JUAN MONTOA took his vacation and went to Puerto Rico. He vowed not to return until the weather warms up.

- Mary Wirted & Jita Doubled

77TH STREET -

Hi ladies and gents. The days are getting longer so can spring be far behind? organization which presented the Christmas party at the LaSalle hotel grand room last December is concentrating its efforts now on a spring dance. Christmas party was a huge success. JACKIE BRECKINRIDGE, chairman of organization comprised mainly of drivers and clerks, can be proud of their efforts especially JERRY LOCKRIDGE, entertainment chairman; HOMER REED, manager and treasurer, and WANDA BLACK. Those of us who check in after 8 o'clock and have to be buzzed in by the door are most apt to be familiar with JIM ROSE. Well, Leo and his Mrs. celebrated 36 years of marital bliss on Feb. 6. Congratulations to the Roses and may have many more years of marital happiness...Congratulations to Clerk and W. CHARLES HILL who are the proud parents of a baby girl named CAROLYN, born Nov. 11 weighing 6 pounds 9 ounces. News travels at a slower pace at 77th. Congratulations also to Operator and W. RICKY GAINES upon the arrival of the new addition. I'm sorry, Mrs. Gai Ricky was so excited he didn't give me vital statistics...Our sincere condolences are extended to Operator BOOKER BYRNE in the death of his sister, Mrs. FRED JEAN SMITH, in East Oakland, California. sincere sympathy is also extended to perintendent FRANK WSOL and his family in the death of his mother, Mrs. AL WSOL...We were all saddened by the death of Pensioner JIM HUNTER who recently passed away. Our deepest sympathy is tendered to his family...I would like to wish all my co-workers in wishing a speedy recovery to Instructor CASEY LUSK is now confined at Michael Reese hospital. Instructor Lusk is in need of blood donors...So long for now.

- Allison De Bonnett

cta window

MAN'S PERMANENT HOLIDAY: Who says you shouldn't take "the job" home with you? Bill T. Warnstedt, who retired from the CTA employee suggestion coordinator in March, 1977, shows his homemade fleet of transit vehicles. Warnstedt designed the model trains and built them himself, then cut them from plywood, and painted them, before affixing them to his garage.



OLDIES BUT GOODIES: In this, the year of our nation's Bicentennial, much interest is being given to the early development of our country. The dust is being blown off family photo albums with the result that old photographs, including rare views of early transportation, are being discovered. Two such pictures are these which came to the attention of CTA's Public Affairs Department for identification. The horsecar picture dates back 90 years to 1886 and was taken on Grand Avenue (then Indiana Street) in front of the car barn at Leavitt Street. The electric streetcar was photographed about 1907 on Ashland Avenue, south of 69th Street. The motorman standing in the center is the late John F. Kenny, father of CTA Ironworker Bill Kenny. Both cars were heated by coal stoves and the car bodies were classified as semi-convertible—capable of being fully enclosed in winter and opened with drop sash windows in summer. The advertisement on the front of the streetcar for the New York Store on South Ashland Avenue boasts "Fine clothing for men and women . . . \$1.00 a week."

who's news

McDonough

CTA's new Acting Chairman, James J. McDonough, obtained his university degree with a major in transportation. The school was John Carroll University in Cleveland, but McDonough attended high school in Chicago, graduating from St. Ignatius. He served from 1969 to 1974 as the Commissioner heading the Department of Streets and Sanitation, which includes the Bureau of Street Traffic, an agency with close working relationship with the CTA. He was First Deputy Commissioner of that Department from 1964 to 1969. McDonough was manager of the Chicago Skyway Toll Bridge from 1959 to 1964, and served as transportation officer with the U.S. Army in Korea from 1955 to 1957. In 1972, he was named "Man of the Year" by the American Public Works Association.



Krambles



CTA's new General Manager, George Krambles, is recognized as one of the leading public transportation experts in the world. His appointment comes just two days after his 39th anniversary in transit work in Chicago (Feb. 3). A native Chicagoan, Krambles is a graduate of the University of Illinois and a registered professional engineer. He began his career in 1936 with the Indiana Railroad, one of the interurban rail systems that once were so popular in the midwest. In 1937, Krambles joined the Chicago Rapid Transit Company, one of

two private company predecessors to the CTA. With this company, he served in the rolling stock and electrical departments. Associated with CTA since its 1947 start of operations, he has served in the transportation, equipment, research and planning departments. In the mid 1960's, he was the CTA's project manager for the creation of the Skokie Swift route, which was the nation's first federally funded demonstration project in the rapid transit field.

IRISH: They Are Transit's Traditionals

and Prominent in CTA's Past, Present, and Future

Airline Data

There has been a strong Irish accent to the transit industry in the United States since every trolley car had a two-man crew.

Chicago's transit industry is characteristic.

The fathers have followed the grandfathers and the sons have followed the fathers as conductors, motormen, bus drivers, maintenance workers, and office personnel -- and can add sisters and female cousins to the mix.

And, today -- in this year of 1976 -- nearly eight percent of CTA's job-holding population are Irish either by native birth, extraction, or immigration.

In typical Irish names on the CTA payroll, Murphy is the most frequent name with 24.

If you walked into CTA today and said, "Has anybody seen Kelly?", you could be inquiring about any one of the people.

There are 14 Kennedys and a like number of McDonalds. There are 11 Rileys, 10 Murrays, 10 Sullivans, 10 McCarthys, 9 Fitzpatricks, 9 McGills.

Perhaps the most famous Irish clan of recent vintage is the O'Connor group, most noted for the retired Tom O'Connor, immediate predecessor to George Krambles as General Manager.

Yes, there are a goodly number of O'thises and O'thats. For example: O'Connell, O'Day, O'Dell, O'Donnell, O'Dowd, O'Fady, O'Hare, O'Keefe, O'Kray, O'Leary, O'Mahony, O'Malley, O'Nan, O'Neal, (and O'Neill), O'Riordan, O'Shaughnessy, O'Shea, O'Sullivan, and O'Toole. There are 17 O'Briens.

There are three Daleys.

There is one McDonough, but it's a rather important one -- the name of the acting chairman.

And, there is the vice-chairman, James Quinn, who has been a generator of CTA progress as a member of the Transit Board (see TRANSIT NEWS, January, 1976).

What accounts for the propensity of the Irish for public transit jobs? When the Irish came to this country, they brought no trade skills with them. They were farmers, for the most part. There were few ready made opportunities for them in the industrial revolution.

For jobs, therefore, the Irish turned to the developing community service needs in the big cities where so many of them settled -- the police force, the fire brigade, and the transit system.

According to Jack. (Personnel) O'Connor, who was especially helpful in digging out Irish lore and traditions for TRANSIT NEWS staffer's benefit, there was once a young man at CTA that Irish immigrants arrived at CTA terminals with a bag in one hand and a badge in the other.

Evidently, CTA jobs were success stories at the family dinner table. A goodly number of third and fourth generation CTA employees are represented in today's roster.

I think it speaks well of a company when employees recommend their sons and daughters," says Jack O'Connor. He went out to talk to some of these CTA Irish as they gathered for St. Patrick's Day.

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New CTA Operations Chief Named



Harold H. Geissenheimer

Harold H. Geissenheimer, a Pittsburgh transit executive with 26 years experience, is the new Manager of CTA's General Operations Division. His selection is described by Acting Chairman James J. McDonough as a "further step in the formation of a new management team of the CTA." Geissenheimer fills the vacancy created when George Krambles was elevated to the top administrative position of General Manager.

Geissenheimer, who is 48, has been Acting Co-Executive Director and Director of Transit Operations of PATransit, the bus, suburban streetcar and suburban railroad system operated by the Port Authority of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. It is the nation's seventh largest.

At Pittsburgh, Geissenheimer was responsible for developing the unified PATransit system, consolidating the routes of 33 companies. He was active in the planning of a proposed rapid transit system and for a new "busway" system (now in the initial stages of construction) for providing exclusive roadways for bus operations. In the last two years, under his direction, PATransit ridership increased by 19 per cent and revenues by 10 per cent.

Geissenheimer was graduated in 1949 from New York university with a degree in transportation and economics.

In the transit industry, he has been active both nationally and internationally. He is a member of the rapid transit committee of the International Union of Public Transport, headquartered in Brussels, Belgium. With the American Public Transit Association, Geissenheimer is chairman of the Light Rail Task Force and the Advertising Standards Committee, vice-chairman of the Bus Operations Committee, and a member of the Marketing Advisory Board and the Rapid Transit Technical and Operations Committee.

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CTA EMPLOYEES
AND RETIREES

MARCH, 1976

IRISH: (Continued)

Robert W. McCarthy, conductor, of Harlem/Lake is "thoroughly" Irish. His mother's name was Duffy and both sets of grandparents lived on the Emerald Isle. Irene, his wife, works at the Mart. His favorite tune is "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" -- and his do.

Bus Operator Martin Keane of Limits says "you can go anywhere in the world and meet another Irishman." That, he thinks, is why they get along so well with everybody. Keane gets his corned beef and cabbage at his mother's rather than at home. He's married to a Mexican girl, Josephine, who is a teacher's aide for the Board of Education.

Eileen Murphy Neurater, Customer Service (and a TRANSIT NEWS reporter), says her gift of blarney enables her to talk faster than she can write. She handles customer concerns by phone and says she always wants the caller to feel it was worth calling. Her non-Irish husband, Rudolph, drives a bus out of Forest Glen.

Throughout this issue of TRANSIT NEWS you will find additional profiles of just a few of the many fine Irish names that are represented on the circulation list of the publication.

And, on the back page, you will find some of the facts about Ireland itself that we learned from these people.

We didn't learn Gaelic since few of our Irish speak it. But, we did learn one phrase that makes an ideal close for this story:

A cara delis bennact naom padraig leib ur fad.

Translation: Sincere friends, the blessings of St. Patrick be with you all.



IN THE CTA CLAN--

Edward O'Rourke

Ed O'Rourke, supervisor of I.D. cards in Sales, can't claim native Irish birth, but he can put on a brogue that would make you think he'd just come from the heart of Ireland.

Of course it helps to have parents who were born in southern Ireland--County Cavan. But Ed's is a talent that's been well groomed through his activity in community theater. He's a character actor whose specialty is dialects.

Ed, however, insists that the Irish in general have a flair for theater. "We're extroverts all the way through."

Though he's never been to Ireland, Ed says if he ever went back, he thinks he'd fit in. His reason, "I hear it's very characteristic of the Irish that they enjoy talking a lot."

Geissenheimer (Continued)

Among civic activities he has been a director of the Pittsburgh Branch of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind and a member of the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, the Shrine Syria Temple and the Pittsburgh Rotary Club. He also has been a major in the Pennsylvania National Guard, serving as commandant of the Pittsburgh Branch of the Guard's Officer Candidate School.

"There's no green like the green in Ireland. I love it," says Alice Dungan, who as a child, "always talked about going back there."

As good as her word, Alice, a secretary in Human Relations, has already visited there five times.

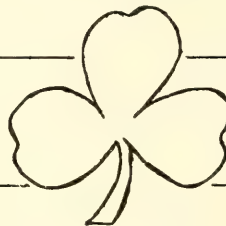
"I like to go to Ireland for the weddings," she says. "They really do them up big--singing and dancing till six in the morning."

The Irish don't brag, she says, but she found the blarney to be more prevalent among the men. "They always tell you they're shy, but then they come out with these great lines."

Alice labels herself typically Irish because "I like to laugh a lot."

Her father, an adventurer and a man who liked to travel, came to the U.S. 40 years ago from County Kilkenny. Alice says, "He started to Australia, but landed in Boston and decided to stay."

Alice Dungan



IN THE

CTA CLAN

Edward McDonnell

Edward McDonnell came here from Ireland's County Mayo in 1948 because "in fact it looked a better place to make a living." It was.

McDonnell, a bus cleaner at Limits Garage since the year he landed, admits, "I have a pretty nice life over here."

Though time has done much to adapt Ed to life here, it hasn't touched his rich, thick brogue. But he'll protest anyway, "I haven't the brogue as much as some other guys."

His observations of his native countrymen are delivered with typical Irish flavor--"They're a good-hearted race o' people. Nobody deprives anyone else of anything that's comin' their way."

Ed lives with his wife Agnes and their three children on Chicago's Northwest Side.

MULLIGAN

That's Me!

Bicentennial Bus Biography

by ANIT LEPIKIS

Ever meet an Irishman who didn't tell you straight what he thought about those bloomin' English rulers?

Revolutionary War hero Hercules Mulligan didn't act that way.

He was too busy listening to the conversations of British officers as he tailored their waistcoats. In short, he was spying on the British.

His alertness saved General George Washington's life more than once as Mulligan learned of British plots to seize the Revolutionary commander-in-chief.

Mulligan, known in New York as "the fashionable dandy," emigrated, with his family, to America when he was six years old.

Like his family in Ireland, who belonged to the Society of United Irishmen, a group devoted to the independence of Ireland, Mulligan was no lover of British rule. He was a member of the Sons of Liberty.

Mulligan was responsible for turning Tory sentimentalist, Alexander Hamilton (who lived with him when he first came to America), into so much of a patriot that Hamilton, too, joined the Sons of Liberty.

Mulligan recruited and drilled the youth of New York City; he organized public meetings opposing the loyalists; he led a raid on a British armory; and, on July 9, 1776, he and Captain Isaac Sears rallied



patriots in destroying a leaden statue of King George. (The statue was later remelted into 50,000 bullets for the Continental Army.)

He also was a member of a committee which tried loyalists conspiring against the revolutionaries.

Saved G. Washington

In the meanwhile, Mulligan had married Elizabeth Sanders of New York, allying himself with a distinguished American family, one of whose members, Philip Livingston, was a Signer of the Declaration of Independence.

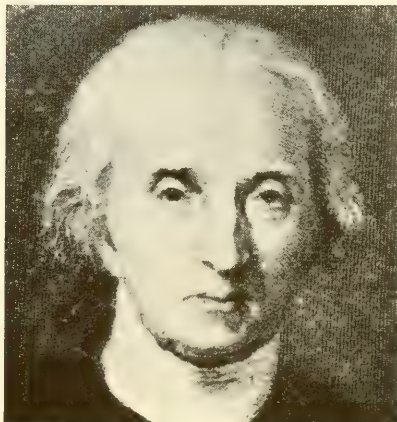
Upon meeting Hamilton again in 1777, Mulligan was appointed "confidential correspondent" to Washington, upon Hamilton's recommendation.

In this effort, Mulligan was assisted by his brother Hugh, whose company was a principal supplier of the British commissariat. Hugh introduced Mulligan to General Clinton's subordinates, many of whom patronized his clothing shop. With such connections, plus the billeting of British officers in his home, Mulligan had ample opportunity to (Continued on page 23)

--and here's another Irish patriot for whom a CTA bus is named--

Charles Carroll

Though his Roman Catholic faith barred Charles Carroll from participation in political affairs, he could not resist. In 1773, this country gentleman engaged in a newspaper debate on the issue of colonial rights in Maryland. His involvement gave him recognition as a leader and he was elected to serve in the first Maryland convention, 1774-76. He was a member of the party which traveled to Canada to seek support for the colonies and was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. He was elected as one of the first two U.S. Senators from Maryland in 1789 and an original director of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. At the time of his death in 1832, he was the last surviving signer of the Declaration. American Catholics generally supported the war for independence and Carroll's leadership is credited with being the major influence.



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The CTA Chef

Food and drink form the basis for good times in any country. Here Irish CTA employees share a few recipes long popular in their families. The Michael G. Kelly (Engineering) family top off an Irish meal with chocolate lime (for green) parfaits:

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| 1 pkg. 3 oz. lime gelatin | 12 chocolate wafers |
| 2 tbsp. lime or lemon juice | 1 pint lime sherbet |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ cup instant non-fat dry milk | |

Dissolve lime gelatin in cup of boiling water. Add juice. Chill in refrigerator until mixture is consistency of egg white. Sprinkle dry milk on mixture and beat with mixer at high speed until light soft peaks form. Fold in lime sherbet. Crush chocolate wafers. Alternate layers of whipped mixture and wafers in parfait glass. Chill in refrigerator. Garnish with few wafer crumbs before serving.

Recipes for Irish Soda Bread vary, says Alice Dungan (Human Relations), mainly because U.S. flour is different from that available in Ireland. Her preference:

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| 2 cups unsifted flour | 3 tbsp. butter |
| 2 tbsp. sugar | 1 cup raisins |
| 2 tsp. baking powder | 1 cup sour milk or |
| 1 tsp. soda | buttermilk |

Combine dry ingredients and cut in butter and milk. Mix together. Add raisins and knead into round loaf. Put in a greased tin. Cut a cross in the bread with a knife. Bake at 375 for approximately 45 minutes.

The soda bread of Edward O'Rourke (Sales):

Here's what's cookin' IRISH SODA BREAD *Serves*
Recipe from the kitchen of "EDDIE O"

3/4 package raisins	- 3/4 cup sugar
3 cups sifted flour	- 3 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda	-- 2 eggs
pinch salt; sprinkle of nutmeg	
1 pint sour cream	-- 1/2 box caraway seeds

Bring raisins to boil in a little water; drain & let cool. Mix sugar, flour, baking powder, soda, salt & nutmeg. Blend eggs & sour cream, add to dry ingredients & mix thoroly. Add cooled raisins & caraway seeds. Bake one hour at 375 degrees.

What to top off a meal? Irish coffee, of course. Here's Alice Dungan's brew:

- Into a large warm whiskey glass:
 Pour 1 jigger of Irish whiskey
 Add strong black coffee up to 3/4 full
 Add plenty of sugar (average 3 cubes)
 - natural sugar preferred
 Top by adding pure or whipped cream poured gently over a teaspoon. Do not stir.



Unordered Merchandise

Suppose you receive in morning mail a brand new dictionary that you haven't ordered. Enclosed with the dictionary is a bill for \$25. If you leave the dictionary on a shelf, unused, it cannot be held legally liable for the price.



But suppose you do start using it. Or give it away to a friend. Or toss it into the ashcan. Then, according to an old common-law doctrine, you have "exerted dominion" over the book and must pay for it.

Under this doctrine, consumers, over the years, were paid for things they did not want.

But now most states as well as Congress have passed special statutes changing the common law. These statutes usually allow the recipient of unordered merchandise to simply treat it as a gift.

This does not mean, however, that the recipient can take advantage of his new privilege. Say a delivery boy leaves a carton of groceries on your doorstep by mistake. And you know perfectly well that the groceries were meant for the people next door.

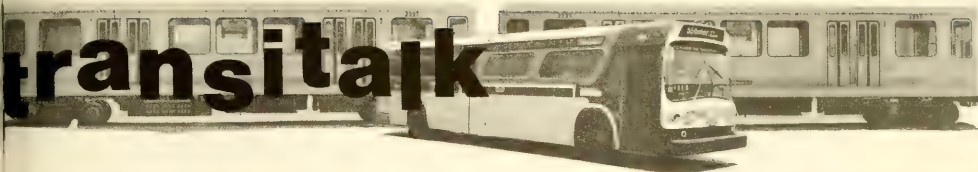
You might argue that this is "unordered merchandise," and yours to keep for nothing but chances are that the statute would not be held applicable in the case of an honest mistake.

In one case a man receives his annual renewal of an insurance policy from his broker. For two months he kept it, making no response. Then he informed the broker that he was not taking the insurance.

But in these circumstances, a court ruled later, the man could be held liable for at least two months' insurance. The year of previous dealings, said the court, had justified the broker in assuming that "the retention of the policy implied acceptance."

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IF YOU ARE 'SIDELINED BY ILLNESS: In the wake of reported absences due to influenza, the CTA Insurance Department would like to remind employees that if they are off more than seven days because of illness, they must report to and be approved by the Medical Department before being allowed to return to work.

The Insurance Department also said that when employees submit their medical bills, they must send them in with a completed red, white and blue Notice of Claim form GI-50691. This form is absolutely essential in order to process the bills, and is available at all CTA locations.

QUARTERLY SAFETY WINNERS SALUTED: Vehicle Maintenance shops at both 52nd St. Garage and Kimball Terminal had perfect no-injury accident records during the last three months of 1975 to win the Fourth Quarter Employee Safety Contest in their respective areas of competition. Skokie Rail Vehicle Shops also won out over Bus Shops in their two-team contest and returned to the South Siders the uncoveted Raspberry Award.

Representatives of Maintenance Department management presented the awards to both day and night crews at 52nd St. and Kimball. In congratulating 52nd St. foreman Jim Ward and Kimball's Anthony Odrowski, they said the competition had been very tight. They pointed out that the first five of the 10 garages in the contest had a combined total of only six injuries per 168,796 man-hours worked.

After the presentation ceremonies, coffee and rolls were served to all Vehicle Maintenance employees on the winning teams and \$5 gift certificates were given to those whose names were picked during special drawings. For the year 1975 as a whole, Forest Glen Garage, 98th St. Terminal and South Shops had the lowest overall accident frequency rates per man-hours of exposure in Vehicle Maintenance activities.

JANITOR HELPS SUBDUDE UNRULY RIDERS: A janitor gang worker helped bring about the arrest recently of two unruly Rapid Transit riders who were assaulting other passengers and damaging property on a West-Northwest Route train. Otis Richards, the janitor, was on his way to work at the Jefferson Park Terminal. The two offenders boarded the train at Damen Avenue and began soliciting cigarettes and money from other riders. When they were refused, they became abusive.

Richards saw what was happening and alerted the motorman, James E. Pearson (West Section), who called for police to meet the train when it pulled into Jefferson Park. Richards then went back to confront the unruly pair and protect other riders while keeping the two men from leaving the train.

On the platform at Jefferson Park, Maintenance electricians Nick Nickolas and Miguel Rios helped Richards and police take the two offenders into custody after they had kicked out windows on the train. The two were charged with assault on passengers and on Richards, damage to property and resisting arrest.

CONCERNED ABOUT EVERYONE: Mrs. Stella Jackowski, of West Chestnut St., thinks Milwaukee Ave. bus operator Wallace Cochrane (Forest Glen Garage) is "the most courteous person ever. She called all the streets and told everyone to be careful getting off the bus. I've never heard or seen such a person who was concerned about everyone," Mrs. Jackowski said. "Please reward her for effort and kindness to others."

The retreat captain at St. Alphonsus Church on West Wellington Ave. wrote to commend charter bus operator John J. Jearas (Limits Garage) for "his interest and concern for passengers." Mrs. Jacqueline S. Rice said she always asks for Jearas when chartering a bus to the church retreat in Glenview. "Many senior citizens make this annual retreat, and I'm sure one very important reason is that Jerry will be driving us."

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Eklove, of West Windsor Ave., said she is a frequent user of CTA and "I've never had such excellent service as I get on the 85 Central bus and by driver Number 3277 (Edward Chew, of Forest Glen Garage) in particular. He says 'Good morning' to each one of his passengers, and they even reply and wish him the same. The most important thing is he's always on time, no matter what the weather is like. It's a pleasure riding on his bus."



CTA Sports News

MEL ALEXANDER, Sports Editor



North Park Wins Basketball Tournament

In what might truly be called a "barn burner," smooth North Park cooled off the upstarts from Archer to take the CTA basketball championship at Washington Park Fieldhouse by a score of 76 to 69.

The game was probably the finest of the season and featured the "very best ever" performance of North Park's guard Billy Standback. Billy, high scorer for the night with 38 points, played a superb game and motivated his team to victory with his skillful passing and ball handling.

Actually Archer got off in front. But the valiant North Park team fought back to take a half time lead, 37 to 29.

In the third quarter North Park opened up a 15 point lead--only to see it fade in the fourth quarter when Archer scored 31 points to come within two of tying the game. But North Park "snapped back" with

Standback to stop the Archer drive to take championship.

Archer, playing a zone defense, couldn't stop the sharp outside shooting of Standback. But by the same token, the man to man defense of North Park couldn't contain center R. Garner who scored 27 points, guard W. Jones who scored 18.

The team that was supposed to be in the final game--69th Street--wasn't there at all.

In a surprising upset, the 14-0 season record 69th Street Raiders were scuttled by Archer in the semifinals.

All in all, the season was filled with suspense to which teams would qualify for the playoffs. There was never any doubt about the Raiders, of course, the standings of 77th Street, 52nd Street and South Side "L" were identical so that playoff selections to be made on the basis of who had beaten whom.



THE 1975-76 BASKETBALL CHAMPS! North Park Garage. Pictured left to right, standing: J. Towns, J. Boyd, B. Barry, E. Jenkins, D. Lewis, J. Hadley, M. Cohen and Coach J. Nelson. Kneeling: D. Washington, B. Standback, R. Miller, R. Spann, W. Fitzpatrick, R. Richardson, B. Barnes.

CTA BASKETBALL LEAGUE

(FINAL STANDINGS)

South Division	W	L	North Division	W	L
69th Street	14	0	North Park	11	0
Archer	10	4	North Avenue	10	2
77th Street	7	7	Forest Glen	9	5
52nd Street	7	7	North Side "L"	9	5
South Side "L"	7	7	Kedzie	6	8
West Side "L"	5	9	Limits	4	10
77th Shops	2	11	General Office	2	12
Beverly	0	13			

NORTH PARK (76)—Miller 3, 0-0, 6; Standback 19, 0-0; Spann 1, 0-0, 2; Barry 3, 1-1, 7; Boyd 1, 0-0, 2; Hadley 2, 2-2, 10; Jenkins 4, 1-2, 9; Lewis 3, 0-0, 6. **Totals:** 36, 4-5, 76.

ARCHER (69)—Garner 9, 9-3, 27; Reynolds 2, 3-0, 7; Collier 0-0, 4; Jones 9, 0-0, 18; Dorsey 0, 1-1, 1; Brown 2, 0-0, 4; Gold 0-2, 8. **Totals:** 28, 13-6, 69.

North Park	16	21	18	21
Archer	15	13	21	20

Fouled Out: None. Total Fouls: North Park 17, Archer 16.



W. Jones, 15, Archer, dribbles past a North Park defender on his way to scoring 2 of his 18 game points.



R. Garner, 16, Archer, seems to have the tip-off as T. Collins, 23, and J. Hadley, 7, wait for ball.



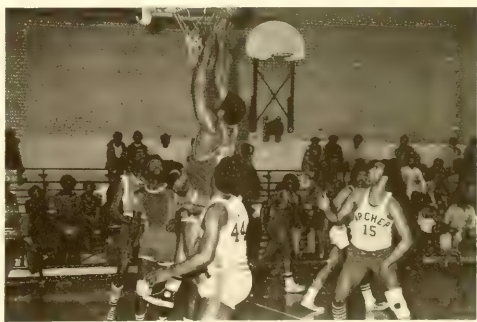
R. Garner, 16, goes high as he tries to block a shot by North Park's D. Lewis.



The Archer team, second best in the tournament playoffs includes, standing, left to right: R. Pritchett, B. Spanks, J. Reynolds, R. Garner, Coach H. Bankston, T. Collins, H. Johnson, E. Dorsey and W. Jones. Kneeling: C. Brown, G. Golden, W. Lewis, C. McGee and B. Hall.



They all hands as D. Lewis, 23, B. Barry, 22, and T. Collins, 23, reach high for rebound.



D. Lewis, 23, goes in for easy layup over C. Brown, 44, as W. Jones, 15, awaits outcome.

Interest Booming In CTA Sports

By W. B. Wolfan

Sports is a common denominator for the American public and the Chicago Transit Authority is no exception to the general rule.

For concrete evidence of the remarkable present day phenomena of intense spectator-player interest, one needs only to visit the Washington Park field-house and sit in on a typical CTA basketball league night.

There is as much tension and excitement in a CTA basketball game as there is in an NCAA championship playoff, and the fans roar just as loudly at a spectacular play. The same story of unbridled enthusiasm marks a softball game for CTA players at the Grant Park diamond during the spring and summer.

The overall CTA sports program, inaugurated in 1969, has expanded rapidly in general interest and participation. Praise is due to a few dedicated individuals who put in many hours on their own time to keep the leagues going in basketball, softball and on the bowling lanes.

Within the last year, the addition of bowling leagues for both men and women, has proved to be a popular innovation, and further tenpin growth is anticipated.

Three CTA employees, Jackie Robinson, one time assistant to Agis Bray, former sports director for the CTA; John Eckel, and Mel Alexander contribute greatly to CTA sports activities. Eckel and Robinson are co-ordinators of the sports program, the former for the softball league and the latter basketball co-ordinator.

Eckel (General Office) has worked for the CTA years. He has been associated with the CTA sports program for four years and directs softball play, also handles sports liaison with the Chicago park district. John is well qualified for his softball role, has been a member of the Softball Umpires' Association for six years, and also belongs to the Grant Park Recreation Association.

A catcher, Eckel was a star player as a member of the championship club in the Merchandise Mart league (Pino's Lounge) for four years. Eckel also played with the Mart Motors club in the same league in 1961.

The basketball co-ordinator, Jackie Robinson, has been involved in the CTA sports program since inception. A bus driver out of the Kedzie Garage, Robinson is responsible for organizing the basketball league program and scheduling the games. He sees it that the league machinery operates. Oddly enough Robinson was never a basketball player. He was a starting right halfback (weight 145 pounds) for Hirsch High School and also was a member of the wrestling team.

Today Jackie, who has been a CTA employee for years, plays softball with the General Office team.

Another who plays an important role in CTA sports is Mel Alexander, sports editor of Transit News. Mel regularly chronicles all major CTA sports events. He was a bus driver before joining public affairs, and has 20 years service with the Authority.

No longer active athletically, Alexander was an outstanding softball second baseman for the Esquire Magazine team in the Chicago Industrial League some years ago.

Another early booster of the CTA sports program was Tom Stiglic, CTA director of instruction.

Present CTA sports officials are looking forward to a banner 1976--and from all indications, it promises to be a year of even greater individual participation by CTA employees and larger game attendance.



Jackie Robinson



John Eckel



Mel Alexander

This, Too, Is Public Service--

Transit Guidance For Soviet Jews

by Anita Leppiks

It's a long way from Russia to Rogers Park.

The transition takes longer still when you don't know how to get where you need to go on a daily basis.

But CTA's Community Relations department is beginning to make the trip easier for the estimated 175 Soviet Jews who are immigrating to the city this Bicentennial year.

Community Relations is trying to translate CTA service renders on a personal basis. Therefore, when Community Relations Coordinators Jim East and Steve Hastalis of CTA's Community Relations Section visited the Rogers Park Jewish Community Center recently, it was not merely to pass out information on CTA service. It was to explain the CTA system and solve the transit problems of recent Soviet Jewish immigrants.

"There's nothing lonelier than being a stranger in a big city and we want to show these immigrants that Chicago deserves its worldwide reputation as one of the friendliest to American cities," explains East.

Hastalis reports that the basic question asked by many of these immigrants is how to commute to work.

"They were very, very pragmatic, asking few questions about traveling to entertainment," Hastalis says.

They have to be. One immigrant reported he worked at a job for three months -- but lost it. One reason was his confusion over how to reach the south side from the north side of Chicago.

While all ages were represented in this group, teenagers asked specific questions such as what the A and B labels on rapid transit trains meant and how to use the Super Transferpass. The older people were interested in the layout of the city and how city government works.

Most rode the 'L' rather than buses, notes East, since they live only a few blocks away from the Loyola station.

They also were concerned about language difficulties since many have not yet learned English.

The community relations coordinators told them, how-



CTA Community Relations Coordinators Jim East, pointing, and Steve Hastalis, next, show Soviet immigrants at the Rogers Park Jewish Community Center how CTA service links them to any part of the city they would travel to for work or recreation.

ever, of CTA's travel agents who speak Hebrew and will convey travel information when called at 670-5000.

Although the Rogers Park immigrants had ridden the CTA system at least once, they were unaware of the shortcuts of CTA travel. Each recalled taking the train to the Jewish Vocational Service at 1 S. Franklin. However, most said they took the north-south route, leaving the subway at Madison and State, and walked west to Franklin, about six blocks. They were surprised, said Hastalis, when told they could transfer to the Ravenswood rapid transit line at Belmont or Fullerton, get off at Madison and Wells, and walk only one block to Franklin.

There is another language which all of the Soviet Jewish immigrants understand -- that of CTA route maps. Ticket agents at the Loyola station report these are in constant demand.

Smokey Hollow is where James Garrity, son of Dublin born parents, grew up. But, however hard you may look, you won't find Smokey Hollow on an map of Ireland.

That's Jim's old neighborhood around Chicago and Sedgewick streets.

"It was an Irish neighborhood back then, and Smokey Hollow is the name people gave it," he says.

The old turf has a special significance for Jim. That's where he met his wife, while playing baseball in an alley.

Jim's boyhood memories are of his mother's kidney stew. Although his wife, Adeline, is Swedish, he says, she'll try cooking an Irish stew for him on in a while.

Since 1950, Jim has been working as a bus repairman out at Limits garage.

I haven't been to Ireland yet, but I'd like to go says Jim. "It's always been a proud country people taking an interest in what they're doing and doing it right."

James Garrity

IN THE



CTA CLAN

Patrick Doyle

In 1955, Patrick Doyle left County Wexford in southern Ireland for the U.S. on a mission of mercy.

An aunt in Chicago had taken sick, and he'd come to take care of her for the duration of her illness.

But while ministering to the sick, Patrick decided to stay on, and so became a U.S. citizen in 1961.

"I thought it a very good country to make a living in," he says.

Patrick joined the CTA in 1965 and is now a janitor at the Harlem and Lake terminal in Oak Park.

Reading up on Irish history is one of Patrick's favorite pastimes. He can easily give you a rundown on all Ireland's national heroes.

But he takes particular satisfaction in mentioning that the famed Kennedy clan hails originally from his county.

Coming from a family of sheep raisers, Patrick has lasting memories of "that time of year when we'd be cutting the wool."

Patrick is presently living in Forest Park with his sister, a retired CTA ticket agent.



Time Out

with Anit Leppiks

Things to do in the Chicago area

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ARTISTS, INC. Exhibit of Photography by the late Lee Simpson. April. Mon-Fri from 11-4; Sat from 11-3. Suite 205, 700 N. Michigan.

ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO—Photographs by Josef Koudelka thru April 4, Lacy Armour Gallery. 72nd American Exhibition thru May 9, Morton Wing, admission charged. Watercolors by American Masters including Homer, Prendergast, Sargent, Marin, Demuth, Wyeth, and Dove, thru May 16, Gallery 108, Photographs from the Permanent Collection, continuing, Gallery 106. Tang Dynasty Pottery from the Permanent Collection, continuing, Gallery 116. Italian Master Drawings, continuing, Gallery 109A. Mon-Wed, Fri-Sat from 10-5; Thurs from 10-8:30 (free); Sun, Hol from 12-5. Suggested fee: \$1.50; students, seniors: 50¢; members free. Michigan at Adams. 443-3500.

AUDITORIUM BUILDING EXHIBIT tracing history of the building and its impact on Chicago architecture, opens April 17, Michigan Avenue Lobby. Daily from 9-6; Sun, 9-5. Free. 430 S. Michigan. 341-3510.

"CHAUTAQUA!" thru March, Dinglefest Theatre Co. \$2-4.50. 2261 N. Lincoln. 871-3000.

DESON-ZAKS GALLERY—Artists Stoppert, Martyl, Bolduc, and Blum included in exhibit of abstract drawings, paintings, thru April 6. 226 E. Ontario. 787-0005.

"DREAMS," April 2-4, 9-11, Evanston Theatre Studio. \$4.50. 816 Church St., Evanston. 869-7278.

"FORTUNE IN MEN'S EYES" opens April 3, Barry Street Loft Theatre. Fri-Sun, \$2.50. 656 W. Barry. 271-3119.

"GENTLEMAN AND A SCOUNDREL," comedy with Bill Daily, thru April 4, Pheasant Run Playhouse. Dinner-theatre tickets. Rte. 64, St. Charles. 261-7367.

GOODMAN STATE 2—"Statutes" and "The Bridge at Bel Harbour," April 15-18; 23-25. Ruth Page Auditorium, 1016 N. Dearborn. 443-3800.

GOODMAN THEATRE — "Our Father's Failing," opens April 1. Backstage tours thru June 12, Wed at 12:15, Sat at 1. 200 S. Columbus Dr. 443-3800.

"GREEN JULIA" thru April 8, Magic Circle and All-Media Drama Workshop. Thurs-Sat at 8. 615 W. Wellington. 929-0542.

"HERITAGE," Wed at 2 thru March, Dream Theatre. Of special interest to senior citizens. \$1.50. 2261 N. Lincoln. 871-3000.

"MAKING MONEY & 19 OTHER VERY SHORT PLAYS," open April 22, Magic Circle Theatre. Thurs-Sun. 615 W. Wellington. 929-0542.

POLO indoors Sun at 7 thru March, Water Tower Armory. All-Star Game, Match Game March 28. \$2-5.25; tickets available thru Ticketron and at door. 234 E. Chicago.

SECOND CITY—"East of Edens" Tues-Sun continuing. "Land of the

Stage II" opens April 13. Childre show every Sun at 2:30, \$1.50. 16 N. Wells at Piper's Alley. DE7-3992.

"THE HITLER MASQUE" w William J. Norris thru March, Victor Gardens Theatre. Fri-Sun. 3730 Clark. 549-5788.

"THE HOUSE OF BL LEAVES," April 2-3, 7-9, Pat O'Malley Workshop Theatre. \$2. students, seniors, \$1.50. Roosevelt University, 430 S. Michigan. 341-3510.

"THE RIVER NIGER," April 7- Kennedy-King College, 69th & W. worth. 962-3301.

TRANSPORTATION IN SWITZERLAND — Exhibit by the Swiss Museum of Transport & Communications in Lucerne examines the role of transportation in Switzerland's development and its importance today to the nation's economy. Thru April. Museum of Science & Industry. Wedays from 9:30-4; weekends, hol, fr 9:30-5:30. 57th & Lake Shore. Jackson Park.

VAN STRAATEN GALLERY—"Imaginary Worlds" exhibit of bronze sculptures of William Ludwig and prints by Erik Kesmazieres thru John Martin, thru March. Printmaking Barbara Apitz and Charles Klabune exhibit opens April 2. Mostly etchings with a surrealist tendency. 6461 Michigan. 642-2900.

"WHEN YOU COMIN' BACK, RYDER," April 1-11, The Studio, Goodman Theatre Center. \$3. 200 S. Columbus Dr. 443-3800.

"WIZARD OF ID" thru March, Wisdom Bridge Theatre. Thurs-Sat. 1559 W. Howard. 743-6442.

"YANKEE DOODLE," thru April 16, Goodman Children's Theatre, 20 S. Columbus Dr. 443-3800.

Salute To A Hero: Alert Bus Driver Saves Lives In Fire

It was 6:20 on Sunday morning, February 1. CTA bus driver Bruce Beck, out of Forest Glen garage, had just completed a run. He was having a coffee break in the Jefferson Park terminal.

Beck heard what sounded like a small explosion. He looked across the street and saw a cloud of black smoke coming from a building with a restaurant (Sir George's) and apartments. Beck and Kenneth Chrabasz, CTA bus supervisor, dashed to the street for a better view of what was happening.

"The whole place seemed to be in flames, upstairs and down," says Beck. Chrabasz ran back into the terminal to call the fire department.

Beck saw a young man drop from a second-story apartment window. The young man, who apparently was not injured, was advised by Beck to summon help from the police station around the corner.

Beck then ran to the back of the burning building. A woman standing in a daze on a porch heeded his call to come down and get away from the building.

He then dashed upstairs and began knocking on apartment doors, shouting to people to get out.

"I kept going to each door," says Beck, "and came upon a little girl about 10 years old. She said her two sisters and brother were still in a bedroom. The place was full of smoke and I couldn't see anything inside. I carried her downstairs and put her in the snow. She then told me they were all the way in the front of the building.

"So I went back," he continues, "and kept calling to cry out so they could be heard. I heard a little voice and found a girl. I took her to a police sergeant who was coming upstairs, then went back and found another girl. I brought her out and she said her brother was still in the bedroom. A fireman on a ladder called out that he would be able to get the little boy."

Before returning to the CTA terminal for his next run, however, Beck helped to escort residents of the building to the nearby police station. The fire claimed the life of a 20-year-old woman. Beck, who lives in Wheeling, has been a CTA bus driver for 11 years. His supervisor, George Daubs, says that he has a perfect record and was named "employee of the year" at Forest Glen for 1974-75.



Bruce Beck

A Special "Times Out" Opportunity

As a companion to Time Out, CTA Transit News is informing CTA employees of a new approach to audience development that provides opportunity for CTAers to enjoy live theater, music, and dance events at substantially reduced prices.

The Voucher Ticket Program of the non-profit Chicago Alliance for the Performing Arts (CAPA) is endorsed at both city and state levels as a measure to increase cultural opportunities for the employees of major Chicago organizations.

Vouchers may be purchased in sets of five from the non-commercial CAPA. Each voucher provides one admission to a regular performance by any one of 50 groups in the Chicago area at a pro rata cost of only about \$1.00.

CTA employees who wish to take advantage of the program must first obtain a formal Voucher Application from CAPA, together with full information on costs. The coupon is the right is for your convenience. It may be used for use as a self-mailer as indicated or placed in a regular mailing envelope.

Please do not write CTA. The program is entirely under CAPA's administration and this announcement in Transit News is purely for your information.

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(current performances of some are marked with an asterisk in this month's "Time Out")

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All The Chicago Fog Performing Gallery
Alternative Theatre Company
Amaranth World Theatre Company
At The Drama Shelter
Bread and Roses Theatre
Chicago Ballet
Chicago Black Ensemble
Chicago City Theatre Company
Chicago Civic Orchestra
Chicago Contemporary Dance Theatre
Chicago Moving Company
Chicago Opera Studio
Chicago Symphony
Chicago Theatre of the Deaf
Community Discount Players
Condominium Theater
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Victory Gardens
Wisdom Bridge



IN THE CTA CLAN--

Patrick J. O'Malley

They thought the grass was greener on the other side, so Patrick O'Malley's parents came here from County Mayo in the early 1900's.

That's the way Pat, assistant superintendent at Howard Street, tells it.

Pat grew up on Chicago's West Side, and the one thing he recalls about those early days are the Irish dances--especially since he met his wife at one.

"The Irish in my esteem are a happy, gay, friendly people," says Pat, who can easily be included in that definition.

A sociable person who enjoys get togethers with the neighbors, Pat helped to form a little league baseball team in his community, comprised of 220 boys and 40 adults.

Pat likes to refer to an old saying about the two kinds of people in the world--the Irish and those who wish they were.

But he admits, "I like Irish, but I like people...to me, everybody's the same."



IN THE CTA CLAN--

John P. O'Connor

If there is any family that typifies the affiliation of O'Connor with CTA transit, it's this one.

John P. O'Connor is director of Passenger Controls and Graphics in Operations Planning. He was preceded in CTA by his father, John Sr., a chief clerk at North Avenue. Working in the Maintenance Department now is a third generation O'Connor, Timothy.

"Danny Boy" is John's favorite Irish song.

"I like to sing it to a Jewish friend," he says.

The Irish, John explains, have a fun-loving personality as well as a sense of humor.

Though John's family has been firmly established in the U.S. for four generations, without a doubt the Irish heritage still exerts a subtle influence in his case.

"I'm proud of being Irish," says John.

St. Patrick's Day in the O'Connor home traditionally means corned beef and cabbage, which John says he cooks himself.



IN THE CTA CLAN--

John Meehan

What do Irish stew and Chinese food have in common?

John Meehan, a rapid transit car repairman at Wilson Maintenance, will tell you Irish stew has all its ingredients "mixed up together . . . just like chop suey."

Born in County Donegal, John came to the U.S. in 1950 "to make a better living." He settled in Chicago with two sisters and began working for the CTA in 1962.

A man of musical talent, John claims an expertise on the bagpipes. In past St. Patrick's Day parades, he says, he marched in a pipe band, outfitted in kilts and playing "Wearin' of the Green."

He's since put away the kilts and the bagpipes, but he still gets out to the Irish dances on St. Patrick's Day.

John keeps in touch with family and friends back home through frequent visits - he's made six so far, the most recent one just last summer.

For special friends, John reserves the Gaelic phrase "la deas" which means "have a nice day."



IN THE CTA CLAN--

John C. O'Connor

County Cork's native son John C. O'Connor can tell you about the beauty of the Lakes of Killarney. Yet it was "all the praise" he'd heard about this country that lured him to the U.S. in 1964.

But he still maintains, "Ireland means my homeland. . . where I was born. I'll always think of it as that."

John's a rapid transit car repairman at Wilson Maintenance Terminal--a job he's had ever since he got here.

St. Patrick's Day usually finds John marching in the parade, if the job permits, or taking his wife out to an Irish social in the evening.

There's never a lack of good Irish cooking around the O'Connor household--everything from soda bread to lamb or boiled beef and cabbage. John admits, however, that his favorite dish is steak.

John makes his home on the South Side with his wife Patricia and their 7-year-old son, Brendan.



Innovation featured the first meeting of the Chicago Transit Board under its new leadership: (1) a new meeting day, the first Wednesday of each month; (2) a comprehensive presentation by the CTA staff as the prelude to each meeting.

CTA Transit News will be bringing you highlights of each month's meeting on a regular basis. For March:

... An increase in riding of 4.2 per cent in the first two months of this year was reported by Paul Kole, General Finance Manager. Part of the increase, said Kole, is due to improvement in the city's employment situation. A major factor also, he said, was the warmer February which produced increases in Sunday ridership from 15 to 31 per cent over a year ago. Riding for the two month '76 period totaled 63 million originating riders and 44,100,000 transfer sales.

... A plan to equip the entire rapid transit system with modern air-conditioned trains in the next 10 years was approved. The proposal, ultimately re-

quiring more than \$222 million in public funding, calls for the acquisition of 550 new cars under an on-going annual delivery schedule - all in addition to the 330 modern cars now in operation and 200 new cars on order for delivery over the next two years.

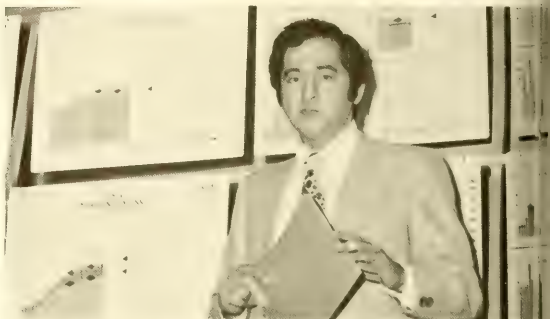
... General Manager George Krambles announced that pre-departure test equipment for cab signalling has been developed by the Signal and Maintenance Department and is being placed in use in the yards at the Jefferson Park Terminal (see back page of Supplement).

... The nationwide task force for Project FARE (Financial Accounting and Reporting Elements) to study and develop uniform financial reporting standards for urban transit systems selected a tour of CTA under the CTA Technical Institute itinerary as "the best way to become thoroughly familiar with the operations of a transit system." The task force includes Peter J. Meinardi, retired CTA manager of finance.

Presiding at the Board meeting, James J. McDonough, right, listens to update on CTA economics by Paul Kole. Other Board member is Edward Brabec.



CTA revenue for first two months this year totaled \$17.8 million, Paul Kole reports, representing an increase of 1.6 percent over comparable period a year ago. Ridership increase outgained farebox increase because of greater public use of Sunday garage fares.



Newly-named General Manager George Krambles moderates monthly staff presentation, reports personally on progress in operations and safety, cites Bruce Beck for fire heroism (page 10), introduces new operations head (page 1). Sal Bianchi, right, serves as Board secretary.



Asked by General Manager to report on FARE group's tour of CTA (page A of supplement), Terrell Hill, General Development Manager, participates in staff meeting for first time since serious accident.





James Blaa, Manager of Transportation, reports absence of traditional snows in Chicago reduced operating problems during winter.



Joseph Repplinger, Director of Vehicle Maintenance, reports continuing progress in renewal of CTA escalators at rapid transit stations and terminals.



Harold Hirsch, Manager of Operations Planning, reports that sites for bus shelters approved by Board at recent meeting are now before City Council for approval. Meanwhile, bid award has been made and, with Council's early approval, first shelters can be delivered around June 1.



John L. Aurand, Manager of General Administration, reports proposal of Regional Transportation Authority to purchase services of Transit Information Center established by CTA, expand its personnel for wider telephone coverage of area, and manage the facility.

In early afternoon of Board meeting day, Krambles stages demonstration of CTA-developed cab signalling test unit for Chicago transportation editors, telecasters. Demo is held at Jefferson Park terminal. Equipment consists of a wayside unit that runs train through all possible aspects of automatic signalling and controls while train is still in the yards before it has departed on a run. Tests include automatic braking as well as sound and light signals. If train fails any phase of test, it is not brought into service. Another train is substituted. By-passing of cab signal system because of malfunction is obviated.



Fast engineering teamwork by these three CTAs developed the wayside pre-departure test device for cab signalling that may well be of value to rapid transit systems throughout the nation as well as on the Chicago system. Shown at the showcasing demonstration for media are, left to right, Helmut Schweitzer, signal engineer; Ted Szewc, supervisor, signal, telephone, radio maintenance; and Ken Bisset, recently promoted to superintendent of signals and communications in the CTA's engineering department. Bisset's first experience with CTA was as a co-op student trainee from the Illinois Institute of Technology in 1968.



THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

COUNTING - Congratulations to JOHN F. BILLIS on graduating with honors from DePaul university. He will receive a B.S. degree in accounting. John has been carrying 16 hrs at night for the past two years while sending DePaul. I am sure he will be happy to be able to go home at night and not have to study. This coming summer will be the first time in five years he did not attend school. John says he will start working toward his masters degree in September 1976 at DePaul. John also graduated with honors from Vought Junior college and attended Loop Junior college where he received a trophy and a certificate of honor for being the outstanding student in the field of accounting for the year.

- Judy Weiner

ACHER - When women operators surprised everyone when they presented a cake to our instructors. We wish to thank R. ADKINS, C. WHITE, C. SYKES, J. COUSINS, E. RYNOR, M. WILLIAMS and I. TUFF for being so thoughtful...Operator JOHN F. MESSER and his lovely wife, MADELYN, traveled to Florida for five weeks. John, timed your vacation right...Congratulations to Superintendent JAMES E. OHSE, District B, who completed 29 years of service on Feb. 14 and celebrated his birthday on the 20th...Congratulations to Operator VALON BROWN who completed 2 years of service on Feb. 9... Celebrating his first birthday on Jan. 13 was STEVEN LABBIN, the grandson of Area Superintendent WILLIAM MESER. On Jan. 3, Steve helped



Bill and Steven

grandpa Bill celebrate his birthday, but grandpa wouldn't tell how many years... There is one family CTA can be proud of the METKE's--their father, the late ALEXANDER METKE, retired in 1944 from the 38th Street Station with 42 years of service; his son, EDWARD, retired in 1972 with 36 years of service; another son, JOHN, retired on Feb. 1 with 36 years. In total, the Metkes have worked 114 years for the CSL and CTA. The sons retired from Archer... Congratulations to these gentlemen who took their pensions in January and February: T. DRYER, 29 years; W. DINEEN, 35 years; L. DUDEK, 31 years; J. SLAVIK, 28 years; JOHN KENDER (garage), 17 years; A. PETER-

SON, 34 years; R. JANKOWSKI, 43 years, and J. METKE, 36 years. We wish them all a pleasant retirement and the best of everything...Our good friend, DANIEL E. COUGHLIN, moved to Clearwater Beach, Fla. Dan, we wish you nothing but the best...Operator G. KUBIN was really surprised on his birthday. His wife and daughter put one past him and surprised him with a party. George was so overwhelmed he wanted to cry, but didn't have the nerve... A speedy recovery to Operators C. CORBUS, C. WHITE, W. BERNAL, F. MICHAEL, P. LESLIE, C. C. JONES and T. IRELAND. Hope you are up and about by the time we go to press...Operator BILLIE JETT has returned to work after recovering from his illness...Our belated and deepest sympathy is extended to the families of the late Pensioners FRED KAHLFELDT and THOMAS WALSH. Also to Operator MOSES JOHNSON in the passing of his son...What has happened to our accident record? Let's get with it! Instead of being last in the standing, we should be number one...Save with your credit union--it will pay you in the long run.

- Owen Rosendave

CTA PIONEERS -

For anyone reading this column and wondering who or what the CTA Pioneers are, they are a group of CTA retirees, mostly from the North Side of the city. The club was established through the efforts of seven pensioners from various departments of CTA: GEORGE MAY, former Limits superintendent; FRANK LASKE, former North Avenue bus operator and Division 241 board member; WILLIAM PINASCO, former chief clerk of Forest Glen; RALPH KUGELARD, former District D superintendent; CARL LARSEN and MAYNARD MORAN, former dispatchers in the Control Center, and WILLARD LYONS, former Forest Glen bus operator and paymaster. The first luncheon and meeting held on Dec. 16, 1975, had an attendance of 88 CTA retirees. At the second meeting on Jan. 13, there were 95 retirees in attendance. It was agreed that we would call our organization the CTA Pioneers and that all luncheons and meetings were to be held at the Golden Flame restaurant, 6417 W. Higgins Road, starting at 12 noon the second Tuesday of each month. Membership fee is \$1, and all CTA retirees are welcome to join. At the January meeting each of the club founders was elected to an office--Laske as president, Pinasco as vice-president, Kugelard as secretary, Larsen as treasurer, and Lyons, May and Moran to the board of directors. MICHAEL



IN THE CTA CLAN-- John McCarty

No longer does John McCarty, motorman, sniff the Irish stew on the stove. It's not there. His request. He was fed too much of it when he was a kid.

John's grandparents came to the U.S. from the old sod in the 1860's. John grew up on Chicago's West Side, now lives in Bellwood.

Mrs. McCarty (Shirley) is a school teacher. She has also raised three children. One son, 19-year-old Barry, works for CTA as a ticket agent.

When the kids were growing up, John found Irish blarney to be a useful technique in getting the children to do their homework, keep themselves neat.

The most famous Irishman he can think of? John F. Kennedy.

John has worked for CTA for 28 years.

KOMPANOWSKI, former Transit News reporter for Forest Glen, was appointed as the scribe for the CTA Pioneers...Mr. BILL POWELL, a club member, was confined to St. Joseph hospital but is now home recuperating. All the members wish Bill a speedy recovery and hope to see him soon at the meetings.

- Michael J. Kompanowski

CLAIMS LAW & REAL ESTATE -

In our last issue I forgot to mention that JOHN B. DALY took his pension on Feb. 1 after more than 31 years of service. We wish John and his family a long and healthy retirement. About a week after his retirement party, John called me and wished to express his thanks and appreciation to all those who helped make his last day here a memorable occasion. On behalf of

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NEW PENSIONERS

JOINING THE ranks of the retired on March 1 were the two employees pictured below who had 40 or more years of transit service each with CTA and its predecessor companies.



R. J. BLAU
40 Years



H. W. HIGLEY
40 Years

BERNARD BECKER, Chief Clerk,
69th Street, Emp. 12-31-38
THOMAS BELSHAW, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 10-23-45
RAYMOND BLAU, General Supervisor,
South Shops, Emp. 4-26-35
ARTHUR CALDER, Controller,
Transportation, Emp. 8-19-41
ALESSANDRO CARELLO, Painter Fore-
man, Maintenance, Emp. 1-29-45
OLIVER CARROLL, Trackman I,
Maintenance, Emp. 4-29-49
ANNE CINCETTI, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 7-24-54
MELVIN CLAUSEN, Right-of-Way Inspectr.,
Safety, Emp. 11-16-36
PETER COLUCCI, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 12-12-42
GEORGE CROFOOT, Stock Clerk II,
Materials Management, Emp. 10-22-41
ANDREW DIANOVSKY, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 10-11-45

FRED DIEBOLD, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 12-15-55
HAROLD DIXON, Motorman,
West Section, Emp. 2-5-51
DANIEL DOYLE, Clerk,
West Section, Emp. 6-26-43
GONZALO GARZA, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 10-27-55
JOHN HANNING, Chief Clerk,
West Section, Emp. 1-24-46
HENRY HIGLEY, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 2-20-36
WILLIAM KENNEDY, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 10-31-46
ALBERT KLOPACZ, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 1-28-48
JOSEPH LACKI, Substation Attendant,
Maintenance, Emp. 3-10-45
GUSTAF MELANDER, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 12-5-40
MARY MORGAN, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 11-23-43
WILLIAM O'BRIEN, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 1-27-43
HARON RAMBO, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 11-14-45
GEORGE RASCH, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 12-26-68
GEORGE REZMER, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 7-14-37
ARTHUR SHARPE, Auditor I,
Internal Auditing, Emp. 2-12-30
FRANKLIN SPECHT, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 7-11-52
JOHN STAHULAK, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 6-3-54
EDWARD SZAREK, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 11-24-36
EDWARD THORNE, Addressograph Oper.,
Materials Management, Emp. 11-28-41

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

ARTHUR DAVIS, Instructor,
77th Street, Emp. 7-2-56
LEON DREWNIAKOWSKI, Service Truck
Chauffeur, Utility, Emp. 2-7-36

BURTON. Hope to see those smiling
faces soon.

- Michelle Vitale

CTA SECURITY -

Congratulations to MARGUERITE LONGO and Sergeant BRUCE HENDERSHOT who exchanged marriage vows Friday, Jan. 16. A graduation party was given Saturday, Feb. 14, by TOMMY BOSLEY's lovely wife, SHOPIE, in honor of Tommy's completion of his basic law course at Lisle, Ill. Two other guests who were also honored at the party were ISAIAH BROWN and JAMES GAGE. On Feb. 11 a department meeting for the uniform personnel, conducted by Manager of Security EDWARD M. JORDAN, was held at the Lawndale Training Center. Such topics as the seniority picks and working assignments were discussed by JOHN SHEEHY, director of

Uniform Division...FOP Lodge 89 president DANIEL MARTINIAK and vice president ANTHONY NOVAKOVICH would like to mention that the 1976 membership is still open...Everyone wishes a speedy recovery for ROY JACKSON and JAM LaFOLLETTE of the West Section Unit who are still on sick leave...During 1 month, Officer RONALD MILLER of the South Section Unit was commended for alertness while patrolling the elevated stations on the far South Side. Patrolman Miller apprehended three men who boarded the bus at the 63rd Street Terminal smoking marijuana cigarettes and caused a loud disturbance. After the arrest was made, a large amount of green crush plant believed to be marijuana was found in the possession. That same night, Officer Miller apprehended two youths selling transfers at the 69th Street Dan Ry rapid transit station. Officer Miller joined the department in July, 1975, after serving four years with the United States army as a military police officer. He completed his basic law course at Champaign, Ill. Officer Miller was also a special agent with the John T. Lynch Security company in Oak Park, Ill. Keep up the good work, Ron.

- Frank Pickett Jr.

ELECTRICAL (Electrobay W) -

Don't be alarmed; it's only me--the shop person with the dark rimmed glasses wandering around the Electrobay like a lost soul. Received some strange looks I poked my nose into doorways and ways, to see what was what and who where. It was my first visit to the electrical shop and I was just trying to get acquainted with the new surroundings. At least nobody threw me out. I ran into sorts of people I haven't seen for a long time...Since you brought the subject up, there are many of you I don't know, why don't you phone in or write any new items you may have. Tell DON CRADALL or BOB BOOTH and they will let the news to me...BILL PARKS has been here for awhile because of surgery. He is now resting and recuperating...LAFY SHELBY, who has been flying off and on (or is it up and down) for the last 35 years, has finally decided to go to aviation school. He is going to learn about the mechanics and construction of aircraft so he can build his own plane. Guess it beats flapping arms...Saw an old friend of mine, AL MAXWELL, looking as brown as a bear after a three-week vacation in Florida. ED DEVLIN and his wife have been in the city by now are back from a motor trip to Albuquerque, N.M., visiting his wife's family...BILL SHEAHAN and his wife went to Tucson to visit their daughter. They took a side trip down to old Mexico where they had a pretty good fish dinner. Remember Bill? The tremendous group I saw on March 23 weren't plumbers, but the way



IN THE CTA CLAN--

John J. O'Connor

Pat O'Brien may be just another actor to some people, but to Jack O'Connor, he's something of an Irish hero.

"One of the things that impresses me about him is he's so warm. He reminds me of the man next door or the man you'd want to have next door. I think he's very representative of the Irish race," says O'Connor, Director of Personnel.

Jack's ties with Ireland are rooted in Kerry and Limerick counties. His grandparents left those parts in the late 1800's to settle in the U.S.

Though separated from Irish culture and customs by two generations, Jack still rains the old ties.

"I'm proud of being Irish. Everything I read about the Irish tells you they're warm, friendly people--I'd like to be part of that definition."

The name O'Connor is probably one of the better known Irish names in the CTA. Besides Jack, there's John in Operations Planning, Joe in Engineering, and Phil in Maintenance.

"Says Jack, "We call each other cousins, but we're really not."

St. Patrick's Day is an event in Jack's household.

"Ever since I was old enough to know that I'm Irish, I've looked forward to St. Pats."

By Jack's special request, one of the fatty traditions around St. Patrick's Day is corned beef and cabbage--he calls it Irish turkey.

"My wife cooks it for me, but she doesn't like it herself," he says.

Food refreshments flowed, surely much plugging was put to use. The occasion was the annual Old Timers' party sponsored by the officers of IBEW Local 9. It might have taken tons of corned beef and gallons of beer to satisfy the 800 guests. If there had been any more people there, they would have had to sit out in the hall. The 1975 pensioners from Local 9 were presented with a (not empty) gift wallet. Pensioners I saw there were: CICHON, SCUMACHER, BRONZELL, BRINDL, WATERS, GABAUER and GABY. Later there was a short greeting from Secretary of State Michael J. Howlett. JIM ROEBB and VIC ROSENDAHL are now two of RANELLI's night riders. Just met a new man in the Electrical Department. Please welcome JIM SCHUMPP, formerly of the General Office. Pensioner JOE NIBRODSKI, former chief substation operator, and his wife, GRACE, spent three weeks touring the Florida east coast to Key West, then returned via the west coast. Enroute they stopped for a visit with Pensioner JOE HERMAN in Boca Raton, and Pensioner ART HANSEL in Homosassa.

Both enjoy retirement and are in good health. They send their best wishes to all the substation gang they formerly worked with.

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- Ben Nielsen

(Rapid Transit Signal Division) -

An "Old Timers' party was given in January by IBEW Local 9 for its retired and retiring members. This was the Local's 10th annual event, and one that was very well attended. Our signalmen joined in with about 800 other men in downing countless steins of suds, and at the same time consuming a tasty corned beef and cabbage dinner. The Plumbers Auditorium on west Washington Boulevard was filled with music provided by the Shannon Rovers. Speaking a few moments at the microphone amidst the noise and laughter was Secretary of State Michael J. Howlett. Topping the list of our men were: RONALD SWINDELL, superintendent of Electrical Maintenance; TED SZEWC, supervisor of Signal, Telephone, and Radio Maintenance, and GEORGE MATEJOVSKY, unit supervisor of Signal Maintenance. Also present were Pensioners BILL (The Gypsy) BAKER, PAT (White Top) DOYLE and FRANK (Newspaper) GUAGENTI. Doing their share of food removal were: BIG DAN MORIARTY, ROY WILLIAMS, FRANK HALPER Sr., FRANK HALPER Jr., DENNIS DOBBYN, DAVE GREIG, VICK ZASTERA, CLYDE YOUNT, FRANK BONK, R. BUSHBAUM, JIMMIE NESBIT and DAN-NY WATERS. Our thanks to Local 9's staff for such a wonderful evening...Signal Helper ART LOWDER is off on a one-week vacation. He will take in the bright lights and sights of the desert city of Las Vegas, Nev. He also expects to do a bit of skiing before returning. (Make it an arm or something else this time, Art, but please don't break another leg.) Pardon me, Art, your brother, JIM LOWDER, is going with you on vacation, isn't he? Good, he'll see after you and get you home safe...Your reporter was privileged to attend CTA's multi-media first aid class recently. The venture was very interesting, informative and hopefully not necessary. I promised I would not tell who I practiced mouth-to-mouth resuscitation with, but I will say to the guys I work with: if you plan to pass out or something, you'd better do it soon before I get rusty with my procedures...KENDRICK BISSET has been promoted to superintendent of Signals and Communications. Mr. Bisset, formerly supervisor of Signal Design, was promoted to fill the vacancy created by PAUL CLEAVER's retirement. Congratulations, Ken, and lots of luck in your new position...Congratulations to Signal Maintainer JIMMIE NESBIT who reached his 40th anniversary with the company. That's quite an accomplishment, Jim, what's your secret?.. We extend a hearty welcome to our newest group of go-getters. They are Signal Helpers GREGORY CRAIG, JAMES WAR-

CHOL, JOHN SARA, CHARLES GUSICH and DONALD VILLA. There are switches that need you, and dirty signal lenses that long for your touch. So what else, go get it!..Regretfully we report the death of RAMOND TOPOLINSKI, the father of Signal Maintainer DON TOPOLINSKI. To the bereaved family, you have our prayers in your hour of sorrow...CLYDE YOUNT reached his 30th anniversary with the CTA. Gee, that's exciting. Just look at him, he is still moving along briskly at a meter per minute. Congratulations are on the way, Clyde...We congratulate NOREEN KEATING, the daughter of Blacksmith JEFFREY M. KEATING, who recently graduated from the Ravenswood School of Nursing. Ms. Keating is presently working as an RA with the State of Illinois. Jeff, I understand your other children are doing fine in school as well: JEFFREY JAMES is now a freshman at I.U. Circle Campus; KEVIN graduates next June from Lane Tech.; EILEEN is a junior at Amerson High school; DANNY is attending 7th grade at St. Benedict Grade school, JOHN is in grade 5, and BRENDAN in grade 1. I still have the pen in my hand, Jeff, if you and your wife, KITTY, have some more names for me...Signal Helper WILLIAM KURTIN is home recuperating from a major illness. He told me he is very pleased to be at home where he can mingle with the family, even if he is under regular care of his doctor. Sure, go ahead. Call him up and talk with him. Bill said he would enjoy talking with you guys...Signal Maintainer DAN MORIARTY will be leaving on disability pension. Big Dan presently is re-



IN THE CTA CLAN--

Tom A. DeVany

He was born in County Mayo in 1922 and came to Philadelphia in 1948. He had heard about the opportunities in America. The trail led him to Chicago in 1956 and to CTA two years later. Tom DeVany is a ticket agent.

His face is a map of Ireland, Tom says. "Everywhere I go, people say there's a Mick!"

Still loyal to the home country, Tom's favorite Irish songs are Galway Bay, Moonlight in Mayo, Home to Mayo.

Tom and his wife, Cecilia (who is part Irish), live in Villa Park. Tom is a member of the West Suburban Club, DuPage Area, where he helps with charitable events for Irish causes.

Tom remembers his school days in Ireland with a great deal of fondness. If you should travel to Ireland, he recommends, don't miss Dublin and Phoenix Park.

Corned beef and cabbage is a regular meal in the DeVany home. Eamon de Valera is Tom's Irish idol. And marching in the St. Patrick's Day parade is traditional whenever he does not have to work on the 17th.



IN THE CTA CLAN--

Mike Joseph McCarthy

Riding the Hercules Mulligan Bicentennial bus in the St. Patty's Day parade is CTA public safety analyst Mike Joseph McCarthy.

Mike grew up on Chicago's South Side--the son of parents whose ancestry traces back to County Cork. When Mike was in service in Germany in 1956, he made a trip to Ireland to see County Cork--and to kiss the blarney stone. 'Tis said the McCarthy family once owned the castle.

With a trace of the Irish brogue he inherited from his parents, Mike says he likes the songs of "the trouble" in Ireland. He has read a great deal of Irish history.

The Irish contributed greatly to the development of this country, Mike testifies. For one thing, they were prominent in the building of the railroads.

The McCarthys have four children. The wife's name is Elaine.

cupering from an annoying and persistent illness. We all were very glad to see you at the Old Timers' party, Dan...For better or worse, Signal Maintainer JOHN LONG has been away serving on jury duty. Your partner, DAVE BATTERSON, said he misses you, John. That welcome sign that he was preparing for you? Forget it. He has now changed the lettering into smaller words...I've been campaigning heavily and have lined up quite a bit of support for our "year older club". Each of you guys mentioned here will be given a "happy birthday greetings" button. Wear it proudly. You are: RICHARD GAVRYS, Feb. 14; JERRY GUTH, Feb. 16; DANNY HAMMOND, Feb. 20; RICHARD VIETH, Feb. 1; ART LUPESCU, Feb. 20; CARL DIMMS, Feb. 18; ROY WILLIAMS, Feb. 13; J. BALCAUSKI, Feb. 12; JOHN LONG, Feb. 11; DANNY WATERS, Feb. 7, and Retired Signal Maintainer FRANK GUAGENTI, Feb. 23. And bringing up the rear (puff, puff, almost didn't make it) is your reporter, Feb. 29. I had to make quite a leap to get this day.

- Tommie Lowrey

FOREST GLEN -

Our credit union party was quite a success, and I want to thank all the members who made it possible. In fact, each year it has been improving. I can't see how it can get any better. Many thanks for a fine evening from all who attended...Operator TED KAZANIS recently turned in a six pack which was left on his bus. After the usual length of time required for lost and found, it was turned over to him. I wonder what happened to it? Three of his friends left with him and the six pack...Congratulations

to Operator JOHN LOVARZ who was married on Feb. 6, with a reception at the Millionaire's club in Golf Mill...Mr. and Mrs. PEMENKO became the proud parents of an 8 pound 9 ounce baby girl named CHARMAIN ELIZABETH. He was so proud that he was caught passing out cigars to our lady operators...Who's new in the A.M.? TOM LYNCH and DAN MURPHY, in charge of assigning buses. They're very friendly young men who always have a smile for all, even with all the tricks yours truly plays on them. Every once in awhile they will find their coat sleeves tied and their hats filled with paper clips...Retired Operator ED KRUSER and his wife, EMILY, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Jan. 23. A beautiful party was given by their three children at Antoine's hall. Here's hoping you both have many more happy years together...A belated happy birthday to Operator DAVE KESKE. He sure cheers up our table each morning. In fact, he's half asleep till noon...Retired Operator BILL LYNAM recently spent some time in the hospital due to a little leg trouble. Bill will be retired two years in June. We wish to report to all his old buddies that he is looking mighty fine. Also a belated happy anniversary to Bill and his lovely wife, who were married 44 years last Thanksgiving...Pensioner AL CHODO says hello to all his old friends. Al worked Harlem Avenue for years, and some of his old passengers still ask about him...Operator JOE MOTYKA recently celebrated 29 years of wedded bliss. Also a happy birthday Joe. Do be careful when you have to drive home--I understand those trees are hard to move...Operator W. MELFI states his beautiful daughter, KATHY, will be graduating from high school this May and has plans to attend Southern Illinois university...Operator PONDEL, we missed your wife at the dance. Sorry to hear she's on the sick list...Hats off to Supervisor JAMES THAXTON who forgot to mention he has a

son now who is 20 months old. Can't see how the old boy forgot--maybe it's age. None of us would have found out if it hadn't been for his lovely wife...Garage Foreman J. JOYCE says his wife is expecting again. Come off it, Joyce, are you planning on baseball team?...A belated happy 33rd wedding anniversary to ALBIN and STELLA POWLICKI. Also many thanks for the slice of cake. Do you know, Al, my wife ate both slices?...A belated happy birthday and wedding anniversary to Operator JIM COBURN. Jim states he was married on his birthday so he couldn't forget the anniversary...HERBIE SCHMIDT is down in sunny Florida visiting his daughter, Retired Chief Clerk BILL PINASCO's wife PAT, is at present in the hospital. Here's hoping she will return home soon...Pensioner AL RAHN is looking fine. In fact, I do believe he's looking better than when he was working. Of course the clothes make quite a difference. Right, Al? Thanks, TED WODARSKI, for your nice card. It was very kind and thoughtful of you...District C Superintendent TOM HILDEBRANT is still rated number one. Keep up the good work, Tom...DAVE KNOER is now working at Skokie Shop. Sorry to lose you, Dave, you always did an excellent job...Superintendent JAMES BROGAN will drive west for a month's vacation. Have a nice trip and come home relaxed...Superintendent V. JOHNSON is no longer the boss at Limits Garage. Forest Glen loss is Limits' gain. Good luck...By the way, do any of you old timers have an opinion button from November 1942? If so, please contact WILBUR at Forest Glen.

- W. A. Henry

KEADIE -

It's always nice to hear from our retired friends. I received a letter from Form Superintendent JOHN FRUGO who says he is doing fine. His wife underwent surgery

Joe Tunzi: Bye - Bye Boy

Joe Tunzi holds the title for saying good-bye.

Tunzi, a transportation clerk, sees some 300 CTA employees off every year when he gives them their pension packets and processes their retirement forms.

Tunzi, who himself is in the midst of building a pension nestegg (he was hired by the CTA in 1950 when he was 17 years old), describes his job as a daily challenge of meeting people. This is particularly true near New Year's when he sees almost 100 new faces as employees stand in line to muster out.

"Most like to finish off the year," he explains.

Tunzi says pensioners hate to go -- they really enjoyed their jobs.

"Can't think of one who didn't," he says.

Of course, Tunzi's job doesn't end with wishing employees good-bye, since many come back to visit.

Any take an early pension just for the fun of it?

"Only one," says Tunzi.

"A bus driver -- at 55, he married rich."





IN THE CTA CLAN--

Mary Berry

You don't have to be born there to love Ireland--at least, in Mary Berry's case it's true.

"I think about Ireland and going back there all the time. My parents were born there. It's the ancestral home," says Mary, a clerk in the Claims Law Department with 24 years service.

For Mary "going back" is more than wishful thinking. She's already made the trip four times, taking in her parents' home in County Galway as well as traveling all over Ireland.

"The people there will say, 'when you go back, you're home,'" says Mary. "They make you feel warm and welcome. Even strangers--they treat them as their own."

The lifestyle in Ireland, she explains, helps to build a feeling of congeniality and hospitality among the people.

There are no telephones. Everyone exchanges conversation in the pubs, and these are very friendly places. You can really feel at home," she says.

Like all good Irish, Mary's a socializer.

"I like to go to Irish dances...doing the jig or the reel. We all sing and dance a lot."

The spirit of Ireland lives even in Mary's home on Chicago's Northwest Side. There her parents still speak Gaelic, and she bakes Irish soda bread almost every week.

You'll even find a blarney stone there because Mary admits to having a small piece of it.

and is doing good. She is confined to a wheel chair, but John says he takes her shopping and anywhere else she wants to go. It is hard to believe that Mr. Frugo has been on pension for 10 years. How time flies...I had Pensioner ART LASK and his wife on my bus and they really like great. They said they are really enjoying the retired life. Art entered his dog in a dog show (he didn't mention which dog) and won first place. Congratulations...also had Pensioner BERLIN ride my bus and he said to tell all his friends hello. KATIE RICHARDSON, the wife of Pensioner J. RICHARDSON, was in the hospital but is now home and doing well...MARGIE BROWN, the wife of C. BROWN, repair department, was in Michael Reese hospital for surgery. She is now home recuperating...Collector J. FOLEY is now here after undergoing eye surgery and doing fine. We all wish you a speedy recovery and a quick return to work...D. KEANE and his wife, RUTH, vacationed in Florida and took in all the sights. Dave went fishing off the Keys and caught a big 25 pounder--and that's no fish story...Operator W. RUSCICK said he saw Retired

Supervisor F. CLANCY and said he looks really great. Clancy said he is feeling fine and sends his best regards to all his friends at Kedzie...Operators W. McKNIGHT, J. YOUNG and D. GARRISON passed their supervisor exam and are now in school. Hopefully by the time this issue comes out, they will have completed the course and been placed in the supervisor pool. Congratulations, fellows...Operator JACKIE HAYES took his vacation and said that he and his wife, CHARLOTTE, "dog-sat"--with their daughter's big Eskimo dog--while she and her husband vacationed in Jamaica...Our deepest sympathy is extended to Operator G. JONES in the loss of his mother, Mrs. M. JONES...Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Pensioner HERB GRABE who passed away in Mesa, Ariz...Our sincere condolences to FRANK GRIMALDI, assistant foreman, North Avenue, in the loss of his sister, RAFFALLA CANIANO; to J. FINLAY, repair department, in the loss of his sister, EILEEN FINLAY; to L. JONES, repair department, whose father passed away, and to E. PORTER, repair department, in the loss of his mother who passed away in Arkansas...We wish all the operators on the sick list a speedy recovery and hope to see you back on the job real soon...Softball season is almost here, and anyone interested in playing this year can contact C. WILLIAMS and he will give you all the information...Don't forget your credit union--save a little each payday and watch your happiness grow.

- Raymond Graham

LIMITS -

Greetings!..Well, to start this month off in good spirits, our bowling team is in second place. How about that! Hang in there, gang...Heard from Retired Janitor STANLEY TURK. He's living in Wisconsin now and enjoying every minute of his pension, fishing, hunting, doing all the things he's wanted to do for a long time--like chasing those North Country chicks around (ha, ha). He sends his best to all his friends at Limits...Pensioner R. BENSON tells me he's a grandfather for the eighth time. His oldest son, DAVID, and his wife, JACQUELINE, became the proud parents of a baby boy, KEVIN SCOTT, born Jan. 8 weighing 9 pounds 8 ounces. David is an operator out of North Park...We heard that Janitor DON MARR has been hospitalized at Columbus hospital and is in need of blood donors. If you can find the time, please stop in there. I'm sure it would be greatly appreciated. Get well, Don, we miss you here...Get well wishes also to Operators BROWN, THOMPSON, GREEN, ANDERSON, GIPSON and HANNON. Hurry back, we all miss you...Our sincere condolences to Operator CARL (Andy) ANDERSON in the passing of his mother...Our annual credit union dinner and meeting were wonderful as usual, and there were

door prizes galore. Keep saving at your credit union, and you'll have smooth sailing. See you next month.

- Charles Turner

NORTH AVENUE -

The members arrived early. The cocktail bar and the registration book opened simultaneously at 8. The gavel rapped at 8:45, and the meeting came to order. The members listened to a compendium of statistics and committee reports and re-elected three members to the Board of Directors. Then they formed an orderly line at the buffet tables that consisted of an array of three meats, salad, vegetables, gravy and dessert. Immediately following dinner 52 door prizes, 12 fifths of Canadian whiskey and 40 cash prizes of \$5 each were raffled. A motion to adjourn was entertained, seconded and carried and thus came to an end the 38th annual membership meeting of the North Avenue Depot Federal Credit Union. Operator HORACE BROWNING was elected president at the board meeting as Operator JOHN M. WEATHERSPOON declined to seek re-election. There were no other changes in the offices held...Sorry we missed the last issue with this: Superintendent WARD CHAMBERLAIN and Superintendent ARTHUR TABEL of 69th Street completed 30 years of service with CTA in January...The ladder of promotion was set out and the following were rewarded: from assistant superintendent of North Avenue



IN THE CTA CLAN--

John F. Carolan

Chief clerk John Carolan administers an office of 13 people at the Jeff Park terminal. He began with CTA in 1920. His son, Michael, 26, who is an iron worker at West Shops, makes the Carolans a three generation CTA family.

John was born in the U.S. and has never been to Ireland, although he hopes to make a trip there this year. His mother was from County Mayo, his father was from County Meath, and he is as Irish as a native.

One song by Johnny Cash that "really moves" him is "40 Shades of Green." To him, it signifies the allure of Ireland that he has felt since he was a boy.

They say John looks like a young Pat O'Brien and speaks with a bit of an inflection. He's fond of Irish soccer and a great fan of Notre Dame sports. He still savors the taste of his mother's lamb stew.

John admires the Irish people for their strong religious faith, their talents, and their generosity.

"Shulanta," says John, to show off his Gaelic. For us, it's a toast from him--good health.

Service anniversaries in March

40 years



E. A. Hess,
Capital Development



E. J. Hays,
Claims Law



W. F. Sheahan,
Electrical

35 years

J. E. Cannon, Accounting Operations
G. W. Frailey, Track & Structures
A. Fritzler, North Park
J. Grady, Beverly
E. W. Maloney, South Shops
W. J. Rappold, Electrical
R. L. Shea, Kedzie

to superintendent of 69th Street, ARTHUR TABEL; from instructors to assistant superintendents: EARL BURKETT, JOHNNY BORK and JAMES HENDERSON; from instructor to "night rider", KENNETH ZACHOWSKI...Many happy returns of the day to Assistant Superintendent JAMES HENDERSON and his wife, JACKIE, on their 30th wedding anniversary Feb. 3...We welcome Operators JOHN JOHNSON and WILLIAM NANSZ back to work after being off ill and hospitalized...Operator BEATRICE RICHARD is visiting sick relatives in New Orleans...We were recently visited by Pensioner WILLIAM MIEDEMA, former reporter of this column. We found out that Bill, who retired last year, was in the hospital for a brief period and is doing splendidly now. Bill also mentioned that

he receives mail from several pensioners who would like to send news to be printed in this column. For all pensioners who wish to correspond with this reporter, please address all correspondence to Transit News Reporter, North Avenue, 4801 W. North Avenue, Chicago, Ill. 60651. We welcome mail and news from all of our readers...Repairman JOHN RUDDLE visited his daughter, Sister MARIANNE, in Lodi, N.J. We are told that Ruddle found out it does not pay to park in a tow zone as his car was towed away...We welcome JAMES P. (Whitey) BRISON of the repair department back to work. Brison is a third generation employee of the CTA. His grandfather recently retired, his father is employed in the electrical department, and his twin brother, JOHN, is in the repair

30 years

C. Bareishis, South Shops
L. E. Conklin, North Park
J. S. Fietko, Archer
F. H. Friebe, West Section
W. J. Friebe, North Park
R. M. Geiser, District D
J. L. Grojean, District D
J. B. Hayes, Kedzie
E. F. Howe, 69th Street
G. L. Jarrell, Buildings & Grounds
A. Johnson, North Park
F. Katkus, Forest Glen
F. A. Kolcz, North Avenue
J. J. Lahey, Training Center
J. F. Leahy, Control Center
M. S. Mariano, South Shops
F. A. Mathiesen, North Avenue
W. K. Mobley, Transp. Support Serv.
W. H. Oglesby, 77th Street
V. J. Priolo, Limits
W. A. Schweitzer, 52nd Street
M. Simpson, Buildings & Grounds
J. J. Vitale, Forest Glen
W. M. Zawacki, Buildings & Grounds
T. J. Zdeb, Forest Glen
F. E. Zeiger, Transportation

25 years

J. F. Bork, Limits
R. E. Cleveland, West Section
P. J. Clifford, Property Accounting
H. D. Dillard, South Section
E. T. Dural, Electrical
W. L. Hester, 77th Street
C. R. Hickman, District C
A. J. Hymel, 69th Street
D. Jackson, North Avenue
S. L. Jones, South Section
J. J. Milan, West Section
B. Perkins, 77th Street
D. Smith, Stores-South
J. Smith, Track & Structures
J. T. Walker, South Section

department at another garage. By the way Whitey, thanks for your help in getting news from the repair department...Pensioner WALTER BARAN paid a visit to the repair department after retiring recently...Our deepest sympathy is extended to Assistant Foreman FRANK GRIMALDI in the death of his sister...Operator FLOYD BANKS Jr. is home recuperating after being hospitalized for a broken ankle. North Avenue operators broke their time low accident record and were served coffee (furnished by the CTA) and rolls & doughnuts (furnished by the North Avenue Credit Union) on Feb. 18...Pensioner JULIUS TEDESCHI had to postpone his trip to Florida to have an operation for the removal of a cataract. Operator CHARLIE KING was also operated on for cataract removal. Hope you fellows are on your feet soon!

- Aaron Pruitt

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT -

We welcome MANUEL (Manny) SEGUE government project coordinator, and BELIA BOCHENEK, Specifications Section stenographer, to the department...Recommendations go to JOHN GILL and ROBERT GORZ of Storeroom 20 for outstanding performance. On Jan. 20, a fire broke out in the storeroom and the swift action taken by these two gentlemen in utilizing pump dry chemical fire extinguishers put out the fire was instrumental in preventing it from spreading to material located in the storeroom...We sure enjoyed TINA RODRIGUEZ and RITA KRUEGER who got away from the lengthy winter we're having and took a trip to Acapulco. Congratulations to MARY BLATCHFORD who moved into her new home...Happy birthday to VIC JOHNSON and LEON HARRIS who celebrated last month...We join with the guys in Storeroom 42 who honored SAM CANELLA with a surprise cake celebrating his 35th year with the CTA...Tell us go to ANDY CUNNINGHAM, Storeroom, whose beautiful car was stolen...We certainly hope to see our own BOB PIERCE up and at 'em before our next copy deadline...We BEG for more news!

- Dolores Duff

NORTH PARK -

The CTA Pioneers invite all pensioners and old timers to attend their monthly social meetings held the second Tuesday of each month at the Golden Flame restaurant, 6401 W. Higgins Road, where a luncheon will be served at a nominal cost. Planned events for future meetings will be discussed...PATRICIA KNIGHT, the daughter of Operator BILL and ELIZABETH KNIGHT, was married on Feb. 15 to RICHARD KAMEN Jr., at the Kim Avenue church. The reception was held at the Swedish Manor restaurant and

WELCOME ABOARD!

New Members Of The CTA Family

PJLO AGUILAR, Transportation,
Bus Operator, Archer
RICHARD BEE, Transportation,
Ticket Agent, North Section
GUZALO CACERES, Transportation,
Conductor, West Section
JOHN CRUZ, Transportation,
Bus Operator, 69th Street
RAMON CUESTA, Transportation,
Bus Operator, North Park
LUIS DIAZ, Transportation,
Conductor, West Section
ELEANOR DRISCOLL, Executive Secretary
& Supervisor, Chief Executive Office
RONALD DUDRA, Transportation,
Bus Operator, Beverly
JESUS FERNANDEZ, Transportation,
Bus Operator, North Park
ANSEL FLORES, Transportation,
Bus Operator, Forest Glen
ROBERT FLORES, Transportation,
Bus Operator, North Avenue
ANA GONZALES, Transportation,
Bus Operator, 69th Street
ROJOJE ILIC, Plant Maintenance,
Mechanist Apprentice, West Shops
WILLIAM JONES Jr., Transportation,
Conductor, West Section
RAEL JUSINO, Transportation,
Bus Operator, Limits
GAIL KACIJA, Transportation,
Bus Operator, Archer

LUIGI LOMBARDI, Transportation,
Bus Operator, Archer
STAN MIHAJLOVIC, Transportation,
Bus Operator, Forest Glen
DENNIS MILICEVIC, Maintenance Technical Services, South Shops
ROBERT O'DONLEY, Maintenance Technical Services, South Shops
CECIL O'QUINN, Transportation,
Conductor, South Section
FELIX RAMOS, Transportation,
Bus Operator, North Park
MARILYN REYES, Transportation,
Bus Operator, 69th Street
PEDRO SANTOS, Transportation,
Conductor, North Section
ANGEL SOTO, Transportation,
Bus Operator, North Park
CHARLES STROM, Engineering,
General Office
ADOLPH TAYLOR, Plant Maintenance,
"B" Electrician, West Shops
IRENE THOMPSON, Transportation,
Bus Operator, Beverly
IRMA UGAZ, Transportation,
Bus Operator, North Park
VICTOR VACA, Transportation,
Bus Operator, North Park
PETE VESIC, Maintenance,
Car Serviceman, West Pool
SERGIO VILLANUEVA, Transportation,
Bus Operator, North Park

attended by 150 guests...Operator BEN SELER and his wife, NATALIE, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a trip to Acapulco, Mexico. Ben enjoyed his first winter vacation in 24 years with a temperature a warm 88 degrees...Assistant Superintendent LOUIS MUELLER and his wife, MARGIRITE, vacationed in Puerto Rico with a seven-day cruise aboard a Cunard Lines adventure ship, with stops at the Islands of Grenada, Barbados, St. Louisa, St. Thomas and San Juan...Relief Superintendent HENRY ZILKOWSKI is wheeling a 1976 Cadillac DeVille around the city. His daughter, BONNIE, has become a member of the Chicago Police Department working out of the Shakespeare District...Operator SEYMOUR STEINBERG at this writing is recuperating at Swedish Covenant hospital, where he has been confined for observance. Our prayers are with Seymour for a complete recovery...Commendations are extended to Painters RICHARD KRUEGER, PAUL WHITE and DAN DIGMAN for the excellent decorating job around the depot and offices...Operator GINO PAOLI of TV fame, the operator of the last propane bus, has a new hobby. He is now working as a life instructor. We are sure the students will learn much from Gino...Pensioner SYDOLDMAN, whose address is 343 Smith

Street, Columbus, Ind. 47201, invites his many friends to stop by and visit with him and his wife, NELLIE...Pensioner JOE EIFFES who is living in Clearwater, Fla., writes that he recently bowled a 614 series. Joe was one of CTA's top bowlers when he was active, and he still has the touch...Our sympathy and condolences to Operator WALTER PETERS and his wife, MARIE, in the loss of Marie's mother, Mrs. HELENE ARNES, in the tragic fire at the Wincrest Nursing home...Operator ROBERT RZADCZYSKI and his wife, PATRICIA, became parents of a son named AARON MATHEW, born on Nov. 30 at Central Du Page hospital weighing 8 pounds 12 ounces...This is the birth announcement Operator DAVID BENSON sent out to all his relatives and friends when his son, KEVIN SCOTT, was born on Jan. 8:

The Benson Production Co., 4435 N. Avers Ave., announces the 1976 model, Kevin Scott.

Model number four, standard equipment.
Weight without accessories, 9 pounds 8 ounces, length 22 inches.
David R. Benson, designer and chief engineer.

Jacqueline E. Benson, production manager.
Dr. Raphaeli, technical assistant, Model released at 11:30 P.M., January 8.
Two lung power, free squealing. Scream line body, water cooled exhaust. Changeable seat.
Model on exhibition at 4435 N. Avers, Chicago, Illinois 60625

Repair Department Chit Chat: Best wishes to Repairman DAN PRISBLE and Serviceman JAMES MCPARTLAN who retired on Feb. 1. A party was held in their honor and gifts were given to these two fine employees...The garage sends best wishes to Repairman ROBERT KAPLAN who has been on sick leave. We hope to see him back at work soon...Engine Washer DENNIS COOK was married on March 6 to Miss CHERYL FOZL at St. Andrew's church in Cicero, Ill. The reception was held at the Diplomat Banquet hall and was attended by 250 guests. The young couple honeymooned at Disney World in Florida...Enjoying March vacations were Repairman PAUL SCHREVES and ART CARLSEN, Serviceman ROBERT BOTH and Engine Washer DENNIS COOK.

- Melvin Horning

OPERATIONS PLANNING (Schedules) -

SHARON SPOONER, the wife of BOB SPOONER, gave birth to a baby boy, TIMOTHY ALBERT, on Jan. 26 weighing 10 pounds 7 ounces. That makes number two for the Spooners. Congratulations...KEN MAREK retired on Feb. 1 after more than 33 years of service. A surprise party was held at Villa Toscona for Ken attended by many of his friends. A good time was had by all. Congratulations and many happy and healthy retirement years, Ken...The department extends its deepest sympathy to CHARLES MYERS, traffic checker, whose uncle passed away, and to JOE TERRY whose sister passed away...The Schedule Department was well represented at the recent credit union party. The four lucky winners were ED JURIC, JOE CAPPELLETTI, JOHN KOLON and WALTER THOMAS...EUGENE WROBEL became a grandfather again when a grandson was born recently. That makes five grandchildren for the Wrobels. Congratulations.

- Kay Batina

SOUTH SECTION -

Now that the baseball season is getting close I feel that spring is not too far off...Our South Side "L" basketball team is doing great. As of now they are in third place and will surely make the playoffs. Go go team!...You South Siders are doing us proud. Ashland and 61st Street Terminals had their safest year in 1975 and will receive free coffee...We had a change in



IN THE CTA CLAN--

Tom Dunleavy

Tom Dunleavy's first love is trains. It's a fondness for them he's had, dating as far back as his boyhood days in County Mayo in west Ireland.

"I was born and raised beside the railroad, so it does have its appeal," says Dunleavy.

When he became a CTA motorman in 1950, what might have been just a passing fancy, turned into a firm commitment. In Dunleavy's own words, "I ended up in a job I really love."

Next to trains, hotfooting it 'round the globe runs a close second in gaining Dunleavy's affections. Seems wanderlust overtook him at the age of 25, and he left Ireland to "see the places there are to see."

"I love to travel," says Dunleavy. "I've traveled all the way from Newfoundland to New Orleans; from New York to New Mexico."

London was his first port-of-call. He spent seven years there before crossing the Atlantic to go to Canada, where he worked for three years on Toronto's transit system, the TTC.

The United States was next on his list, and he decided to settle in Chicago. "I had some relations in the city, and they told me what a wonderful place it was." He's been here ever since.

Although he's made Chicago his permanent home, "Ireland still rates very high," Dunleavy says--so much so that he has been back there at least once a year since 1962.

In one breath, Dunleavy can rattle off names of places he's visited like the Grand Ol' Opry, the Kentucky Derby, or Glacier National Park while in the next breath he'll tell you, "I wish I had more time to travel."

But as Dunleavy explains the fact that the Irish are drawn to travel is just another of their long-standing traditions.

"The Irish have traveled all over the world," says Dunleavy, "and they've always been able to hold their own in any department, including in this country."

Sure and begorra, Tom!

superintendents as of Feb. 1: ALEX WILSON was transferred to assistant superintendent of North Section, and JAMES McLANE was transferred to assistant superintendent of South Section. Good luck, Alex, we sure will miss you. Welcome back, Big Jim...We sure are glad to see these employees back from the sick list: Motorman LEROY GROCE, Conductors DAVID STRONG, MICHAEL McDONALD, LAWRENCE JACKSON and EDWARD MEANS, Switchman RICHARD COLE, Agent SHIRLEY ANDERSON and Clerk

LUDARISH BUTLER... Received a card from the traveling JAGLA family--Motorman TONY and his wife, MARIE. This time they went to Rio de Janeiro and took in all the sights. They said they had a wonderful trip...Everyone is happy to see Assistant Superintendent ARDIS MORRIS, 61st Street, back at work after being off sick... Ashland Avenue had a nice get-together for two of our finest motormen, ROBERT BUTLER and HERMAN DUKES, who retired Feb. 1. Coffee and rolls were served and Superintendent STAN CHRIST,



Robert Butler & Herman Duke

95th Street, and Assistant Superintendent DAVID MARTIN, Ashland Avenue, presented each of the men with a gift from their friends and co-workers. Met Dukes' wife and she is a charming woman. The day of the party was also Robert Butler's birthday--so it was a double celebration for him. VIC COLEMAN, special assistant to the manager of Transportation, was there to give them a nice send-off. Pensioners WILLIAM BROPHY and JOHN BURNS also stopped by. Bill Brophy, who had been sick for quite awhile, is looking good and said to tell everyone he is fine now. Many good wishes and much happiness is wished Robert and Herman in their retired life...Motorman DAVID MOORE, 95th Street, broke his foot and is still on the sick list. Hurry up and get that foot well, Dave... Retired Supervisor DAN HAYES stopped in at 95th Street to say hello. He had two operations but is doing fine now and feels good...Switchman MOSES WILSON's mother passed away recently. Our sincere condolences to Moses in his loss...The South Side "L" credit union will have its annual meeting and get-together on Sunday, April 4. The time and place have not been decided yet. Please watch the bulletin boards for the information. Try and attend as I'm sure a good time will be had by all...Supervisor SIDNEY EDWARDS was in the hospital for an operation but is now home recuperating. We hope he will be back to work real soon... Clerk ED GREEN had a good mid-winter vacation. He went down to New Orleans to enjoy the warm climate and visit his relatives...My hubby, RON, and I are sorry we missed the North Side "L" credit union meeting and dinner on Feb. 8, held at Johnnie Weigelt's hall. We are sure that everyone who attended had a good time...

Agent BESSOLA JAMES wishes to personally thank Towerman RICHARD CURE in this column. Recently she had purse snatched and Richard found her wallet with her pass in it. Not knowing it was hers, he returned it to her house. That's what I call a good deed...Just heard that Director of Support Services GEORGE RILEY is in the hospital. Hope by the time you read this you'll be home recuperating. Mr. Riley...Received a card from Retired Towerman LEONARD DEGROOT who's down in Hot Springs, Ark., enjoying his baths...Receiving a passenger commendation recently was Conductor JOSEPH DOYLE, for his clear station announcements.

- Verna Farabee

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE (Skokie Shop)

All it took was a few warm days and presto, all the snow and ice disappeared. With its disappearance can spring be far



IN THE CTA CLAN

Mary Gallagher

"Anything you want to know about Ireland--I can tell you--from north to south, from east to west," says Irish colleague Mary Gallagher.

Born in County Donegal in Northern Ireland, Mary, who actually speaks English, says she only learned to speak English when she was 16.

In 1963, Mary came to Chicago to work with a brother.

"I came here just to try it out for a year, but I decided to stay...I liked it well," she says.

A year later, Mary became a CTA Transit agent, a job she chose over that of a Trans Airline hostess.

"My brother worked for the CTA at that time, and he told me what a good place it was," she gives as the reason for her choice.

Still at the same job today, her present assignment is the station at Central Lake streets.

With roguish charm Mary will tell you she's undeniably Irish because of her complexion as well as her general good looks.

Redheaded Irish that she is, Mary says you think twice when she first admits, "I must be the only Irish person I know who doesn't drink."

But then, if you want to know what she does on St. Patrick's Day, she'll tell you, "Well, I usually remember a week later what I do."

Has Mary Gallagher ever kissed a blarney stone?

She answers, "I'm sure you can tell me from what I've said so far that I have."

IN MEMORIAM

Of course, there are some people whom you who chickened out and beat it to the Sunshine State of Florida. BEA SUSMAN, unit supervisor, spent two weeks here visiting with her son and daughter-in-law. JOE BOLECH, retired superintendent of Skokie Shop, is the other turn-out. Joe and his wife, LOUVERNE, plan to stay in Florida and other warmer climates for several months. They're going to make darn sure there isn't any more snow when they return. I have news for you--I have two nice big snowballs in my refrigerator just for them...Baby news is always happy news. We offer our congratulations to CHRIS and TONI MISETIC on the birth of a bouncing baby boy, MICHAEL ANTHONY, who arrived on Jan. 28, weighed 7 pounds 14 ounces and was 21 inches long. Chris is an electrical worker at Skokie Shop and Toni formerly worked in the Insurance Department at the Mart... JO PUTHAMANA, Methods & Standards, is now to make snow sculptures in his front yard in Marengo, Ill. With the help of his daughter, he made a replica of



Joe and Jessie Puthamana

President Lincoln sitting at the entrance to the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. Making different sculptures is an annual family project. Keep up the good work, Joe...Those wedding bells rang out loud and clear for STANLEY WARCHOL, clerical worker, on St. Valentine's day, Feb. 14. Stanley and BERNADETTE WARCHOL exchanged marriage vows at St. Paul's church. After their reception, the happy couple flew to Florida for a honeymoon and to bask in the lovely sunshine and warm weather. Their plans also included a visit to Disney World. We all extend our heartiest best wishes to Stanley and Bernadette for many years of happiness...Don't go away--we have another St. Valentine's day wedding to report. GREG BAICZ, electrical worker, and LENORE PRKOPCZYK exchanged marriage vows at St. Boniface church and had their wedding reception at the Diplomat. Our best wishes to Greg and Lenore for many years of happiness...Here's the latest on our office remodeling. The partitions were finally delivered and are being installed as we speak. Things are really shaping up nicely. Come in, come out, from wherever you are and see how nice Skokie Shop

MICHAEL ANZELMO, 92, North Avenue, Emp. 9-4-20, Died 1-5-76
ARTHUR DEUTSCHER, 78, North Avenue, Emp. 2-15-27, Died 1-10-76
PETER FLAHERTY, 72, Division 241, Emp. 7-29-26, Died 1-23-76
HERBERT GRABE, 78, Forest Glen, Emp. 3-27-24, Died 1-23-76
CHARLES HOLMES, 90, West Section, Emp. 12-22-04, Died 1-25-76
GEORGE JENKINS, 77, North Section, Emp. 10-11-43, Died 1-25-76
PATRICK JOYCE, 81, 77th Street, Emp. 1-7-20, Died 1-27-76
FRED KAHLFELDT, 63, Schedules, Emp. 5-6-41, Died 1-3-76
THOMAS KAY, 67, North Avenue, Emp. 5-19-42, Died 1-29-76
JOHN KEARNS, 79, Limits, Emp. 4-29-26, Died 1-16-76
HARRY LAMERDIN, 67, North Park, Emp. 10-23-45, Died 1-6-76
PATRICK NALLY, 52, South Shops, Emp. 8-23-45, Died 1-31-76
HUGH NAUGHTON, 73, North Section, Emp. 10-6-44, Died 1-20-76

GUISEPPI NOVELLI, 87, Throop Street, Emp. 5-10-12, Died 1-8-76
WALTER ODOM, 34, 77th Street, Emp. 11-18-66, Died 2-6-76
PASQUALE PONTORIERO, 92, Armitage, Emp. 11-19-11, Died 1-19-76
FRANK PRAZAK, 73, West Section, Emp. 6-6-23, Died 1-25-76
SIMON SCANLAN, 71, 52nd Street, Emp. 1-13-43, Died 1-27-76
JOHN SCHILTZ, 67, South Shops, Emp. 9-17-46, Died 1-21-76
ROMOLDA STASIUNAS, 87, 69th Street, Emp. 5-3-27, Died 12-17-75
ANTHONY TRANCHITA, 57, Archer, Emp. 2-10-43, Died 1-3-76
JOHN TRANELIS, 87, South Shops, Emp. 7-17-25, Died 1-18-76
DAVID WATSON, 80, Law, Emp. 11-19-28, Died 1-14-76
HOWARD WEIDER, 71, Limits, Emp. 2-17-43, Died 12-11-75
WALTER WRIGHT, 71, Special Invsts., Emp. 9-19-35, Died 1-17-76

looks...This is all the news I have for this month. With your help we can do better next month. So until then have only good days.

- Mary Hendrickson

(South Shops) -

Congratulations to JACK MURRY and his wife, MARGARET, on becoming grandparents again. Their daughter and son-in-law, KATHY and TONY MULIZIO, welcomed a baby girl, CARLA, into their family, weighing 7 pounds 10 ounces on Jan. 23. Congratulations also to DENISE and RICH COX on becoming parents for the first time. RICHARD DARYL COX Jr. was born Feb. 6 weighing 7 pounds 9 ounces...GAIL HATHAWAY spent a weekend skiing in Alpine Valley. I think she spent more time on the bar stool than on the ski slopes. Right, Gail?...Happy birthday to DON TARNOWSKI who celebrated on Feb. 16. We won't go into how old he is. Let's just say he is still young at heart...We would like to welcome ROBERT L. O'DONLEY to South Shops. Bob is a technical service technician. We also welcome ROBERT KIEHN as technical service technician. Happy to have you aboard...Methods & Standards also has a new face, that of DENNIS MILICEVIC. Welcome, Dennis...Welcome back to RAY BLAU who has been off sick for awhile...TOM ALFRED just returned from his vacation. He spent 10 days in St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, and said he had a beautiful time. Tom bought a few things, went

sightseeing, got a fantastic tan, etc. Next year he said he will go back, but this time on a cruise...TED PIETRUS just purchased a CB radio. Watch out you truckers! Just call Ted "Teddy Bear" or "Orange Bottom", right, Ted?...Congratulations to JUSTINE JANASEK on her new job. Justine filled the clerk's job left vacant when DENISE COX left to await the stork.

Six happy faces joined the working class here at the South Shops. The new fellows are Journeymen MIKE REGAN, JIM DALY, LUTHER MURCHISON, ROBERT TURNER, RENE SAURIOL and HANK KANIA. I'm sure I speak for everyone here in welcoming them to the South Shops...An entrepreneur is WAYNE MATEJKA. He's giving household painting and maintenance classes during his lunch hour each day...Mechanic Helper IKE WOODS is recuperating at Veterans hospital at 820 S. Damen, Room B-809, where he's warding off his recent illness...JAMES LAMONT is doing well at home after his recent operation. He's looking for the first sign of spring--an open golf course!...Shoes! is still living it up at home itching to get back to work after his recent injury...Congratulations to CECIL WOOD and TOM PORTER on making journeymen Feb. 1...Our condolences go out to the family of PAT NALLY of the Tin Shop. Pat passed away while on vacation in early February. He will be missed by his friends and co-workers alike.

- Jeanne Diehl & Lawrence Bernas



IN THE CTA CLAN-

John Fergus

"I'm what they call once removed," says bus operator John Fergus, whose parents came to the U.S. from Ireland's County Mayo in the early 1900's.

Although he's not yet been to Ireland, Fergus is making plans to get over there as soon as he retires in April, after 25 years of service.

"I want to see the family land. We have a farm there which has been in the family for 140 years," he says.

When it comes to eating, Fergus' palate is truly Irish bred, with tastes that run toward the likes of Irish beef stew.

"It's got more vegetables and is a lot thicker than regular beef stew. It's what they call a sticking to your ribs type meal," he explains.

Fergus grew up in St. Vincent's parish on the near North Side where one of the landmarks is Kelly's tavern.

He insists that if you were to go into Kelly's today and mention his name, they'd more than likely remember him.

Fergus admits the Irish can be a boisterous lot, but they know how to have a good time. He recalls a St. Patrick's Day dance in 1945, held in a hall near Clark and Belmont, where the people stomped around so much, the floor caved in.

Though proud of his heritage in many respects, his singular boast is that his is a singing family, and singing oftentimes what brings them together.

Says Fergus, "We drink a little bit and we sing. On my mother's last birthday, there were 125 of us--just family--to sing for her."

And what better song to sing to the dear old lady than one of Fergus' Irish favorites, "Mother's Love is a Blessing."

77TH STREET -

Hi ladies and gents. Spring is here at last...Operator and Mrs. CLAUDIS TORAN are so proud of their eight month old son, MARLOW DUANE, they wanted everyone to see his picture. Take your bow, Marlow. Congratulations to the Toran family...The sports activities are attracting quite a few amateur athletes at 77th Street. We have bowling, softball and basketball. But according to Operator WILLIS, there's room for one more--tennis. Willis would like to see a tennis league established and would welcome any and all support. Tennis, anyone? . . . Operator JOHN (Ditty) JAMES was recently hospitalized. We send our best wishes for a speedy recovery



Marlow Duane

and hope to see him back on the job soon. James is a good friend and a fine gentleman. Get well soon, Ditty...I would like to thank Clerk WANDA BLACK for her help in gathering news items for this reporter. . .Support your union, Division 241.

- Allison De Bonnett

69TH STREET -

Let's get this straight, fellows. What you see hanging under my nose is not sagebrush. I, ART BUESING, have given nine weeks of undivided attention to raising it. To you, "Scratch" BELL, and that shoe mop you wear, you had just better watch your butterflies or you will never get to drive a new bus...Speaking of butterflies, that is what I had when I rode with my first female bus driver, YVETTE SULLIVAN. You know, she has been driving for only four months, but she handles herself like a pro...Congratulations to FLEARNARD PORTER, the recently elected president of the CTA softball league...JOHN (the fire-eating Greek) KOCHOPOLUS, Archer Garage repair department, now lives in my town and says hello to all his friends at 69th...ART TABEL is our new superintendent, with J. STEINBACH coming in early, J. C. WHITE on the p.m., and F. MOORE on relief. We hope they will enjoy being at the top ranking garage in the system...We lost one of our heavyweight instructors when LES ROSS was transferred to the ground level at Archer. Good luck, Les...Instructor MAURICE O'DONNELL and his pretty wife, DOROTHY, celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary on St. Patrick's day, March 17...The 38th annual meeting of the 69th Street Federal Credit Union was held at the Rosewood Inn. Elected to the credit committee were RAY HAMMERSCHMIDT, DONALD WILSON and L. RILES. Some of the raffle winners were: VITO PALUMBO, M. ENSWORTH, C. LORENZEN, C. A. HAYES, DOROTHY LEVEE, HELEN WILSON, R. RILES, B. ERICKSON, J. STEINBACH, Mrs. COLEMAN, H. LIGON, Mrs. FRAZIER, M. KLUG, ANDY KOHLSTEDT, MARY HAMMERSCHMIDT, MARY HIMEL, MARGARET PULICK and A. J. HEZMIL. Sitting at the table with my wife and I were Pensioner M. LEVEE and his wife, my gal ELEANOR and MICKEY YOUNG, JOE and ROY HORNING, and not to say the least, Division 241 president E. BARLEY and treasurer CHARLES HALL. DUBINSKI, the Western Avenue wizard, was with his pretty little friend, DOROTHY CUCULICH. . .ROSE SEHRING, the daughter of CAL CLAUSSEN, gave him a surprise retirement party at Senese's Kings Inn attended by approximately 130 people. The food and drinks were terrific and they danced until the wee hours of the morning. All your friends wish you a healthy and happy retired life, Cal...Special thanks to BILL ERICKSON for contributing news to us. Keep it coming, folks.

Father PATRICK LEE, who will be ordained May 12, is scheduled to serve first mass on May 30 in St. Terrence church in Alsip, Ill. He is the son of jubilant JAMES LEE, our body shop chairman...FRANK YERMAN, SAM V. HUBEN, RAY SCHEID and MIKE MOFFA, a few of our pensioners, have reported and all seem to be in good spirits, especially Mike who has been "bach-ing" for a while. His wife is vacationing in Australia. Ray Scheid still has his gig. He said he talked Archer Garage Foreman BILL TOOMEY out of some of his venison. Bill shot a big buck deer in Wisconsin this past February. . . VAUGHN, our relief foreman, is on the injured list. His broken ankle requires surgery, but we hope he will be back on feet soon...JERRY (J.J.) JONES is in hospital at this writing. Hope his isn't a long one, as we need him on trouble track...To end with a sad note, JOE JANECKO's father passed away Feb. 10. Our most sincere condolences are extended to Joe and his family.

- Art Buesing & Tom Moore



IN THE CTA CLAN-

Phil O'Connor

"They say there's 40 shades of green in Ireland," says Phil O'Connor. "That you know...it's always green."

Phil, a bus garage foreman at North Park, speaks from the heart as well as experience. He's a native son of Cork, Kerry, considered one of the most beautiful areas in southern Ireland.

A love of travel sent Phil off to the States at the early but adventurous age of 19. He settled on the West Side of Chicago where soon cut short his wandering days...he found his new home to his liking.

And well he might. According to Phil, "I married a good Irish cook, and I met the first night I came here."

Another mainstay in his life here is the 26-year association with the CTA. Phil attributes Irish friendliness and fairness to the good rapport he has with his coworkers.

Phil strongly professes, "I'm proud to be Irish but also proud to be American."

Yet his fondest memories are of his old homestead.

"People live longer there 'cause they are a little slower. One thing I enjoyed was to go out at night...it was so quiet and peaceful, you couldn't hear a sound, so recalls.

But there are some things that do stand up to comparison--the blarney for one. Not a believer in the Irish having no claim to the blarney, Phil says, "It's with a mix of people, and when you're around these garages like I do, you find most everyone has a touch of the blarney."

cta window



TURNAROUND SITUATION: At dedication of new CTA bus turnaround at Division and Austin, Alderman Thomas Casey of the 37th Ward is shown greeting Al Lawson, driver of first bus to use the facility. Left are State Senator Philip Rock and, in white coat, Ed Doyle of the Alderman's staff.

THE \$300 GRAND SMILE

What do you do when you win \$300,000 in the state lottery?

"Keep on working," says Talmadge Wilmington, Jr., repairman at the 77th Street Garage, who won the bonanza drawing February 8. Wilmington is the second CTA employee to win a substantial purse in the lottery. Elaine C. McGregory, timekeeper at South Shops, won \$100,000 March 5, 1975.

Wilmington says that the money will help educate his three children, allow his wife to quit working, and -- oh, yes -- provide for a Caribbean cruise.

Mulligan (Continued)

of British military plans.
Brimlton's son, John, wrote:

"(Washington) had appointed to meet some officers at a designated place. Information was given by a female in the Tory interest and the necessary arrangements were made to seize him, but timely intelligence frustrated the attempt. A partisan officer, a native of New York, called at the shop of Mulligan late in the evening to obtain a watch-coat. The late hour awakened curiosity, and after some inquiries, the officer unwittingly boasted that before another day they would have his rebel General in their hands. His staunch patriot, as soon as the officer left him, hastened unobserved to the wharf and dispatched a billet by a negro, giving information of the design."

In another instance, Hugh received a hurried order

for supplies for a British march. As soon as the provisions were delivered, he told Hercules of the nature of the movement. Mulligan conveyed the message to Continental Army headquarters, and the British plans to capture Washington were foiled.

A Clever Agent

That no one discovered Mulligan's activities is due to his cleverness in destroying all evidence of his covert operations.

One time Benedict Arnold, newly-turned traitor, tried to have Mulligan hung for espionage, but lacked proof to back up his accusations. The worst that happened to Mulligan was that he lost his business, probably while he was in prison awaiting trial.

But, lest anyone suspect Mulligan's loyalty to the patriotic cause, Washington thanked him publicly for his work by sitting down to breakfast--no doubt complete with a toast of Guinness--with the Mulligan family at the successful end of the Revolutionary War.

Next to Chicago, I Like Ireland Best

a few facts about the Emerald Isle from our St. Patrick's celebrities

The Blarney Stone some CTAers have kissed tastes like limestone. Legend says the owner used flattery to save Blarney Castle (in which the stone is located) from its attackers. The "gift" for kissing the Blarney Stone is the "power of sweet, persuasive, wheedling eloquence."

— CTA —

The reason the shamrock is the national flower of Ireland is that St. Patrick is supposed to have planted it on the island. The three small leaves of the shamrock represent the Holy Trinity.

— CTA —

The favorite transportation around the Lakes of Killarney in Ireland is the jaunting car. It is somewhat slower than the rapid transit. It is the modern version of the horsecar combined with the nostalgia of the surrey. Fun, too, they say.

— CTA —

Ireland is divided into 26 counties and four county boroughs. The latter compare with our U.S. cities that are independent counties by themselves. The Irish county boroughs are Cork, Dublin, Waterford, and Limerick.

— CTA —

Hurling, one of the most popular Irish sports, has nothing to do with baseball. It is much like the field hockey played by high school phys ed groups, but rougher. Boxing and Gaelic football (soccer) are the other two leading Irish sports.



New Train Is On The Way

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At Boeing Vertol shops in greater Philadelphia, the new CTA look (above) begins to materialize as the first of four pilot car bodies in CTA's order for 200 red-white-blue accented rapid transit cars is lifted inside for "trucking." On Page 23, this Engineering Department picture report of "a dream coming true" shows other stages in the attachment of the car body to trucks containing the motors, wheels, axles, gear-boxes, brakes and suspension system.

BOARD ACTIONS

At April Meeting

The Chicago Transit Board paid special recognition this month to John R. Kirsch, a motorman on the Ravenswood route whose quick responses and application of heart massage is credited with saving the life of a passenger.

Carl Gibes, director of personnel for the CTA Transportation Department who introduced Kirsch to the board, said the passenger had no pulse and his heart had stopped. (See story on page 7)

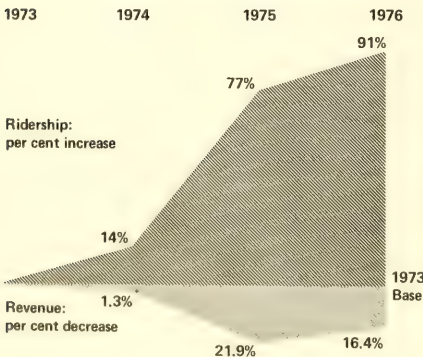
A new emergency truck acquired by the CTA was demonstrated for the transit board in the Merchandise Mart Plaza. The vehicle, purchased for \$54,000 with federal funds, features a winch and boom capable of lifting 43,000 pounds and a tower that may be raised 30 feet. The vehicle has ample storage capacity for miscellaneous tools.

The board took the first step in a project to furnish modern two-way radio communications throughout the rapid transit system. Objectives of the project are to provide greater efficiency and control in the operation of elevated-subway trains, and two-way radio communication in the subways for the Chicago Police and Fire Departments.

Leasing of the former Logan Square terminal building to the newly organized Washington National Bank, the city's first Latino-operated commercial bank, was approved. The building had served as the terminal of the Logan Square "L" route until the Kennedy rapid transit extension was opened six years ago.

BARGAIN FARES

Comparison of first 13 Sundays*



*Sunday Bargain Fares effective March 10, 1974
Super Transferpass effective June 2, 1974

Francisco de Miranda



Francisco de Miranda was a Venezuelan patriot who helped General George Washington prove of major importance in the winning of the war for independence.

In the fall of 1781, Miranda obtained donations of thousands of pounds sterling to give Washington partial financing for the final defeat of the British army under Cornwallis at Yorktown, Virginia.

Earlier, Miranda commanded 200 American volunteers against the British in the Battle of Pensacola and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

The American Revolution advanced the ideals that Miranda followed in his later efforts to further freedom in countries of Latin America.

Chart presented at Board Meeting shows that Sunday Bargain Fares greatly increase CTA riding habit and that, with experience, increased number of riders produces Sunday revenue close to what it was before inauguration of 25-cent Bargain Fare.

Spanish Debut Party for Bicentennial Train

tribute to Spanish-American riders and employees, CTA has named its latest Spirit of '76 train for Francisco de Miranda, a Venezuelan patriot who contributed significantly to the American Revolutionary cause, as detailed in the biographical sketch at left.

Dedication of the Miranda train was held in mid-March at the Civic Center with consuls general of Latin-American countries and France as honored guests and Venezuelan consul, the Honorable F. Ganteaume-Pantin delivering the Miranda salute.

Also participating in the ceremony were Miss Myriam Cruz, administrative assistant to the Mayor; Mrs. Irene Hernandez, Cook County Commissioner; and Jose Pacheco, administrative assistant to the Governor's Office. Elda Leal, CTA Public Affairs, was mistress of ceremony.

In keynoting the ceremony, James J. McDonough, acting CTA chairman, said, "We take this occasion to express our gratitude for the support given CTA by the Spanish-American community and its various organizations."

Adding to the cultural spirit of the occasion was a group of pre-school children from the Hogar Del Nino Nursery School who sang and danced Spanish-American numbers.

Following its day's debut on the Loop L, the Miranda train is now in regular service on the Douglas and Logan Square-Kennedy routes which serve several Spanish-American neighborhoods.



Left, Venezuelan Ganteaume-Pantin keynotes; top right, Myriam Cruz brings compliments of Mayor Daley's office for CTA's frequent cooperation in services to Chicago's ethnic communities as CTA's Elda Leal listens; center, Spanish-American youth folklorico draws an appreciative audience, including acting chairman McDonough; lower photo, Miranda train rounds Loop curve to make initial all-outdoor run as downtown shuttle.





Time Out

with Anit Leppiks

Things to do in the Chicago area

"A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE," St. Nicholas Theatre Co., thru April. Chicago Center for the Arts, Fullerton & Racine.

"AH, WILDERNESS!" April 29-May 9, The Studio, Goodman Theatre Center. \$3. 200 S. Columbus Dr. 443-3800.

ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO--The School of the Art Institute Fellowship Exhibition, works by graduating students who are finalists in the competition for fellowship awards, opens May 15, East Wing. 72nd American Exhibition thru May 9. Morton Wing, admission charged. Watercolors by American Masters including Homer, Prendergast, Sargent, Marin, Demuth, Wyeth and Dove, thru May 16, Gallery 108. Mon-Wed, Fri-Sat from 10-5; Thurs from 10-8:30 (free); Sun, Hol from 12-5. Suggested fee: \$1.50; students, seniors, 50¢; members free. Michigan at Adams. 443-3500.

AUDITORIUM BUILDING EXHIBIT tracing history of the building and its impact on Chicago architecture, opens April 17, Michigan Avenue Lobby. Daily from 9-6; Sun, 9-5. Free. 430 S. Michigan. 341-3510.

CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA subscription concerts with Alicia DeLarocche, piano; Sir George Solti, conductor; April 29 at 8:15, April 30 at 2, May 1 at 8:30, Orchestra Hall. Mendelssohn: A Midsummer Night's Dream (Excerpts); Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 4; Debussy: LaMer. \$6-13. 216 S. Michigan.

CIVIC ORCHESTRA OF CHICAGO with Gordon Peters, conductor, May 9 at 8, Orchestra Hall. Schubert: Symphony No. 5; Primous Fountain III; Exiled (World Premiere); Prokofiev: Symphony No. 5. \$3-6. 220 S. Michigan. 427-7711.

DE PAUL UNIVERSITY--Camille Witos in student recital, School of Music, April 27 at 8:15, Center Theatre. Chris Mlynarczyk and Dave Kunzweiler, guitar, in student recital, April 29 at 8:15, Center Theatre. Compositions of Leon Stein, artist/faculty series, April 30 at 8:15, Center Theatre. Dixieland Jazz Concert, May 16 at 2, Center Theatre, \$5 (students, \$2). 321-7643. "Oklahoma!" May 20-23, \$3. 321-8267. 25 E. Jackson.

"DON JUAN IN HELL," by George Bernard Shaw, opens April 30, Chicago City Theatre at Body Politic, 2259 N. Lincoln. 871-3000.

"FANTASY & WHIMSY" paintings thru mid-May, 2 Illinois Center, 233 N. Mich.

FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY--Adaptations For Survival, special adaptations of plants and animals--their relationships to each other and to the environment, thru May. Fri-Sun at 11, 1. Roosevelt Rd at Lake Shore. 922-9410.

49TH ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL ART exhibitions May 12-29, Chicago Public Library Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington.

"GENDER'S UGLY HEAD," opens May 13, Wisdom Bridge Theatre, 1559 W. Howard. 743-6442.

GOODMAN THEATRE--"Our Father's Failing," thru May 2. "The Devil's Dis-ciple," by George Bernard Shaw, opens May 13. 200 S. Columbus Dr. 443-3800.

"LIKE FEELINGS TENDERED," thru May 2, Evanston Theatre Studio. \$4.50. 816 Church St., Evanston. 869-7278.

"LOVERS AND OTHER STRANGERS," April 30-May 9, UICC Theatre. \$3 (students, \$2). Morgan & Harrison. 996-5286.

"MAKING MONEY & OTHER VERY SHORT PLAYS," opens May 6, Magic Circle Theatre. Thurs-Sun. 615 W. Wellington. 929-0542.

SECOND CITY--"East of Edens" Tues-Sun continuing. "Land of the Stage II" continuing. Children's show Sun at 2:30, \$1.50. 1616 N. Wells. DE 7-3992.

"STATUES" and "THE BRIDGE AT BEL HARBOUR," one act plays by Janet Neipris thru May 2, Ruth Page Auditorium, 1016 N. Dearborn. 443-3800.

"YANKEE DOODLE," thru May 16. Goodman Children's Theatre, 200 S. Columbus Dr. 443-3800.



Critic's Privilege

Is it slander to yell "Rob!" at the umpire in a baseball game? A New York judge said no explained why:

"The umpire's business is in criticism. It goes with the w



The judge was expounding a rule of law that has wide application in everyday life. Anyone who seeks the public's approval--pious, athletes, novelists, stars--is agreeing by implication to submit to public disapproval well.

True, criticism may be hard to bear. But the law considers it justified as part of the process of discussion by which standards of taste are developed, encouraged, what is good and discouraged, what is bad.

Of course, there are limits. For example, a critic may be liable for defamation if he attacked a performer on purely personal grounds.

Thus, a critic had to pay damages when he not only belittled the work of art but also accused the artist of being a swindler. The court said the accusation was made the critic's privilege because it had nothing to do with the quality of the art.

But in dealing with the work itself, the critic may use wit, sarcasm--"all those delightful touches of style," said one judge, "which make an article readable."

In one famous case a reviewer described a vaudeville trio as follows:

"Effie is an old jade of 50 years, Jessie a frisky filly of 35. Their mouths opened like caverns and sounds like the whistles of damned souls issued therefrom. Effie is spavined, Add a stringhalt, and Jessie has legs as straggly in their outlines as a bridle handle."

A judge conceded the review was "graphic," but (after seeing the act himself) found no grounds for liability.

"If one makes himself ridiculous in public," he said, "he may be ridiculed by those whose duty it is to inform the public."

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JOB-RELATED NEWS AND INFORMATION

JOB REASSIGNMENTS: Bruce Schmitz, conductor, and Burton Bosan III, former bus serviceman, have been named to fill positions as multithill machine operators in Administrative Services. The vacancies were announced in Bulletin 5784.

John E. Garner, bus repairer at 77th Street, was selected to fill a vacancy for electrical worker in the Maintenance Department, South Shops, as announced in Bulletin 5767. William Nichols, Materials coordinator in the Maintenance Department, will remain at that location as a production control co-ordinator, as listed in Bulletin 5774.

James Griffin, Datacenter computer operator, fills the job of systems analyst announced in Bulletin 5781. Barbara Griseto, clerk/stenographer with the Insurance Department, has been reassigned to the Transportation Department as a stenographer (Bulletin 5785), and Valeria Bowman of the Accounting Department has been promoted from control clerk II to control clerk III (Bulletin 5789).

Transferring to Insurance and Pensions from Personnel Administration as a clerk-stenographer is Phyllis Skutnik. The vacancy was announced in Bulletin 5645. In Transportation, Charles Derrick has moved from a position as supervisor, money handlers, to chief clerk (Bulletin 5791).

GARAGE SUPERINTENDENTS NAMED: Three former assistant garage superintendents have been named to fill openings for superintendent announced in MOB 47. Thirty-year veteran Arthur C. Tabel has been appointed superintendent at 69th St., after serving at North Ave. Victor Johnson, who has been with CTA since 1947, most recently at Forest Glen, is now in charge at Limits. Jesse Rodriguez, a CTA employee since 1949, remains at 52nd St. in his new capacity.

In other Transportation promotions, four former instructors have been selected to positions as assistant garage superintendents (MOB 45). The new assistants and their assigned areas are: Earl L. Burkett (Near North); Thomas Reilly (Far South); William A. Thompson (Near South), and Kenneth Czachowski (Near North). Taking a job posted in MOB 50 is Richard A. Juvinal, who moves from engineer to supervisor, Methods and Standards, in Maintenance-Technical Services.

VACATION YEAR STARTS AGAIN SOON: Spring is here, and the new CTA vacation year is just around the corner. The year begins June 1, 1976, and ends May 31, 1977. To help supervisors plan vacation schedules, Payroll Accounting has sent printouts to each section giving a preliminary count of the number of vacation days each employee has coming.

A final printout will be distributed shortly after June 1, offering complete vacation-year data. Supervisors are expected to set vacation times and dates based on eligibility and the requests of individual employees, and in accordance with union contracts, seniority, and the discretion of the department head.

Before any employee can go on vacation, the supervisor is required to fill out CTA Form 8449 (Employees on Vacation) and send it to Payroll Accounting, Room 718 in the Merchandise Mart. The supervisor should try to get the form in at least one full month before the employee leaves for vacation.

EXPRESS ROUTES NOW HAVE NUMBERS: Express buses on the 151, 153 and 156 routes assigned to Limits and North Park Garages are now the latest in a series to receive their own route numbers. The changes are part of a program designed to give each separate routing its own number and distinct name. The routings themselves remain the same.

Operators are finding the following new designations on roller curtains for the Sheridan, Wilson/Michigan and Wilson/LaSalle express routes: 135 Wilson/LaSalle Express; 136 Sheridan/LaSalle Express; 145 Wilson/Michigan Express; 146 Sheridan Express; 147 Outer Drive Express, and 148 Wilson/Michigan Outer Drive Express.

Recent roller curtain changes at Forest Glen Garage saw the 64 Cumberland Express become the 69 Cumberland Express; the 80A West Irving Park Ltd. turn into the 80A West Irving Park Express, and the 82B Bell & Howell take on the designation 89 McCormick. At Limits, the 58A Ogden was changed to the 98 Ogden.

TWO OFFICES MOVE IN MART: The Internal Auditing Section of the Comptroller's Department has moved from Room 444 in the Merchandise Mart to Room 714. Telephone numbers remain the same except that Joseph Cecala, inventory control clerk, may now be reached on Ext. 2492.

The Datacenter Operations Section, formerly in Room 714, is now part of the Datacenter group in the Room 444 complex. All personnel in the section have new telephone numbers, but may be reached through Ext. 1239. John Bonner, director, is on Ext. 1237.

APRIL IS CANCER CONTROL MONTH: "Know yourself and your body," the American Cancer Society is urging this month. ACS says it's important to know the seven ways the body warns of change that might mean cancer.

The seven signs are: change in bowel or bladder habits, a sore that does not heal, unusual bleeding or discharge, thickening or lump in the breast or elsewhere, indigestion or difficulty in swallowing, obvious change in a wart or mole, or nagging cough or hoarseness.

In addition, ACS urges adoption of these seven easy safeguards against the disease: Get a complete health checkup every year. If you're over 40, make sure that checkup includes a procto examination.

Ask your dentist to check your mouth when he checks your teeth. When you're out in the sun cover up and use screening lotion. Women should make sure the examination includes a Pap test, and they should examine their breasts once a month.

If you're a smoker, kick the habit. Research shows that men who don't smoke live an average of six years longer than men who do. Lung cancer among women has doubled in the past 10 years, and the mortality rate among unborn and newborn infants whose mothers smoked has also increased.

UPDATED NIPC PLAN AT LIBRARY: The draft of an updated version of "The Comprehensive General Plan for the Development of the Northeastern Illinois Counties Area" is now available at the CTA Library. The new draft, by the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission, reflects growing concern for such problems as squeezed government budgets, the energy crunch, housing abandonment in older neighborhoods, and the need for environmental improvement.

The Chicago Area Transportation Study on "Current Mass Transit Usage, Chicago Metropolitan Standard Statistical Area," offers statistics on passenger flow movements on mass transit facilities in the Chicago area. The aim of the study is to give planners the information they need to provide effective scheduling and equipment usage so that the largest number of people can make use of mass transit services.

Also on hand at the library is "A Statement of National Transportation Policy" by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation. Included is a reference to proposed new highway legislation that would further extend the flexibility to transfer funds between highways and mass transit so that a complete merger of such funding might ultimately be possible for metropolitan areas.

A JUDGMENT OF QUALITY SERVICE: "People judge you, in part, on the quality of service rendered by your employees," Bernard Horwitz, of North Ashland Avenue, wrote CTA recently. Horwitz called Cottage Grove operator Frederick Moss (77th St. Garage) "a model driver" for being "very punctual, very respectful and polite, and for driving a bus that is clean and decent-looking. He surely is a boost to the CTA."

Mrs. Bertha M. Brown, of South Ridgeway Avenue, believes Douglas route conductor Gustav V. Zehles (West Section) "should be named 'Man of the Year' for good deeds daily." Mrs. Brown said Zehles "raises my spirit as well as those of my fellow riders" because of his cheery remarks, regardless of conditions. "My congratulations to your company for hiring such an individual and to the man #22294 for making so many working people happy."

E. R. Behrends, of North Northwest Highway, said Foster Avenue operator Vidal C. Fuentes (Forest Glen Garage) is "not only careful and efficient as a bus operator, but a kind and considerate person. He called each stop beforehand in a clear and loud voice, urged all passengers to be careful, and answered all questions patiently and courteously."

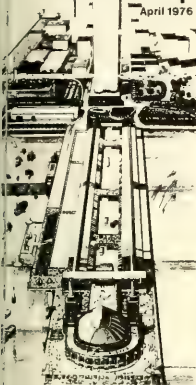
Operator Robert Smith (Beverly Garage) was commended by an Evergreen Park rider for taking firm action against four young people who were talking loud and obscenely on his crowded 95th St. bus. "I personally feel indebted to this gentleman," Ms. Eleanor Brzoznowski said of Smith. "He is conscientious, safety-conscious for his passengers, and tries to keep on schedule. He is also courteous, neat and well-groomed."

"I have never had a more enjoyable ride on a bus," said Mrs. Harriett H. Crawford, of Northbrook, after taking a 151 Sheridan in the Loop operated by Roger J. Ayotte (North Park Garage). "The driver helped every passenger have a better day."

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cta route map

April 1976



CROSS PROMOTION: CTA's new black-and-white route map is promoting the International Trade Exposition to take place on Navy Pier in July. In return, the Chicago Association of Commerce & Industry, sponsors of the expo, will promote CTA service to, at, and from the fair.

A GRAYBIEL RETIREMENT: Mary Graybiel watches as John Hartly succeeds her husband as CTA manager of Materials Management, reches for gift he will present to her husband, Gerry Graybiel, at a retirement dinner given in his honor Friday, March 26, at The American Mart. Gybiel is now occupying part of his time in arrangements for Transpo/Ccago exposition to be held at Navy Pier this September.



PAT'S TWIN PARADERS: Two Irish Spirit of '76 buses -- the Charles Carroll, left, and the Hercules Mulligan -- enter the Loop part of State Street for the 1976 St. Patrick's Day parade. The CTA buses carried senior citizens, in green hats, from Lawrence House on the North Side.



First Aid Hero

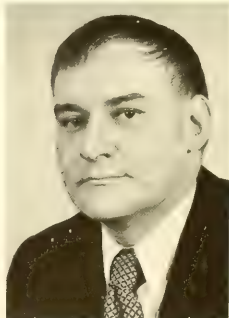
By Jeff Stern

North Section motorman John R. Kirsch didn't waste any time one night recently when conductor Guillermo J. Orozco told him a passenger had been stricken with an apparent heart attack on their northbound Ravenswood train. As the train reached the Chicago Avenue station, Kirsch used his phone to call the Control Center for an ambulance.

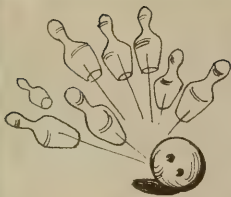
Then he went back to the victim and administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), a carefully synchronized combination of artificial ventilation and heart massage. "His heart stopped three times, but we started it up again," Kirsch said of his efforts and those of some helpful riders.

Ronald J. Catanzaro, assistant superintendent, Rail, commends Kirsch for his prompt action. Catanzaro said that, because of other emergency calls, the nearest available fire ambulance was almost two miles away and took seven minutes to reach the scene.

The 69-year-old victim, Walfred Johnson, of the Northwest Side, was taken to the Wesley Pavilion of Northwestern Memorial Hospital for treatment. He remained in the intensive care section of the hospital for several weeks.

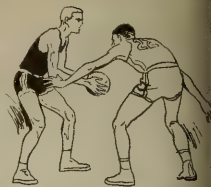


Oscar-winner Cicely Tyson urges everyone to get in the fight against cancer with a generous donation to the American Cancer Society. "A world free of cancer is everyone's dream...and it can come true...if we all help," says the talented actress.



CTA Sports News

MEL ALEXANDER, Sports Editor



New Mixed League Bowls On

By Rick Willis

In September, when the CTA Sports Committee was looking for program suggestions that would offer something for everyone, someone asked about a mixed bowling league.

That someone was Virginia (Ginny) McGraw, executive secretary to John L. Aurand, General Administration manager. It was a good idea that caught on—not like wildfire, but it caught on. Sixteen people, all from the Mart, signed up. It was enough to make four teams.

McGraw feels it's a good start. "We're a good bunch of kids," she laughed as she talked about the league, its successes and its failures this year.

"We're looking forward to our banquet next month which will mark the end of the season," she noted. Her small frame propped against a table, McGraw went on with enthusiasm about an idea she had spearheaded and nurtured to reality.

"This first year has been pretty good. We worked a few things by trial and error, but it all worked out and we feel good about it.

"It's a great way to meet people," she said. "I'd like to see more people join us next year, especially from management." She indicated that at least two management people who were not a part of the bowling league this year are signed up for the 1977 season.

Steve Legler, one of the league's super bowlers, agrees with McGraw. "We need more people to keep it interesting and to be more competitive," he says.

Legler, a team captain who works in Development Planning, says he has attempted to recruit more employees for the league. "A lot of the guys are not interested. They think of a bowler as someone with a beer sitting on a table and a pack of cigarettes rolled up in one sleeve of the T-shirt. If they would watch TV's Super Bowl, I think they would get a different idea about the game," he said. Only six men participated in this year's CTA Bowling League.

At the time the CTA league was formed, it had been at least 12 years since Legler picked up a bowling ball. In spite of the long layoff, the rust has not cor-

roded his skill. Early in the season Steve was rolling an average 159 pins a game and the competition was taking notice.

"There is a level of dedication in doing something like this," said Legler. "I'm looking forward to next year and we are looking for challenge. Hopefully, more people will join us."

Colette Szczepanek of Transportation, another devotee, says bowling is a way to let off a bit of steam. "I find it relaxing. You can take your frustrations out on the pins." Pointing out that she's especially bowling for a trophy, she added, "I enjoy myself."

Although his team is in last place, Jon Roth says he'll probably join the league again next season. "I'm not so professional that you feel bad if you're not such a good bowler. Besides, we all have a good time," said Roth.

Roth and Ginny McGraw are already accepting new recruits for the 1977 season. "We'll take people from anywhere in the system," she said, emphasizing that the bowling league is not exclusively for people located at the Mart.

Although the decision is not final, McGraw says league officers are considering switching the action for next season to Friday evenings at the bowling alley in Marina City. Anyone interested in joining the league may call Ginny McGraw at 664-7200, Extension 2141, or Jon Roth, Extension 1202.



In a happy mood as they check their scores are, from left, Margaret Archer, Sylvia Coleman, Tom Ramos, Jon Roth and Dorothy Nycz.



"Well, I don't know," Steve Legler and Gene Ross, seated, seem to be thinking. But Ginny McGraw, seated, left, and Colette Szczepanek, standing, aren't as uncertain. Applause from the gallery!



"WOW!" says Sylvia Coleman, left. "And how!" agrees Dorothy Nyczak, seated, rear, while Tom Ramos and Jon Roth, left to right, tally up the sheets.

Hubert A. Bankston Dies



Hubert Bankston

Hubert A. Bankston, 46, a CTA bus driver for 20 years and a leader in CTA's sports program, was killed in an automobile accident on April 1st at Lake Shore Drive and 59th Street.

Funeral services were held Sunday, April 4, with interment at Lincoln Cemetery in Blue Island.

Bankston was the coach of the Archer garage basketball team which won CTA league

championships in the 1974 and 1975 seasons.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, and four children.



What disbelief we see in Sandy Porter's, left rear, eyes? Arlene Hudson, right, just knows the ball is headed for the pocket. Ginny McGraw, Steve Legler, Diane Traxler and Percy Passmore, left to right, agree.

Who Said--Never Beat The Boss?

South Side Rail defeated CTA Management 79-71 in a March 22 basketball contest at Washington Park Field House. Management held the lead until the final three minutes when the South Side team turned a full court press stymieing them into turning over the ball.

The South Side team turned the ball over only nine times in the action while Management had 27 turnovers.

It was the second annual South Side-Management basketball game in which adult fans paid \$2 and children \$1 for the pleasure of watching a team of 15 younger South Side Rail employees swamp approximately 20 Management veterans.

Proceeds from the full house attendance will be used to fund retirement activities for South Section employees. Free hot dogs and pop were served to children at the game.



Les Racker of Management made the free throw but his team still lost.

Louis Could Kayo You With Either Hand: Says Ex-Spartate

By W. B. Wolfan

"If you managed to get close enough to hit Joe Louis, he was close enough to hit you, and if he hit you with either hand, it was curtains. Joe--in my estimation--was the greatest puncher of all time."

So says Joe Connors, 30-year veteran Chicago Transit Authority employee who once was a sparring partner for former heavyweight champion Joe Louis, the Brown Bomber from Detroit.

Connors, today a member of the security force of the CTA, was a sparmate of Louis at Johnny Coulon's gymnasium in Chicago while Louis was engaging in an exhibition tour in 1946.

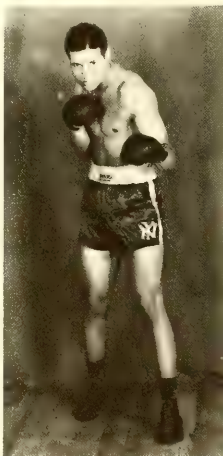
"Louis was a champion as a person as well as in the ring. I worked out with him quite a number of times at Coulon's, and he never tried to hurt you, but he did let you know that he was the champion.

"Louis had absolute dynamite in either hand and it could explode momentarily. He was a trifle slow afoot but that meant little. You had to box him--not trade punches--and above all never fool around with any funny stuff. He didn't go for it."

Connors was a highly promising light heavyweight in his day.

"I started boxing in my home town of Detroit in high school, and during the depression I went to a CCC camp near Grayling, Michigan. We entered the Golden Gloves tournament at Bay City and there I won the light heavyweight championship, representing Camp Houghton Lake.

"I intended to turn pro, but the military called, so I was in service for five years. But I did continue fighting as a member of the Great Lakes Naval Train-



Then -- Joe Connors as a light heavyweight --



-- and now as a CTA Security Officer.

ing Station boxing team, and won the 175-pound title there.

"Later I transferred to the army. During my stay in both services, I was a member of boxing teams that fought inter-service matches."

In 1946, Connors became a pro, and engaged in professional bouts, his first at the Chicago Coliseum in a semi-windup fight against light heavyweight D. Eagle, a bout which Connors lost by decision.

Connor's home base was Johnny Coulon's gym on the South Side. And he fought in and around Chicago, Detroit and New York.

Meanwhile he took a job with the Chicago Surface Lines as a streetcar conductor to pay the rent between fights.

When transit authorities learned of his dual career he was warned that in case of eye injury, he would not be covered by company insurance because if he suffered eye damage, he wouldn't be able to properly read a transfer. So he was urged to quit. For awhile he continued to fight out of town, but finally took the well meaning advice and decided to hang up his gloves for good.

Today Connors follows boxing with avid interest and occasionally runs into old cronies who fought long time in the 1940's. He says he is very happy about his decision to remain with CTA. "Not many of the fighters keep the big money after their career is over and you must remember those who fought on the supporting cards never got a shot at the big buck, anyway. But boxing was a good influence on me, and I never forget Johnny Coulon." (Coulon was the legendary boxing trainer known all over the country wherever ring fans gather.)

The Transit Patrol

A Picture Salute

Incidents of crime usually draw publicity. Incidents of crime prevention seldom do.

The CTA Quarterly wishes Chicago leadership to be fully aware of the outstanding work of the Chicago Police Department, over the past year, in preventing crime and enforcing law on the city's transit system.

Under the leadership of Police Superintendent James M. Rochford, an expanded anti-crime program was

launched in 1974. Said the superintendent:

"The CTA is the lifeline of our city . . . We intend to do whatever is necessary to maintain public confidence in our public transportation, regardless of the cost or the manpower needed."

The police have done a great deal. And the results have been impressive.

Robberies, which cause the greatest concern on the rapid transit system, have been cut by more than 50 per cent in the past year.

Police officers have challenged 127,000 persons regarded as suspicious, made a total of 48,170 arrests, and confiscated 518 guns.

When viewed in the perspective of the vast scope of the CTA system, these statistics are even more impressive. The CTA provided more than

650 million rides last year, 2 million each weekday. There are approximately 13,000 bus stops and 124 rapid transit stations within the city.

Prominent in the enforcement drive has been the Mass Transit Unit under the direction of Captain James Delaney. This unit, formed as the result of a directive from Mayor Richard J. Daley, is responsible for the patrolling of 1,100 rail cars and other CTA rapid transit facilities stretching over 90 miles of right-of-way.

The Unit is part of a larger Special Operations Group commanded by Deputy Chief Walter Vallee. The SOG is a mobile, flexible task force capable of responding quickly — with a large number of men — to any crisis or emergency situation anywhere in the city.

But, the entire police force is





Teams of undercover police keep CTA locations more free of would-be criminals with tactics such as that depicted here. A member of the "tac team" plays the role of an unsuspecting inebriate on a station platform. As robbers attack the decoy, two members of the team arrest them. Helping to block the escape is another member of the team who, in this case, has appeared to be a female passenger.



involved in Chicago's major effort to safeguard the CTA system. And, CTA security personnel work closely with the police.

Buses, bus stops, and rapid transit stations are under the continuous watch of radio-equipped squad cars operating out of district stations.

Patrolmen board buses at unannounced locations to monitor potentially threatening situations confronting the driver and the riders.

CTA buses are equipped with "silent alarms" which can be used by the driver and will be registered at the CTA operations control center, but will not be heard by offenders on the bus. CTA personnel can then flash the alarm to squad cars in the affected area.

Discouragement of crime and vandalism is one of the effects of the police department's undercover work. For example, here are two incidents demonstrating crime prevention:

Patrolman Paul Siegfried, acting as decoy with a team of undercover officers on an Englewood train, pretended he was drunk and feigned sleep. Siegfried, wearing a beard, mod pants, and smelling of





A typical incident. In response to call from ticket agent at station on North-South route, officers charge up the stairs and apprehend a suspect.



cheap bourbon he had rubbed on his face, looked like an easy score with an elegant gold watch and two gold rings visible.

A few minutes later, a husky youth plunked himself next to him, poking an elbow into the officer's side. Assured that the officer was asleep, he then proceeded to remove his watch. As he did so, Siegfried jumped to his feet as did three other officers who rushed over to assist in the arrest.

Officer Kim Anderson stood on the platform at State and Lake Street during an evening rush hour, her purse dangling carelessly from her arm as she scanned a magazine. A man eased up behind her and opened the purse. As he removed the wallet, Anderson's colleagues moved in, arrested, handcuffed and led the offender off the platform.

In the accompanying picture salute to the work of the Chicago Police Department, we depict some of the other practices and techniques used to further the security of transit riders.



Included among the 105 Chicago police officers honored by the Chicago Junior Chamber of Commerce at its November awards ceremony were several members of the Special Operations Group who worked on the CTA system on the Operation Saturation Program mentioned in this article. Police Superintendent James M. Rochford, shown addressing the event at the Aerie Crown Theatre, emphasized the importance of crime control on the transit system. Rochford reported that robberies on the elevated system were reduced 51.1 percent in 1975 and that mass transit arrests were up 71 percent over the previous year. CTA bus checks are made frequently. Officers board buses at unannounced regular stops, checking with drivers as to conditions and happenings on the run. All checks are documented through a form signed by the driver.

The Next Phase In Protection

The most advanced anti-crime techniques for public transportation have been developed by the Chicago Department of Public Works and will be tested here in Chicago as a demonstration model for other major cities.

The Chicago Police Department and CTA are cooperating with Public Works, which developed the Televue Alert System as an outgrowth of recent research on transit crime prevention. This project showed that more than 64 per cent of such incidents occur on rapid transit platforms and that the most needed control is an instant and continuing means of alerting the police to platform activity.

The Televue Alert System combines closed circuit television, emergency telephones, alarm signals and public address facilities — all operating on a round-the-clock basis.

The TV cameras permit continuous monitoring of platform and ticket agent areas, plus verification of alarms which can be signalled by a touch of waiting passengers, CTA personnel, or police from platform locations.

Pictures from the TV pickup, alarm signals, and communications from toll-free emergency phones will be transmitted immediately to the central monitor console at the Chicago police headquarters. Verbal warnings and instructions may then be given to riders over the public address system. Video tape recorders will automatically capture and preserve each camera view during an alert situation so that suspects may be identifiable.

For the year-long test, the Televue Alert system will be installed at five stations on the south portion of the CTA's elevated line — at 35th Street, 40th and Indiana, 43rd Street and 55th Street.

The Department of Public Works serves as project manager for the pilot project which is being funded by the Urban Mass Transit Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation with additional support from the Illinois Department of Transportation.

CTA PEOPLE

NEWS ABOUT EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACHER - EDWARD SWITAL, repairman, has returned to work after four months' absence.

ED OLSEN, and his wife DORIS, spent a few week winter vacation in the islands of Hawaii.

RY WILSON, instructor, has hit No. 10 on the grandfather list, but the new grandson, SCOTT DANIEL, born February 10, is the first with the Wilson surname.

ORATOR JOSEPH and **GERALDINE DUREE** celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary on March 6.

WALTER BERNAL, operator, on long leave from an operation, visited the station recently.

- Owen Henselove

CHIMES LAW & REAL ESTATE -

JOSEPH LUBAWY's son, **CARL**, passes national accreditation test and becomes registered architect in Billings, Montana.

ML CLAUSEN and wife plan to spend their retirement years with (who else?) their grandchildren. He took his pension and of February.

SUNDY and **ED KASPER** have bought a new home in Oak Lawn.

KATHERLY PHILLIPS, daughter of **ART** and **ANN PHILLIPS**, now on way to recovery after long illness.

G timers win basketball game! **LEON COOL**, **DON WARDELL**, **JIM ALEX**, **ARV LUCKMAN**, **HARVEY SCHNEIDER**, **OMSHANAHAN**, **DAMIEN WRENN**, **DAN ARRELL** are the graybeards. A one point 24-23 win over New-Comers **RUCE TALAGA**, **ART ADLER**, **TIM LEAVER**, **BOB MONTGOMERY**, **ROD ERGEN**, **BILL MANSKER**, **RON BARTOWICZ** at Maryville Academy. **Leon** had a fine outside shot while **Art** mastered a turnaround jump shot.

- Michelle Vitale

CA SECURITY -

Patrolman ROBERT HAWKINS of the South Section unit was welcomed back by ticket agents on the main line as he returned to be mobile patrol unit.

Cicer TOMMY BOSLEY and **JOHN ACION**, who transferred from the West Section unit to South Section, have been promoted to their new posts by **JOHN ELGENS**.

Patrolman Of The Month

In March, it's Sgt. **WILLIAM TALBERT**

of the office supervisory force. **Talbert** joined the police in 1972, serving first as a plainclothes officer. He was promoted to sergeant in 1975 and entered the police supervision course at the Police Training Institute, Champaign, Illinois. Later, he took a 14 week basic law course at the Chicago Police Academy, and is presently enrolled at Thornton Junior College where he is majoring in criminal justice and police science. In his last two years of service before joining CTA, **Talbert** was an investigator for the State's Attorney's police. He has won three commendations from former Superintendent **James Conlisk** of the Chicago Police and five from Manager of Security **EDWARD M. JORDAN** for CTA work.

- Frank Pickett Jr.

ELECTRICAL (Electrobay W) -

A first for Electrician **THADDIOUS JENNINGS**, 61st and Calumet--grandchild No. 1 **CRYSTAL ROSE** debuted at Cook County Hospital March 1; 4 pounds 10 ounces. Proud parents: Ironworker **LAMAR** and **AUSTELLA JENNINGS**. 73

- Ben Nielsen

(Rapid Transit Signal Division) -

COY CAUSEY upped to signal foreman from signal maintainer. Newly-created job has responsibility for all car borne signal equipment. **RON BEDOE**, 7:30 to 4 man at Wilson Shop, fills the trick made vacant by **Coy's** promotion. It's one of seven such tricks.

HARRY BARENDREGT, signal helper, flashes green light for 8 pound, 4½ ounce boy baby, **ARIE NICHOLAS**. Understand **Harry** and **JOAN** are still trying to teach first child difference between day and night.

JOHN LONG, signal maintainer, leaves his partner **DAVE BATTERSON** with mixed emotions as he departs 61st tower to work with **EARL BELL** at 95th on the Dan Ryan. While **Dave** and **Earl** are undecided as to who should pitch the party to celebrate **John's** move to the lengthy rock pile, Towerman **BRADLEY** at 63rd and Ashland makes up his mind he will break seal on bottle of champagne he has been saving for such an occasion.

DAVE GREIG now working the 8 to 4:30 Howard-Skokie trick, formerly held by **DAN MORIARTY**, now on disability.

ED DELANEY, **JIM LOWDER** promoted to signal maintainer.

Retiree **WILLIAM BAKER** mixes business with pleasure as delegate to co-op convention in San Francisco. **Bill** represent-

ed the Hometown Co-Op. Recently returned from 3800-mile motor trip to the other coast with wife **EDNA** and granddaughter. Vermont was state he was most tempted to stay in--except for the bitter cold.

Something big must have happened to upset our little flock. During last job pick, some of our big birds took flight. Signal Maintainer **ROBERT BROWN** left Congress, came to roost at Harlem-Lake. Signal Maintainer **JACK KOEPKE** dislodged, headed for shelter of construction gang. **RICHARD VIETH** flew to construction, too.

- Tammie Lowery

FOREST GLEN -

Cold weather vacationers include **DON RYBA**, operator, preference for Florida. ..retired chief clerk **BILL PINASCO**, and wife, spending the bitter months in Arizona...Clerk **SAM GIRARD**, who leaves a vast quiet in the depot. ..**ART WHITFIELD**, fishing off the coast of Mexico.

JIM BROGAN, nite superintendent, and wife **EVELYN** had an exciting experience on their recent trip to California. They were caught in a rock slide which did considerable damage to their car but, fortunately, not to them.

Expect a Chicago visit from retired box puller **JOHN VALK** and wife **EVELYN**; when the fishing season opens, they're leaving their California home to try their lines in Chicago.

JOHN GALLAGHER, supervisor, and wife celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on Washington's (genuine) birthday with dinner at DiLeo's.

Hospitalized (for tests) **MIKE KOMPANOWSKI**, retired; (second time) "CHAP-PIE", our terminal switchboard operator. Shopping for retirement property: **JACK MOREAU**, retired clerk.

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JOSEPH PALMER, Clerk, Archer, Emp. 3-30-42
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DORSEY GARNER, Combination Clerk, 52nd Street, Emp. 8-11-52
ALEXANDER GASICK, Paper Cutter, South Shops, Emp. 7-3-43
JARVIS HAMMONS, Operator, Limits, Emp. 6-16-55
CLIFFORD VANDERVEST, Comb. Clerk, Harlem Terminal, Emp. 3-5-43

May I say a "Happy Birthday" to my just-become teen-age and youngest son, DAVID HENRY? Thanks.

- W. A. Henry

LIMITS -

STANLEY FOSTER, softball coach, has already started indoor workouts for the next season. Hope this team doesn't carry the psychological scars of the basketball season performance by our Warriors.

- Charles Turner

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT -

ED THORNE, file clerk, retired from CTA with a little extra weight on him. During the last week of work, a different group of co-workers took him to lunch each day. Ed will try to lose some of the weight in the Bahamas, then settle down in Florida. JIM TOOLIS, buyer, grinned from ear to ear as he proudly announced a new grandson, JAMES STYCZYNSKI. Arrival Friday, March 12. Weight 7 pounds, 9 ounces. Mother, BARBARA.
JOHN SIEBERT, S/R 51, is first time grandfather. Daughter ANITA. Baby boy

named JACOB.

DAVE KNOERR, back to work after arm surgery.

SOUTH SHOPS REPORT: Retired end of February, GEORGE CROFOOT. PERRY JONES promoted to stock clerk II. ANDY CUNNINGHAM back from illness. retirees RUDY HEROLD and MATT BASO, looking great, pay a visit.

- Delores Duff

CTA PIONEERS -

Mark May 28 on your calendar for first dinner dance of the CTA Pioneers: Golden Flame Restaurant, 6417 West Higgins. Tickets may be obtained by phone from Leonard Bauechler (823-6816) or Roy Hansen (SP 4-0142)--or at our next meeting. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at the Golden Flame. Time: high noon. All pensioners from anywhere welcome. Corned beef and cabbage was March St. Pat's menu.

Forest Glen Credit Union's recent dinner-dance, attended by your scribe and his wife, was topnotch affair. Compliments are due to group's officers: JOHN KURINEC, JIM HEGERTHY, WALTER PONDEL.

When confined to Resurrection Hospital for nine days recently, had one of our oldest pensioners, PETER SINSKY, a my roommate. He's 93 years young and retired for 28.

Ailing have been PAT PINASCO, wife of our Pioneer veep, and WALTER MIEL. The Pinasco's vacationed recently in Arizona.

- Michael J. Kompanowski

NORTH PARK -

ALBERT OCHWAT is commended by Evanston bus drivers for fine service as supervisor over 17 consecutive years. Al and wife ELEANOR recently vacationed in Hawaii and Vegas.

When GARY NOONAN, operator, and wife MARY, stayed at MGM hotel in Vegas recently, Gary (who is avid jogger) enjoyed company of Frank Sinatra at Wayne Newton on his every morning runs.

HARON RAMBO, who retired March 1 operator after 30 years of service, is now "at home" in new house on RFD 3 Normandy, Tennessee.

Sympathy is extended to Scribe RAYMOND GRAHAM of Kedzie Depot on loss of his beloved wife, MARIE CARMELLI GRAHAM.

SY GOLDMAN, pensioner, is confined at Woodside Medical Center, Inc., 84 Wordsworth, Pontiac, Michigan 4806. get well cards will be most appreciated. Instructor LEE OAK and wife, CONNIE, vacationed at Apache Junction, Arizona where Connie's mother, Mrs. GRACE CICERO, resides.

Third generation (debut at Ravenswood Hospital) for Operator JIM DOLAN. It's an Irish COLLEEN (proper name).

One of the finest softball players ever CTA has hung up his mitt--and finished 40 years of service. Operator HENRY HIGLEY will spend retirement time traveling and devoting more attention to his hobby of ballroom dancing, which has brought him many prizes and trophies. WILLIE McFALL and wife MARILYN become parents of second child--HEIDI LYNN, 6 pounds, 5 ounces. Girl debut at St. Joseph's.

ED STENZEL, clerk, recovering after hospitalization at Swedish Covenant.

Repair Department Chit-Chat: welcome mat is extended to Assistant Foreman DENNIS CRONIN, back where he starts his CTA career as a serviceman...on thanks to AM Dispatcher JEFF HOS TRAWSE, Repairman BOB LORENTZ and PM Dispatcher ED OLANDER at Repairman PAUL SCHREVES for his efforts in getting buses on schedule, repair for our operation.

Proud grandparents: Pensioner SAM at MIRIAM SMARGON. Grandson PHIL H. HILDER elected vice-president student senate at University of Iowa Iowa State--out of 22,000 students

ampus. Grandson No. 2, ALLAN L.,
 just returned from Sweden with Evanston
 Township High school soccer team.
 Parents: FAYE and SYD HILDER.

- Melvin Wornag

OPERATIONS PLANNING (Schedules) -

E REILLY back from a yachting vaca-
 tion cruise in Caribbean with stops at
 Port Au Prince, Montego Bay, et al. Ac-
 companied by wife, HELEN.

NPOLEON TURNER, traffic checker, met
 at bachelorhood Waterloo on March 6.
 Remember MARGE VIDAL, former typist
 of our department? Visited her in Mer-
 illville, Indiana recently, with BERNIE
 ZIOR. She has two children--6-year-
 old BETH, 5-year-old ROSS.

- Kay Batina

TRANSPORTATION -

ARTHUR R. CALDER, controller, plans to
 make life easy following his retirement on
 the first of March. He and his wife,
 ANNIE, are making a trip to Lake of the
 Ozarks and visiting their married daugh-
 ters and grandchildren.

(Utility) -

EDWARD EDWARDS wants you all to know of
 his new address in Florida; 2244 Lake
 Aubrey Road, De Land 32720.

Vacationers: The PAT PORCELIUS'S to
 San Diego, Las Vegas, and Mexico; the
 L. W. JOHNSONS and NORBERT GE-
 ORGE ELKE to Florida.

JOE ROCHE Jr., married LOUISE WAL-
 SH and honeymooned at Acapulco.
 Jim worked as a part-time car service-
 man a couple of summers ago while at-
 tending Illinois State University.

Welcome to OTHA HALL from Track
 Maintenance and GUSTAV AHLBERG
 from North Avenue Transportation.

- Colette Szegocz

SOUTH SECTION -

Venture's Day was "smile, you're on"
 for Conductor LARRY WALKER, who
 talked out of a Fannie Mae candy store
 with the biggest box of candy and walked
 into the camera of Channel 5 News, doing
 a 10 PM feature. The box was for his
 wife, MICHELE who, incidentally, was a
 hostess at our safety award ceremonies
 at 95th.

Working an earlier spring: ARDIS MORRIS,
 assistant superintendent, and wife driv-
 ing down to Shreveport, Louisiana, to
 visit relations...THOMAS KILL, super-
 visor, and wife to Fort Lauderdale and
 then across Florida to the Gulf Coast...
 retired Conductor PHAROAH "Mother-
 in-Law" CAIN to New Orleans for the
 Mardi Gras and a visit with retired Con-
 ductor MOSES GILES.

Service anniversaries in April

40 years



A. R. Sandberg,
 Engineering

35 years

W. H. Blegen, North Park
 T. Calabrese, Utility
 H. E. Diehl Jr., Howard-Kimball
 R. A. Feltz, 69th Street
 O. W. Johnson, Utility
 F. E. May, South Shops
 R. C. Quetschke, Transportation
 L. R. Rage, Forest Glen
 F. A. Ritrovato, Archer
 F. Vangeenen, Utility

25 years

S. Anderson, District B
 C. H. Baker, Archer
 H. G. Bey, Kedzie
 D. E. Crandall, Maintenance
 C. Donley, 61st Street
 H. J. Gubernatz, Electrical
 A. H. Jackson, Kedzie

30 years

W. M. Baldyga, Utility
 A. W. Black, Operations Planning
 E. F. Briskey, North Avenue
 J. H. Burklow, Insurance
 L. J. Calus, CTA Security
 C. Carnes, Beverly
 J. E. Ciezadlo, Bldgs. & Grounds
 V. Coleman, Operations Planning
 M. Cook, Electrical
 L. Daniele, Limits
 J. S. Fuller, Instruction-South
 M. J. Gallo, Bldgs. & Grounds
 P. J. Garrity, Forest Glen
 P. J. Grabowski, North Park
 J. R. Hanlon, District B
 L. J. Laurie, North Avenue
 A. G. Maxwell, Bldgs. & Grounds
 O. J. Menicucci, Howard-Kimball
 V. L. Norstrom, Forest Park
 J. Ohlman, North Park
 N. Pantone, Bldgs. & Grounds
 A. C. Rigler Jr., Electrical
 E. R. Smith, Electrical
 R. A. Spakowski, North Avenue
 F. J. Spitali, Utility
 H. A. Strauch, Archer
 R. C. Strohecker, District B
 F. A. Swiontek, Forest Glen
 J. E. Theis, South Shops
 G. J. Vikeras, Stores-South
 J. M. Walsh, Congress

JIM McCLANE, assistant superintendent,
 scored \$100 in the Super-Shot lottery.
 Off the sick list are Motorman LEVERN
 WHEELER and Conductor WAYNE
 SHEPPARD.

Big Day at 95th

When the 95th St. Terminal was pre-
 sented with the Public Safety Award for
 the last quarter of '75, it was quite an
 occasion. VIC COLEMAN, assistant to
 the manager of transportation, and
 HARRY REDDRICK, area superintend-
 ent, were there to make the presenta-
 tion to Superintendent STAN CHRIST,
 Motorman CORDELL BURNS and Con-
 ductor LUTHER WAKEFIELD were
 honored as outstanding employees of
 the quarter. In a prize drawing, twin



Pictured at presentation ceremonies are, (from left to
 right): B. Perry, instructor; John Aurand, manager
 general administration; R. Lee, relief superintendent;
 Stanley Christ, superintendent South Section; D. Curry,
 assistant superintendent Ashland Terminal; Conductor
 Luther Wakefield, outstanding employee; W. Nash,
 assistant rail district superintendent; Motorman Cordell
 Burns, outstanding employee, and Ed Henry, supervisor
 of public safety.

wrist watches (first prize) were won by Conductor WILLIAM LATIMER, field glasses by Conductor MYRON WAITES, a camera by Conductor JAMES DAVIS, and a clock-radio by Conductor DENNIS GIBSON. Coffee and rolls were served all day by two hostesses from the Mart.

- Verna Hartley

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE (South Shops) -

HOWIE and CAROL HOLLENDER accepting congratulations on the debut of 8 pound 9 ounce EDWARD JOHN on February 5.



Edward John

Congratulations to MAUREEN (Houlihan) and LLOYD BETHOURNEY, Leap Year newlyweds on February 29. Reception was at Joliet. On way home, the ED SHIELDS and JOHN WARDs motored into a muddy road, got bogged down, and had to be hauled out by a tow truck. They didn't get home until 4 AM. Probably wished they could have gone by CTA!

TED PIETRUS back from Colorado where he spent two weeks skiing while a moustache bloomed on his upper lip. He looks distinguished, if older.

Vacations: TOM ALFRED picking up a fantastic tan in the Virgin Islands...PAT BAKER and PAT JONES, both Mardi Gras-ing in N.O...FRAN LOUWARD, to California.

MAX and BETTY TEPPER celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a vacation to Las Vegas and the Hawaiian islands.

Congratulations go out to AL WINDT and Little WILLIE RAFFERTY on completion of their 30 years apprenticeship with the company.. Ditto to FRANK GRAY and STANLEY "Pepsi-Cola" PSZCZOLA on their four month apprenticeship on their crane in Utilities.

ALEX GASSICK has taken a disability pension after his long illness.

Congratulations to TED and TILLIE CATTONI on the marriage of their daughter SHIRLEY to GEORGE ALKOVICH in St. George church in South Chicago.

Pictured are, from left to right, Electrician AL SAMASKA, Clerk of Circuit Court Morgan M. Finley, Mechanic STANLEY SHIMKUS and EDWARD OLESKY. Mr. Finley received an engraved plaque for distinguished public service from American Legion Post



Shirley and George

GEORGE ANDERSON, 76, North Avenue, Emp. 8-18-43, Died 12-25-75
WALTER BEHRENS, 51, Desplaines, Emp. 1-15-70, Died 2-14-76
MICHAEL COLLINS, 90, Limits, Emp. 2-15-12, Died 2-13-76
SAM DONATO, 82, Lawndale, Emp. 3-24-42, Died 2-26-76
HENRY DRESSLER, 83, West Shops, Emp. 11-29-43, Died 2-29-76
EMIL ERICKSON, 75, South Shops, Emp. 11-19-28, Died 2-26-76
JULIA FILAN, 78, South Section, Emp. 8-27-37, Died 2-8-76
PRESTON FORTNEY, 87, 77th Street, Emp. 8-26-26, Died 2-15-76
ALFRED GORSS, 72, North Park, Emp. 1-30-34, Died 2-25-76
CHARLES GUZIK, 59, South Section, Emp. 4-4-39, Died 2-29-76
WILLIAM HANSEN, 66, South Shops, Emp. 7-13-25, Died 2-1-76
GEORGE KIMMSKE, 58, South Shops, Emp. 11-19-47, Died 2-22-76
JAMES KINNEVEY, 87, North Section, Emp. 9-9-20, Died 2-14-76
MARIO LENA, 79, Douglas, Emp. 4-19-20, Died 2-12-76

SIGMUND LUKAS, 73, Skokie Shop, Emp. 10-23-47, Died 2-23-76
JOSEPH MATRISCIANO, 63, Maintenance, Emp. 4-25-30, Died 2-28-76
JOHN MCCARTHY, 84, 77th Street, Emp. 2-3-28, Died 2-23-76
ARTHUR McDONALD, 82, West Section, Emp. 7-19-48, Died 2-24-76
PATRICK MCGOWAN, 70, West Section, Emp. 6-17-29, Died 2-26-76
THOMAS MITCHELL, 41, North Section, Emp. 2-10-61, Died 2-18-76
ARTHUR PETERSON, 82, Armitage, Emp. 4-23-14, Died 2-24-76
WALTER REICH, 87, West Section, Emp. 3-5-45, Died 2-9-76
LEYDELL SMITH, 55, 52nd Street, Emp. 2-12-48, Died 2-26-76
JOHN SULLIVAN, 79, North Avenue, Emp. 9-26-23, Died 2-20-76
JOHN TEREK, 76, North Avenue, Emp. 7-1-26, Died 2-17-76
THOMAS WALSH, 69, Archer, Emp. 1-25-34, Died 2-2-76
CARL ZOELLNER, 71, Kedzie, Emp. 2-2-28, Died 2-9-76



Al, Morgan, Stanley and Edward

#271, Darius-Girenas.

- Jeanne Dietl & Lawrence Bernas

77TH STREET -

That's Operator PERRY HOWARD's daughter, DONNA MARIA, in the picture. She's just graduated from Chicago State. She plans to teach and work for her master's.



Donna Maria

CLIFFORD AYERS, operator, slipped away for a pre-birthday vacation amid

the gala festivities of the Mardi Gras New Orleans.

FRANK WSOL recently returned from vacation in Florida, where he visited w two recently retired CTAers, RAY PROR and FRANK VITEK, at Cocoa Beach. RAY COLLELO is also recently back from a Florida jaunt.

It's 36 years of wedded bliss for Mr. & Mrs. ALEX PETERSON, one of c switchboard operators.

Congratulations in order for Mrs. P. DeBONNETT upon the arrival of a baby girl, MILA, on February 15.

The president of Local 241, E. BARLE paid us an unexpected visit and chat with a number of our operators. He built much confidence in the way 241 fulfilling its commitment to the membership.

That smile on Operator HARRIS's face was put there by his arrival at his grandfather status.

- Allison De Bonnett

69TH STREET -

J. R. DAVIDSON came back ahead of time from his vacation to Florida; too close down there.

BERT PARKER, of west 55th St. Tave fame, says that retiree MCGOWAN (known as the fastest key at the vaults) has a parakeet who talks to him in Polish the phone.

GUS MELANDER took his pension. We never forget the time Gus was fishing

Smiths Of CTA Are Men Of Many Parts

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There's no limit on creativity at the CTA's blacksmith shop--they can form anything from a 1/16" thick shim to a pair of 50' long platform stringers that hold up the tracks.

If you can't buy it, you turn to the CTA's smithy for the answer.

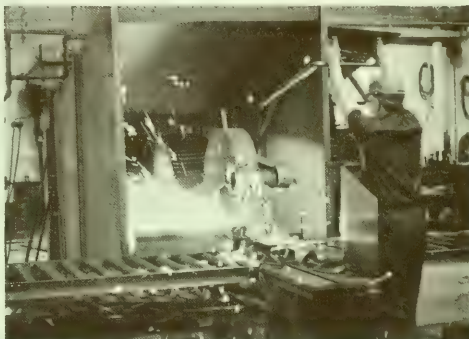
The steel fabrication shop, as it's properly called, literally thousands of demands every year for steel fabrication, rail work, and escalator parts. They're all answered by a group of only 13 men.

It's the only place in the transit system fabrication is done. While CTA's South Shops, Skokie Shop, and the rest of the West Shops rebuild parts for buses and trains, only the fabrication shop actually molds new parts.

"We do a lot of varied work--like a wheel dolly, bumper tips, third rail inclines, rail tap assemblies, elevation tie plates. They're not available to buy," says Patrick O. McCarthy, supervisor, Bridges and Structure.

There are fish plates that act like splice plates to join pieces of third rail together, anglebars, rail bases, and counter-weights for wheel spinning posts. Also, reinforced concrete beams for CTA build-outs and couplers for CTA's old workcars.

They're made at West Shops because no one outside the CTA makes them any more since the rest of the railroad industry uses heavier rail. While the CTA is slowly switching over to 115 lb. rail, we still



Just laying rail isn't enough. CTA must keep it shaped to size. Here Frank Montefalco trims off slices of rail used to fill the empty spaces caused by cold weather when the rails contract. In warm weather, these "dutchmen" are picked out of the entire system as the rails expand again.

must make parts to fit the 90 lb. rail sections we started off with.

Frog Shop

Even as the names of some of the parts sound descriptive, consider that the fabrication shop was once called the frog shop, based on the assumption that the place where two rails join is similar to the frog of a horse's hoof.

But that's where the traditional concept of a blacksmith ends. For most of these craftsmen--while they may have tooled a few horseshoes in their time--have long been onto more complex assignments.

For a CTA blacksmith is able, one morning to repair a track tamper which distributes the ballast under the ties, and in the afternoon, to do the intricate welding of whiffletree parts for a CTA wreck wagon.

He knows he'll get little notice for his work; like many artisans, it's the small details he perfects that are hidden from view but make the system work--details such as the ventilation shafts deep within the subway tubes or the tread rods underneath the escalator step a CTA rider might use to reach his train.

Of these items, McCarthy relates, the simplest made at the steel fabrication shop is a washer. Although usually plentiful from outside suppliers, McCarthy says they do, however, come in some "rotten old sizes we have to make."

The blacksmith would start off with a steel tube and slice it up. Then he might file it to take the burrs off.

The whole process takes less than 10 minutes.

The Village Blacksmith

UNDER a spreading chestnut tree
The village smithy stands;
The smith, a mighty man is he,
With large and sinewy hands;
And the muscles of his brawny arms
Are strong as iron bands.

- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

What ever happened to these men who once were as common to every town as a filling station is today--and well known to every schoolboy who ever memorized a poem? Are they only to be found near the barns at Arlington Park race track and similar places? Or posing for cola commercials? No, the best of them are behind scenes in transit, like at CTA--making parts, reclaiming waste, and generally saving taxpayers' money. Anit Leppiks tells us how and why.

Steel Workers

The shop buys its raw steel from mills which have given the liquid metal a random length of 20 or 40 feet.

Shopmen fabricate this steel into a structure by cutting it to length, drilling holes in it, welding necessary parts together, and make structural frames out of it. The frames are later installed on the 'L' structure or in CTA buildings by ironworkers.

Other parts are recycled from old CTA equipment, such as from an axle of a discarded rapid transit car.

Couplers, reports McCarthy, are the most skillful parts to make.

"Our flatcars (work trains) use a certain type of coupler that we can't get anywhere else. The coupler holds the cars together. However, with the heavy duty use they get, they are continually breaking. So we start from scratch, making new ones from a piece of raw steel. Axle steel fits the bill."

The shop's blacksmith or one of the two blacksmith-welders heats a six inch round diameter axle steel in the oven up to 1500 degrees Fahrenheit, then puts it under a drop forge (heavy hammer) that beats it into a shape something akin to a rectangle.

The steel is then cut, further shaped, and machined on a lathe by one of five machinists.

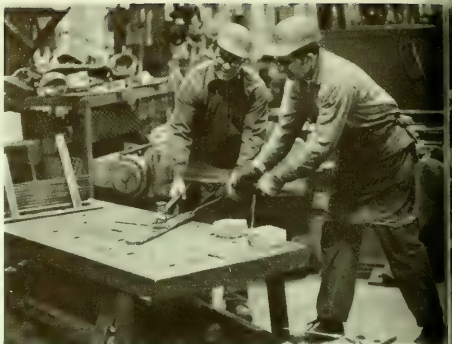
"The lathe is where all the skill is on this piece of equipment," notes McCarthy.

Machine Made

A few parts are fashioned strictly by the machinists--like a bushing--a sleeve made of more wear resistant steel than the object it holds, such as a spindle. This sleeve must be machined so it can properly take more wear than the part it is holding.

Conversely, there are items blacksmiths forge but which require no work at the lathe. Such is the simple heating and bending of a handle into a hook or rod; or straightening a bus fender.

While 90 per cent of the work done in this shop is forged and machined according to blueprint, some



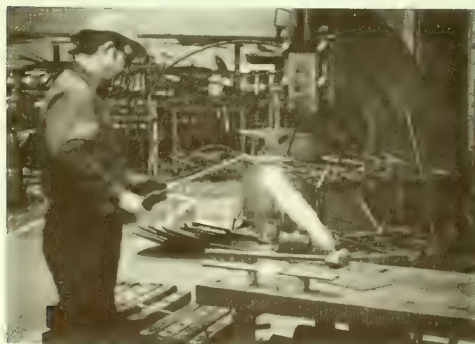
John Maros, shopman II, (left) pounds the reshaped fish plate with a sledgehammer as part of the finishing touches.

projects require a constant interaction between engineer and craftsman as both work to create a part.

That is what happened when McCarthy's group developed counterweights for wheel spinning posts at the 98th Street rapid transit inspection shop.

McCarthy explains: "To inspect a car, you jacked up on a set of posts that come out of the floor, allowing you to run the train without the train moving to tests. When you do that, the wheels are spinning; hence the name, wheel spinning posts. The wheels balance this post."

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Blacksmith-welder John Rebacz heats the center of a fish plate (on bricks) to a cherry red color (about 1800° F) with a torch.

What The Terms Mean

- anglebar** - - a steel splice plate used to join sections of running rail together.
- ballast** - - gravel or broken stone laid in a railroad bed.
- coupler** - - axle steel used for connecting one rapid transit car to the next car.
- elevation tie plate** - - standard track tie plate, but of varying thicknesses; used to shim up a rail on curves.
- fabrication** - - manufacturing, usually of structural steel track parts.
- fish plate** - - a steel splice plate used to join sections of third rail together.
- frog** - - a device permitting the wheels on one rail of a track to cross an intersecting rail. Also the triangular pad in the middle of the sole of the foot of a horse.
- rail brace** - - steel plate used on track shoulder curves to stabilize the track horizontally.
- rail tap assembly** - - a connection of the power feed cable to the third rail.
- shim** - - a thin piece of steel used to fill in space between things, as for support, leveling, or adjustment of fit.
- stinger tip** - - hand tool used in rapid transit shops to propel cars within the shop.
- stringer** - - a longitudinal member extending from bent to bent of a railroad bridge and carrying the track.
- third rail incline** - - tapered end of a third rail.
- tread rod** - - steel rod under each escalator step; used for support of that step.
- wheel dolly** - - four wheeled truck inserted under a disabled rapid transit car to remove it.
- whiffletree** - - the pivoted swinging steel hitch on a wreck wagon for towing a disabled bus.

Navy surplus rubber boat in Marquette Ark. It sprung a leak and some small fish tied their jump ropes together and killed him ashore. He paid them with the money that he had caught in the cuffs of his pants.

JOHN WHITE vacationed in the St. Louis area. Beverly's LARRY LARSON flew down to Jensen Beach, Florida with referee JOHNNY BUTLER to visit their former gin-playing buddy, TONY VAN-ENBURG of credit union fame. Credit union treasurer BILL DONAHUE visited Arizona and spent some time with retired superintendent JOHN JACOBY and retired deliverer JOE "Shoes" GASKEY.

- Art Bussing & Tom Moore

510 STREET -

PUL and SUSIE JONES recently took a short trip to Nassau, Bahamas, and had a very nice stay in that 80 degree temperature.

CLERK, DORSEY GARNER, retires the first of April and DAN SUTTON was with us for 26 weeks until a replacement came.

MICHAEL ANGELO WEAVER II, son of Bus Repairman M. A. WEAVER, received a first prize for his science fair project from St. Anselm school.

A BENN who was off work sick for over three months is feeling pretty good and looking forward to retiring on October 1. E. RIVERS was in a car accident and was hospitalized at Illinois Community Hospital.

- John L. Hudson

R.S.V.P.

For Retired Bus Drivers

Retired bus drivers are wanted by RSVP, the nationwide government-sponsored program which finds and coordinates volunteer service opportunities for the retired. In Chicago, Hull House operates the RSVP program. Debbie Bloss of the RSVP staff was in to see Transit News recently. She pointed up RSVP's need for drivers of vans to transport the elderly and handicapped to schools, senior centers, medical facilities, and special events. RSVP has its own vans for such purposes and will pay volunteers transportation at 13 cents per mile to get to and from driving assignments. Details can be obtained from RSVP at 3179 Broadway, zip 60657—or by phoning 348-8330, Extension 25.

WELCOME ABOARD!

New Members Of The CTA Family

Through March 26, 1976

MORTAZA ALAVI, Transportation,
Bus Operator, North Park
JOHN BAKER, Transportation,
Conductor, West Section
WILLIE BARNETT, Maintenance,
Car Serviceman, West Pool
TIMOTHY BRUCKER, Transportation,
Ticket Agent, North Section
ANTHONY CERIALE, Transportation,
Bus Operator, North Avenue
RAUL CRUZ, Transportation,
Conductor, West Section
JOSE FLORES, Transportation,
Ticket Agent, North Section
RADAMES FLORES, Transportation,
Bus Operator, Forest Glen
REYNALDO FUENTES, Transportation,
Bus Operator, Limits
THOMAS GLAVIN, Transportation,
Conductor, South Section
HECTOR GOMEZ, Transportation,
Bus Operator, North Avenue
CARLOS GONZALEZ, Transportation,
Bus Operator, North Avenue
CARMEN HERNANDEZ, Transportation,
Ticket Agent, North Section
NESTOR HERNANDEZ, Transportation,
Conductor, West Section
WILLIAM JANSEN, Transportation,
Ticket Agent, West Section
ADA JIMENEZ, Maintenance,
Car Serviceman, West Pool
PAUSIDES JUAN, Transportation,
Bus Operator, North Avenue
KENNETH LEE, Transportation,
Bus Operator, 77th Street
ENRIQUE MARQUEZ, Transportation,
Bus Operator, Forest Glen
AGUSTIN MARTINEZ, Transportation,
Bus Operator, Archer
JESSE MARTINEZ, Transportation,
Conductor, South Section
EARNEST McELWEE, Transportation,
Conductor, North Section

JOSE MERCADO, Transportation,
Bus Operator, North Avenue
ERIC MINOR, Transportation,
Conductor, South Section
DAVID ORTEGA, Transportation,
Ticket Agent, West Section
JOHN PERALES, Transportation,
Conductor, West Section
ROY PETERSON, Datacenter,
General Office
EDWARD POPE, Transportation,
Ticket Agent, West Section
ERROL PUGH, Transportation,
Conductor, South Section
RAFAEL REINA, Transportation,
Bus Operator, Limits
GEORGE RIVERA, Transportation,
Bus Operator, North Avenue
ANGEL RODRIGUEZ, Transportation,
Bus Operator, North Avenue
MARIA RODRIGUEZ, Transportation,
Bus Operator, Kedzie
SALOMON RUIZ, Transportation,
Bus Operator, North Avenue
ISMAIL SALEH, Transportation,
Bus Operator, Forest Glen
DANIEL SOTO, Transportation,
Conductor, West Section
TIMOTHY STEINBERG, Substation
Attendant, Plant Maintenance
CALVIN TILLERY, Transportation,
Conductor, South Section
ENRIQUE VALENTIN, Transportation,
Conductor, West Section
ANASTASIO VARELA, Transportation,
Bus Operator, Kedzie
RUBEN VELASCO, Transportation,
Ticket Agent, West Section
BRUCE WEEKS, Datacenter,
General Office
BARBARA WILKERSON, Transportation,
Bus Operator, 77th Street
STEVE WILSON, Datacenter,
General Office

Blacksmiths (Continued)

"Now the post lies horizontally in the floor and pivots up to support the train.
"Our problem was one of safety and noise. When you were through with the train job and wanted to let the post down again, you dropped the post onto the floor, making an awful noise. Furthermore, you could catch your toes in it."
But the solution wasn't as simple as merely weighing down the other end of the post to evenly distribute the weight. There was only a tiny pocket of space where weight could be added.
But McCarthy's group found a way to fill that space with enough weight and the pivot now eases down with the touch of a finger on a button.
"It was like putting a Swiss watch together," he remembers.
"Now, the other inspection shops want one," he says.
Which just goes to show, that at the CTA, the "creative types" are constantly in demand.

Trains Kept Running As Power Unit Is Replaced

By Jeff Stern

A key source of traction power went out unexpectedly in Evanston recently, but rapid transit service never faltered, thanks to a dedicated group of engineers and electricians who worked extra hours to install a replacement.

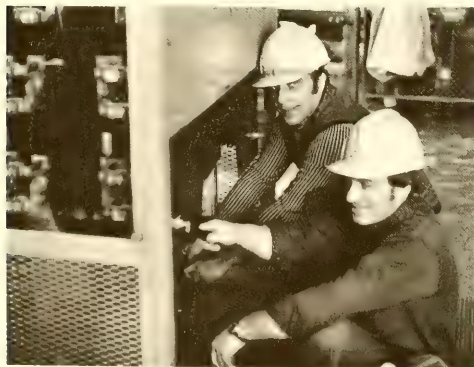
The 25-day drama began around noon February 6, when a vacuum leak caused the failure of one of three electrical rectifier units at the Calvary substation on Chicago Avenue.

The units convert 12,000 volt AC current from Commonwealth Edison into 600 volt DC current to provide traction power for CTA trains. The substation is the main source of power for the Skokie Swift and Evanston rapid transit routes and for the North-South route from about North Shore Avenue to Howard Street.

Quick Work Needed

Three days of round-the-clock repair attempts convinced engineers that the defective 45-year-old unit could not be restored. Since any additional malfunction at the substation would have resulted in a reduction or even a shutdown of service, another rectifier unit had to be found and installed--quickly.

Donald Walsh, CTA supervisor of testing and power operations and project coordinator, determined that another unit was available at the Ravenswood substation on North Lincoln Avenue.



When you reassemble a 3,000 kilowatt rectifier that supplies 600 volt DC current for traction power, you like to make certain the machine is safe and in working order before you turn it on. Here Richard Greisto (left) tightens the positive bus on the rectifier, while Robert Rychlee secures the insulating shield.



The last act in restoring full power capacity to the Calvary substation was testing the newly installed 29-ton rectifier unit. Working around equipment used to calibrate overcurrent relays are (clockwise) Ron Kaplan (left), Don Walsh, Mel Cook and Chris Gaca. Calibrating the rectifier itself are Richard Rock (rear), Charles Bell (holding a vibro-test instrument) and Harvey Heide.

The only problem was that a wall had to be knocked down to get the equipment out; the unit had to be dismantled, and all 29 tons of it transported to Evanston for reassembly.

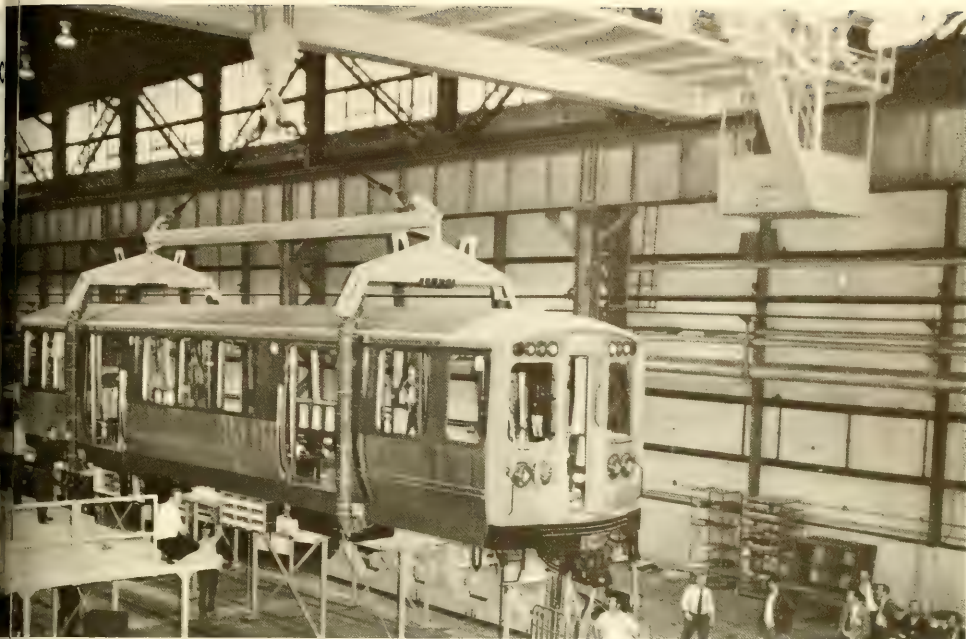
Maintenance crews led by Harold C. Berndt, supervisor, general maintenance, tore out and rebuilt the wall at Ravenswood where the unit was removed. Then supervising electrician Melvin Cook and electricians Robert Rychlee, Harvey Heide, Richard Kaplan and Richard Greisto dismantled the unit into its component parts--transformer, bus duct and rectifier.

Big Moving Job

Commonwealth Edison handled the actual move with "lowboy" trucks and two 35-ton cranes. Along the way, a low railroad overpass at Morse and Ravenswood Avenues required taking the transformer off the truck and sliding it on rollers until it could be lifted back on the truck on the other side.

The move alone took two days. The entire replacement operation took three weeks and included testing the reconstructed unit at Calvary. The total cost was about \$31,000.

Walsh and engineers Chris Gaca, Charles Bell and Ronald Kaplan tested the rebuilt rectifier unit to ensure it would work properly. Richard D. Valloni, supervisor, substation operations and maintenance, is in charge of obtaining the necessary parts and supplies.



Engineering department projects in progress

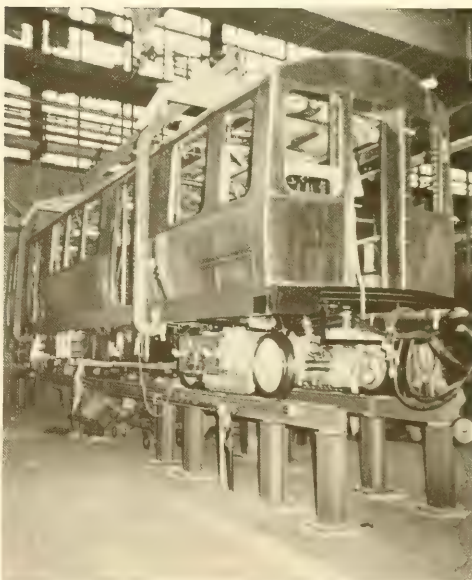
The new 48-foot stainless steel car body swings on the line at the Boeing Vertol plant, it makes an interesting industrial picture, as evidenced above. Each car requires two sets of trucks. The first car is in place in the right-hand photo. Next step is hook-up and clearance testing.

Two pilot cars are scheduled to be delivered to CTA in August for use in a 600-hour revenue service program. Initial production deliveries are expected near the end of the year. All of the 200 new cars are expected to be delivered and in operation by early 1978.

The new sculptured cars provide reduced noise levels inside and out, wider sliding doors for easier access, and smoother riding. All new cars will be air conditioned. All will have automatic cab signalling.

Accent colors of red, white, and blue have both aesthetic and safety values. In addition to the color stripes under the windows, colors are employed at the front and end of each pair of cars, thus providing visibility under all conditions.

Car design is by Sundberg-Ferar.



The New Mix In Bowling



Diane Traxler



Margaret Archer



Virginia (Ginny) McGraw

How The
Ladies Like It
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Downtown Map On Horizon

The CTA is in production on its first comprehensive downtown transit map, which also will be its first bilingual (English-Spanish) map.

The objective: To encourage more people throughout the day to use CTA buses and trains as the most expedient—and least expensive—way to get around the growing downtown area.

CTA riders can easily determine where and when the buses and trains go by referring to an overall downtown map, and a series of mini-maps of individual routes.

As special aid for using buses, there will be an explanation of the routes in terms of the major streets that are served.

The new map is coming out in time...for the start of the big summer influx of visitors...and at a time when good weather prompts more of the daytime downtown population to benefit from the CTA's 24-hour transfer privilege for short shopping trips, for eating a quick lunch in Grant Park, or for strolling and enjoying one of the many downtown plazas.

The 24-hour clock for designating hours of service also will be another new feature. Other new features will be a downtown street index and a listing of major points of interest.

The new map is a joint production of the Operations Planning and Public Affairs Departments.

The map task force includes John P. O'Connor, George Macak, Robert Schageman and Dale Mandorff of Operations Planning, and Robert Heinlein and Elda Leal of Public Affairs.



A new view of Chicago's constantly changing downtown, as shot by Art Tonner south from the Merchandise Mart's new Apparel Center on historic Wolf Point.

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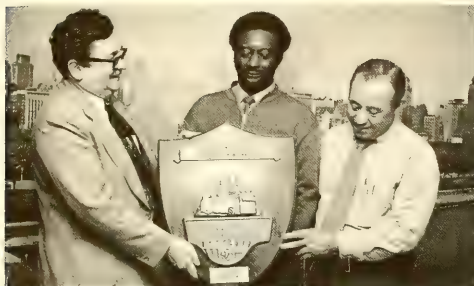
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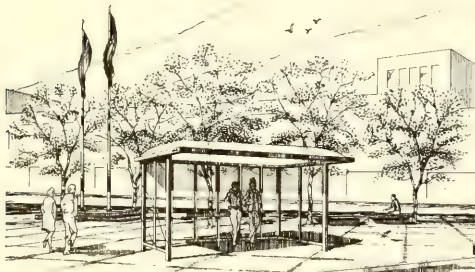
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BOARD BRIEFS



At the May 5 meeting of the Chicago Transit Board, Transportation Manager James Blaa presents First Quarter Safety Award won by the North Avenue Garage to Operators John Weatherspoon (center) and Gilberto Almenas as representatives of the 650 operators at North Avenue. Blaa reported that North Avenue set the best combined traffic and passenger safety record in the history of the awards program.



Sketch of new CTA bus stop shelters for an initial order of 100 shelters as authorized by the CTA Board. The shelters, to be erected mostly on sites under arrangements with Chicago's city government, will be 5 feet 8 inches wide and 7 feet 6 inches high and of two different lengths — 8 feet 3 inches and 12 feet 4 inches. For the sides and back, transparent non-breakable and scratch resistant plastic panels will be attached to aluminum frames with a bronze finish. The top will be of off-white translucent plastic. The bottom rail will be raised 6 inches for an opening to prevent such things as leaves and paper accumulating.

Also at the Board meeting: Carmen Russo, bus operator at 69th was cited for helping to save the life of a sticken fellow bus operator...An order for \$121,649 of special rubber padding to be installed at six rapid transit grade crossings was authorized...Engineering and design contracts were let for modernizing the Western avenue station on the Ravenswood rapid transit route and the Pulaski station on the Douglas route.

CTA Pulls Another Switch: Introduces First Woman Towerperson

By Jeff Stern

Technique is the secret that enables Mrs. Ivory Graham to pull her weight as CTA's first woman towerperson.

"If you just pull with your arms, you would wear yourself out in no time at all," says Mrs. Graham.

"But if you get good footing and make it a swing, it's no harder than my hobbies of bow sewing and shooting an occasional game of pool."

That is how Mrs. Graham, who stands 5 feet 10 inches, describes her latest CTA assignment: pulling the 4-foot-high levers in the Wilson tower for switching trains on the north elevated route.

Altogether, there are 25 such large levers in the Wilson tower. Mrs. Graham may be required to pull a number of them each during an eight-hour shift at the Wilson tower.

The levers in the Wilson tower pull the switches for four mainline tracks and for lead tracks to the rapid transit car inspection shop nearby.

"She's doing a great job," reports Michael Veltri, the Howard terminal superintendent who also is in charge of the tower.

"And she enjoys the work so much that she has indicated a desire to serve in the tower full time," said Veltri.

By qualifying as a towerperson, Mrs. Graham becomes a full-fledged CTA rapid transit operator, an employee able to perform three different jobs.

Joining the CTA in October, 1974, she first became a conductor and then a motorperson. She is now alternating as a conductor, motorperson and towerperson.

Mrs. Graham, who is 35, and her husband and two children live in the south side Auburn-Gresham community.



Ivory in her tower.

CTA Football School Is Taught By Bears

Two Chicago Bears--Doug Plank and Bob Thomas--have been scoring touchdowns for CTA with the city's youth by talking football and good sportsmanship.

Their appearances before public, parochial and private high school classes represent an experiment by the CTA to develop better rapport among schools with an objective of reducing vandalism to buses, one of which happens in the exuberant aftermath of sporting events.

The program is under the direction of Frank Triani, a veteran high school and pro football coach with the CTA Community Relations Section. At press time, the Bears had been on more than 18 "gridirons," and were scheduled for a CTA season lasting into June. Short biographies follow:

Doug Plank, free safety--an Ohio State Buckeye, veteran of three Rose Bowl games, and leader of the Bears in tackles and pass interceptions during his rookie year of '75. Doug was drafted in the 12th round and was 23 on last March 4th. Before going to college, he was All-State Pennsylvania in both football and baseball at Norwin High School in suburban Irwin near Pittsburgh.

Bob Thomas, placekicker--the man who kicked the field goal in the 1973 Sugar Bowl game that gave Notre Dame an exciting victory over Alabama. A native of Rochester, N.Y., the 23-year-old Bob attended McQuaid Jesuit High School where he was an all-star in both football and soccer. He was drafted by the Los Angeles Rams in the 15th round in 1974, then acquired by the Bears, for whom he became the leading scorer. His 55-yard field goal against the Rams set a new Bear record.

In their rap sessions with high schoolers, the Bears emphasize the values of education to the professional athlete and testify to their own gratification at having completed college and obtaining their degrees.

The players also "work in" the rationale for good sportsmanship strategy not only in playing the game of football, but also the game of life--including such everyday actions as riding buses and rapid transit trains.

Films of the better Bear plays in 1975 are being shown in conjunction with the appearances. Reaction has been super.



After formal talks and questions-and-answers, the Bear players have been huddling with students who want to know "how it is" to be a pro athlete.



Bob Thomas at Schurz High School, Bob Thomas kicks off with a few pointers on kicking field goals. Doug Plank awaits his introduction.



At Dunbar High School, Doug Plank testifies to the value of a sportsmanship style in the game of life. The audience interest is evident.

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Spirit of (19) 76 —

CTA Softball Season Starts

By Mel Alexander, Sports Editor

Despite the fact that rain caused a postponement May 2 of eight opening games, nothing dampened the spirit of 300 CTAers as they moved into the 1976 softball season.

With rained-out games being made up as double headers, the 300 softball players comprising 17 teams will compete in 72 games during a regularly scheduled season until June 27.

Then, on July 11, they will move into the playoffs to determine through a series of elimination games what team will emerge as the Bicentennial year champs.

At 0915 and 1030 each Sunday in Grant Park, the teams will take to the field for eight games per Sunday in the regular season. The playoffs also will be in Grant Park at those Sunday morning hours.

This year's lineup of CTA softball teams and their manager are:

69th Street Garage — J. Hawkins
North Side Ticket Agents — M. Rago
North Avenue Garage — V. Santos
General Office — T. Andrews
77th Street Bus Repair — S. Glover
77th Street Garage — K. Fleming
North Park Garage — H. Reed
South Shops — L. Bemas and J. Larsen
Limits Garage — S. Foster
52nd Street Garage — R. Riley
Beverly Garage — R. Harris, Jr.
308 Rail — R. James
Howard Street — L. Crenshaw
West Side Ticket Agents — J. Brown
Kedzie Garage — C. Williams
Forest Glen Garage — J. Gale
Archer Garage — K. DuCree

"In the last two years, there has been a big surge of enthusiasm for softball, and we expect this year to be our most competitive season yet," said John Eckel, CTA Softball Coordinator.

"We have reports that some teams even went into early spring training to be in top shape," he added.

Officers elected to assist Sports Coordinator Eckel for the 1976 softball season are Flenard Pong, president, who among other duties will rule on protested games and other disputes; Tony Andrews, vice president, who is in charge of scheduling, and John Fleming, secretary, who checks pre-game weather field conditions to decide whether games are on or off.

But it's not only the players who enjoy the Sunday morning games.

Many families and friends can be expected to turn out to watch the games--and then, in many instances, to picnic in Chicago's great downtown lakefront park.

"It's a great way to enjoy summertime in Chicago," said Eckel.

Division 241 Golf Tournament

The Cog Hill Country Club in Lemont, Ill., will be the site for the tenth annual Division 241 golf tournament and banquet on July 16. Details will be in the next issue of CTA Transit News. Meanwhile, golf buffs who wish to be certain of playing should contact Warren Scholl at 341-1733.



Archer Bandits Win Again

The Archer Bandits won the championship of the South Street Operators Bowling League for the second year in a row.

The Bandits trailed by one game behind George's Arco. Taking two out of three from Arco, the Bandits forced a roll-off. They won two out of three and took home the trophy for the 1975-76 season.

Members of the champion Bandits are: T. Ireland, Mottson, H. Hodge, H. Kemp, J. Coleman and L. C. Taylor. Members of the second place George's Arco are: L. Wardell, J. C. White, E. Gipson, C. McCants, Ford and W. Thompson.

In third place were the Thunder Balls who beat the

Outer Limits two out of three and dropped them into fifth place. In fourth place were the Clippers who took three games from the Pin Busters who dropped to sixth place in the standings.

The bowling alley was crowded with the families of the bowlers, rooting loudly for their favorites.

At a general meeting on April 16, election of officers for the 1976-77 season was held. Elected president for a fourth term was Calvin Pollard. Mike Kane was re-elected vice-president and Talmadge Ireland treasurer. Newly-elected secretary is Jesse Jumper, and Robert Barnes was elected as sergeant at arms.



THE WINNING BANDITS: Bowling champions for 1976 are the Archer Bandits. Pictured, left to right, are: J. Coleman, H. Hodge, Mottson, H. Kemp and T. Ireland.



GEORGE'S ARCO: Members of the second place Arco team are, left to right: L. Wardell, C. McCants, W. Thompson and E. Gipson. Missing at the time the picture was taken were E. Ford and J. C. White.



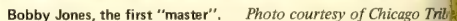
Leroy Cheatum, left, and Dave Williams are really smiling as Vic Collins rolls his regular ball down the alley—straight for the head pin and a 7-10 split. Keep trying, Vic, one of these days you will hit the pocket.



These elated ladies are wives of the Thunder Balls, third place winners. The lady in the center keeping score is Marjorie Richards, the wife of Eddie Richards, who hasn't missed a game in two seasons. Incidentally, Eddie threw the key strike in the tenth frame which enabled the Thunder Balls to take third place.

By W. B. Wolfan

It should be remembered that this was the era of Gene Sarazen, Tommy Armour, Walter Hagen and other golfing greats of the 1920's and 1930's. The competition was fierce, but Bobby Jones was the su-

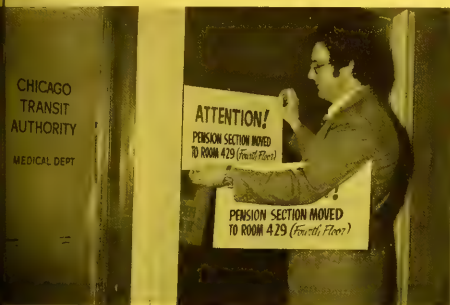


As long as golf is played, the name of Robert Jones Jr. will never be forgotten. His retentive amateur status during his entire career is revealing—an indication of his real love for the game. He truly one of a kind. Mr. Golf in an age of great sl

Pension Program Expansion Planned

The welfare and security of CTA pensioners and employees looking ahead to retirement have long had special attention of management and the Retirement Allowance Committee.

To serve the needs of pensioners more effectively, Pension Section has been relocated in enlarged space at Room 429 of the Merchandise Mart.



Move to room for expanded program on fourth floor, Craig Heatter points to post direction sign for pensioners calling at Mart.

Although retirement matters are part and parcel of the Insurance and Pensions Department under Manager William A. Ashley, Craig E. Heatter, superintendent of Pensions, is responsible for the day-to-day administration of this vital program.

Under the superintendent, the program is expected to expand. A pre-retirement plan to help employees

plan for their retirement is also on the drawing board as well as a post retirement package which Heatter hopes will include a monthly consumer guide.

"There is one thing that pensioners can do now to help us provide them with better service," said Heatter. "They can write us whenever there is a change of address so we can mail checks to the new address." He said a letter with the pensioner's signature advising of the new address is required.

The Pensions superintendent said the section is not accepting change of address notices by telephone because of the risk involved. "People change their minds about moving sometimes after they have called us, which means that checks could go astray."

Heatter said pension checks are always mailed on the last working day of the month and added that retirees who do not receive a check within 10 days should write the Secretary of the Retirement Plan, Room 746, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Illinois 60654, or call (312) 664-7200. The process for getting another check to a pensioner takes up to 30 days, he said.

My Fare Lady

(This news item, as reported by Don Yabush of the Public Affairs Department, appeared throughout the country after it was picked up by the Associated Press.)

A white-haired woman, seething with indignation, came to the CTA's Customer Service office in the Merchandise Mart.

She complained that bus drivers and ticket agents were refusing to honor her senior citizen identification card for the reduced fare privilege.

Dennis Murphy, Customer Service representative, examined her card. What he saw was a picture of a young woman with dark hair.

"You should use a more recent picture," advised Murphy.

"That's my favorite picture of me, and I'm not going to change it," replied the white-haired woman.

With a tone of diplomacy, Murphy warned her that she would continue to be challenged by drivers and ticket agents.

"So be it," the woman declared--as she took back her card and left the office.

Money To Burn



Freddie Prinze will star in a TV movie, "Money To Burn," to be filmed in June on the CTA's rapid transit system by Charles Fries Productions, Inc., of Studio City, Calif., for showing on NBC later this year. The plot, which involves a theft of \$2.5 million, is a fantasy which could not possibly happen on the CTA, but which will be fun to watch.

Fast Action In Yard Prevents Accident



R. O. Neighbors

A team of sharp-eyed switchmen prevented a potentially destructive accident recently in the Congress Yard.

Robert O. Neighbors was operating a train into the yard when Jonathan Harris, Jr., the lead man, saw that the points on the switch controlling movement on tracks 3 and 4 had failed to open properly, leaving a gap of an inch and a half.

Reacting instantly, Harris signaled to Neighbors to stop the train. Neighbors brought the train to an immediate halt just above the switch points.

Besides responding promptly, the switchmen made temporary adjustments that put the malfunctioning switch in working order, according to R. C. Lashley, yard foreman. In doing so, they cleared the way for awaiting traffic in and out of the yard.

"The swift, professional action initiated by these men," Lashley said, "resulted in minimal delay to service and an immeasurable savings to the company in regard to equipment and manpower."



J. Harris Jr.

When her three teen-age daughters got off the North-South 'L' at the wrong station late one night, Mrs. L. Wo, of West Winona Ave., made an excited call to CTA. "I was turned over to Mrs. Mary Smith (assignment agent, Lake-Randolph), who was very courteous and accommodating," Mrs. Wo said. "She got in touch with the girls and put them on the train to the Bryn Mawr stop, where my sister was waiting for them."

Mrs. Margaret Mark, of West Cullom Ave., wrote to commend Milwaukee Ave. operator Joseph D. Roque (Forest Glen Garage) for doing "a very good job." She said, "He checked transfers and called the streets as he went along. He also drove the bus to the curb, I am 84 years old, and thought that was a good thing to do."

"My purse was returned to me through the efforts of Alex Johnson, your superintendent at Foster and Kedzie, and your (Sheridan Road bus) driver, Dale Somsel," wrote Mrs. Lottie Kaplan, vice president of a jewelry firm on North Michigan Ave. "You can't imagine what a surprise it was, especially since I didn't realize my purse was missing until Mr. Johnson phoned. It still seems unreal that the purse was returned

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to me with cash, credit cards and jewelry intact."

Mrs. Jen Grossman sent a note from her new home in Miami, Florida, after a return visit to Chicago, saying, "I want to recommend the highest praise to driver No. 7615 (Ellis May, Archer Garage) on the Pulaski run. He has regard for his passengers and he is courteous, congenial and helpful," she said. "I no longer live in this city, but thank God we still have people like him."

Until recently, Stanley Wiatr, of North Rush St., was a regular rider on a 45 Ashland/Downtown

bus outbound from the Loop. He said the operator (Richard Bel 69th St. Garage) "deserves a commendation. He greets you with a cheerful 'Good morning.' He'll even wait a few seconds if you're leaving another bus or he sees you across the street. It makes you feel better knowing he's there."

Mrs. Martin Jagielski, of North Francisco Ave., said, "My daughter and I were late for an appointment, and as we came to Irving Park Road, the bus was just pulling away. The driver (Robert E. Foster, Forest Glen Garage) noticed us and waited until we could cross the wide street. I would like to put on his record the kindness he showed us and also another passenger farther down the street."

Six other early morning riders on 79th St. signed a letter sent to Mrs. Ruth M. Darr, of South Kedzie Ave., saluting operator Ken M. Borum (77th St. Garage) as "an outstanding, efficient, courteous professional person. His attitude makes riding on his bus comfortable for those of us who ride daily," she said. "We feel the driver deserves special mention for his concern for others consistently shown. We would like to make him our Bicentennial bus driver."

47 Learn That CTA's Rides Aren't Free

3 Larry Weintraub

(C) This testimony to the effectiveness of the "silent alarms" on CTA buses appeared in the Chicago Sun-Times February 2.

A southbound Pulaski Rd. CTA bus filled with free-riders became an express at Chicago Av. early Sunday and went directly to the Shakespeare District police station.

After the big green paddy wagon pulled up with its sort of squad cars, 47 wayward passengers were charged with theft of services (the ride) and theft of property (transfers).

Five other riders who had paid fares when they were released by the police and CTA security officers about three miles off course in the police station at 2138 N. California.

The incident began at Pulaski and Chicago shortly after 4 a.m., according to the driver, Hodo Mehmetti, 40. He said one man got on at the front without paying, ran down the aisle and opened the rear door for his companions.

Mehmetti told the officers one of the first to board, a woman, grabbed his supply of transfers and handed them out among the freeloaders.

The driver became a full-time CTA employee only 10 days earlier, but he had been working as a regular substitute, so he knew what to do.

Mehmetti pushed the button that activates a distress alarm. The alarm registers at CTA headquarters, but is silent on the bus, explained Tom Buck, public information director for the CTA.

The hitchhikers were lulled into a false sense of security because they did not hear any alarm, Buck said.

Five policemen jumped aboard the bus and, when they learned what had happened, ordered Mehmetti to drive to the station. The officers stayed aboard to control the crowd and to make sure nobody got off before the last stop.

At the station, about 20 juveniles in the group were released to their parents' custody. Charges were placed against 36 men and 11 women. Different passengers told policemen they had been at a dance, bowling and ice skating.

Buck said they had to post \$100 cash bonds to get home, which seemed a shame because the CTA Sunday fare went into effect an hour before the incident began. They could have gone by bus for a quarter.

Martorelli Named Supervisor, Claims Examination

by Jeff Stern

Daniel Martorelli, former claims representative, Bodily Injury, Claims Law & Real Estate, has been selected as supervisor, Claims Examination, in the same department. Aside from a 10-year stint in the Marine Corps, beginning in 1951, he has been in claims since joining the company in 1949.

Martorelli, 47, is now in charge of eight claims representatives who are responsible for interviewing persons claiming injuries in incidents involving CTA equipment. The representatives try to determine whether the claims are legitimate and then help settle them.

Attitude is important to Martorelli, who drove up 5,000 miles a year as a claims representative.



Daniel Martorelli

He said he enjoys claims work because he likes knowing "that a job is done right, that the company is not being taken for a ride, and that a settlement can be made to everyone's satisfaction."

Martorelli, his wife, Eileen, and their two daughters live in Bellwood.

In other job reassignments, Robert A. Janz, former assistant superintendent, Transportation (Forest Park), was named principal safety analyst, Transportation. Clarence Riley was promoted from equipment technician I to equipment technician II in Engineering.

Colleen Theirbah has moved from stenographer, Stores, Materials Management, to secretarial stenographer, Datacenter. Robert Ross, Jr., collector, Transportation (77th St.), is now bus and truck mechanic helper, Maintenance, South Shops.

Recently chosen as service truck chauffeurs, Utility, Transportation, are Elroy Glass, former bus operator, Limits, and Patrick Lafferty, former trackman, Maintenance. Norwood Duff has moved from multilith machine operator II to senior offset machine operator, Administrative Services.

About Drivers Who Got Twice The Pleasure Out Of Driving Double Deckers



THE LAST WORD: CTA Instructor Arthur Higgins (top left), checks out a phone monitor with bus driver John Kurinec. Below is the double decker of Higgins' childhood days (20's) which inspired him to choose a double deck driving career.



Double deck buses may be long gone from Chicago streets -- but they're fresh in the memory of a select group of CTA employees. These are the men who drove the city's most crowded thoroughfares, who played tourist guide to families on Sunday outings through the park, who stayed alert to the old couple and passengers loaded down with parcels, who still opted to maneuver the steps leading up to the second level for a fuller view. They drove in the heat -- when the air conditioning was an occasional lake breeze. And they drove in the winter with no heat -- hoping only to load up their buses with passengers and keep warm that way. They became friends and confidants, but they were ever mindful of their duty to push on with their passengers.

Arthur Higgins hasn't seen double in years. He misses it.

Double deck buses, that is.

When Higgins retired from the CTA recently, a part of the nostalgia of the transit system went with him.

As a kid, one of his greatest joys was a Sunday afternoon ride on a double decker with his mother and father, two sisters, and a brother. He fell in love, while other kids thought of becoming firemen and policemen, all he could think of was being captain of his own double decker bus, cruising the boulevard.

When he was 22, he got his first command of a bright new double deck bus he affectionately called the Queen Mary.

She was a beauty--nickelplated railings, shiny green paint job, plush green mohair seats especially built for his shuttle runs to and from the Loop and the Century of Progress world's fairgrounds.

He drove the double decker for four years--until he was laid off because of the depression. Then, after volunteering for the Coast Guard during World War II, back he came to the Chicago Motor Coach Company.

He was a regular driver down Sheridan Road, and was promoted to instructor. He qualified student drivers for single deck buses and streetcars.

"You had to watch out for those old double deckers," he says, "the wind really would take them for a ride, given any chance."

Higgins remembers coming to a turn on Sheridan and Lake Shore Drive at 8:30 on New Year's morning in 1946.

"There was glazed ice on the road, making it very slick. I was approaching the corner at less than 10 miles an hour to make a right turn. But as the wheel hit the bus..." he pauses, laughing.

"Anyhow, when I got the bus stopped, I was facing west instead of east."

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Joseph Granata

Joseph Granata, former open top double deck bus driver, has something uniquely in common with a Cadillac convertible. Both are retiring this year--marking the end of a bygone era signified by gracious walks in the park, horseback riding

along the lakefront, and Sunday afternoon drives with the top down.

Granata retires this year after 37 years with the CTA and its predecessor company, the Chicago Motor Coach company. For 30 years he drove the streets of Chicago's south side as a regular on the Drexel/Clark Park No. 1 bus route.

Granata remembers that on Sundays, the company would put both open top double deckers and single deckers on their runs.

"You drove up to a bus stop sign, stopped, and opened the door."

"Is there a double decker behind you?" people would ask. They preferred to ride the double decker," says Granata.

Ride they did. Granata says people were accustomed to long trips--and "gentlemen's" traffic, where drivers would "give you a break."

Riders didn't complain when, stuck in Michigan Avenue traffic, the motor would overheat and die two or three times within three or four blocks. They just smiled amiably, watching the driver get out of the bus to crank it up again.

There were Sundays when riders, off from work by the day, would ride the double deckers to the end of the line, pay a second fare, and stay on board for another trip--just because they enjoyed the outing.

Granata divides the double deckers into three groups--the open toppers, the "Queen Mary's" (closed double deckers), and the "camel backs" (semi-enclosed double deckers). He drove all three--and later the modern air-conditioned single deck buses, until 1969, when he joined the CTA's law department as a clerk-messenger.

To hear him talk, present day driving is getting to be too easy.

"It was harder with the open top or camel back double decker. No air brakes. No power steering. You had to shift by hand," he says.

In fact, even the windshield wipers were "our hands."

"And, you'd open the door by hand," he recalls.

When you changed a sign, you went outside and climbed atop the bumper.

"In nasty weather, you might slide off," he says.

And on that kind of a bus, you couldn't stop with a brake alone. You had to pull the emergency brake first and then use your foot brake.

"Oh, they'd jerk like a truck," he says.

Granata says the rules were stricter then too. He says that when you reported for work, the superintendent would tell you to stand up on a bench so he could see your shoes.

If they weren't freshly shined--if your hair wasn't cut to a specified length, your tie on straight, and your uniform spotless--he'd tell you to take the day off--without pay, of course.

Now that Granata will be taking quite a few days off, does he have any desire to see a comeback of the old double deckers, and drive one at his leisure?

"Sure," Granata says, "if it's got power steering."



Anit Leppiks interviews former driver Granata among his law books.



Time out

with Anit Leppiks

Things to do in the Chicago area

This month's listing is centered on some of the many outdoor-indoor attractions that Chicago offers in the spring and summer -- free or inexpensively -- the kind of things that make a nice family itinerary on the Sunday Bargain Fare.

Explore and Inspect

ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO--Seldom-Seen Photos by Masters opens June 5, Gallery 106. Japanese Prints by Okumura Masano-bu opens June 11, Gallery 114. Art at the Time of the First Centennial opens June 19. E. V. Thaw Drawings thru July 5, Galleries 108, 109, 109A. Japanese Prints: Recent Accessions, thru June 5, Gallery 114. Photographs by Jan Saudek, thru June 28, Lacy Armour Gallery. T'ang Dynasty Pottery continuing, Gallery 116. Mon-Wed, Fri-Sat from 10-5; Thurs from 10-8:30 (free); Sun, hol from 12-5. Suggested fee: \$1.50; students, seniors, 50¢. Michigan at Adams. 443-3500.

CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY--Bes-Ben Hats thru June. Whimsical creations of Chicago milliner include red lobster hat, elephant special, and an early mousketeer hat. Mosher's Bicentennial Gift (photographs) opens June 12. Declaration of Independence on display, continuing. Mon-Sat from 9:30-4:30; Sun, hol from 12:30-5:00. Adults, \$1; children (6-17), 50¢; seniors, 25¢. Clark at North. 642-4600.

FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY--Flying Reptiles include model of a Pterosaur, with a wingspan of 51". Sound in the Sea traveling exhibit of 90 whale poems and paintings by children. Man In His Environment shows ecological principles within marsh environment. 19th Century Alaskan Art. Saturday Discovery Program from 11-3; mummy-making, snakes, folktales of the Eskimo. Weaving

Demonstrations Mon, Wed, Fri from 10:30-11:30, 12 noon-1. "Environment," film series. An Endangered Animal: The Whale, thru June. Fri-Sun shows at 11, 1. Adults, \$1; parents with children, \$2.50. Mon-Thurs from 9-6; Fri (free) from 9-9. Roosevelt Rd at Lake Shore. 922-9410.

49TH ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL ART exhibition thru May 29, Public Library Cultural Center. National show by Scholastic Magazine; first showing in Chicago. 78 E. Washington.

"THE LITTLE GIANT: THE LIFE OF STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS," manuscripts, printed work, memorabilia, June 3-19, Public Library Cultural Center. Mon-Thurs from 9-9, Fri from 9-6, Sat from 9-5. 78 E. Washington. 269-2837.

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY--"America's Inventive Genius" continuing, traces development of industry, technology in U.S. "Food for Life" continuing, personalized nutrition by computer. Daily from 9:30-5:30. 57th & Lake Shore Dr. Free. MU 4-1414.

Look At Architecture

ARCHICENTER, new information central for all Illinois architecture, now open. Tues-Fri from 9-6, Sat from 9-5, Sun from 1-5. 111 S. Dearborn. Free. 782-1776.

"CHICAGO ARCHITECTS," exhibit of buildings in Chicago area, daily thru June 20, first floor lobby, Time-Life bldg. Fairbanks at Ohio.

"HIGHLIGHTS OF CHICAGO ARCHITECTURE," 3½ hour bus tour starts from the ArchiCenter, Sat at 9:30. 111 S. Dearborn. \$7; reservations. 782-1776.

"100 YEARS OF ARCHITECTURE IN CHICAGO," thru June 27, Museum of Contemporary Art. 160 projects from the Chicago Fire to the present. Mon-Sat from 10-5; Sun from noon-5.

Ride and Stroll

BIKE TOUR: Riverside, June 6, 20, 27 at 2. Begins from the library, Burling Rd across from railroad depot, Riverside. Bring your own bike. \$2. 326-1393.

BUCKINGHAM FOUNTAIN day from 11:30; major color display from 9-10, except on concert evenings until 10:30. Foot of Congress Pkwy in Grant Park.

CONSERVATORIES: Garfield Pk, 300 N. Central Pk; Lincoln Pk, 2400 north in Lincoln Pk. Day from 9-5. Free.

LINCOLN PARK ZOO--"Guardian Cormorant," featured animal June. Over 2,000 animals, birds and reptiles housed in 35 acres of zoo grounds. Daily from 9. Children's zoo open from 10. 2200 north in Lincoln Pk. Free.

WALKING TOUR OF LOOSELY S. Dearborn. \$2. 782-1776.

WALKING TOURS--Evans Along the Lake, June 6, 13, 20, 27. Begins from Raymond Pk, Human and Lake, Evanston. Streeterville/Grant Pk, June 20, 27 at 2. Begins from Time-Life bldg, Fairbanks Ohio. \$2. 326-1393.

Sit and Listen

GRANT PARK CONCERTS--42nd season on the lakefront features symphony orchestra. Wed, Fri at 8; Sat, Sun at 7, starting June 26. Free. Schedule lists programs, soloists available Grant Park Concerts, Chicago Park District, 425 E. McPetridge Dr, Chicago, 60605.

"JUST SO STORIES," by Kipling, by Goodman Children's Theatre, June 28-Aug 7, Junior Museum of the Art Institute. Mon-Fri 10:30, 1:30; Sat at 11, 2:30. Members: \$1.70; non-members: \$1. 443-3800.

"THE DEVIL'S DISCIPLE" Shaw, thru June 13, Goodman Theatre, 200 S. Columbus Dr. 443-3800.

THEATER ON THE LAKE--"Once Upon A Mattress," June 19. "Another Part of the Forest," June 22-26. "Little Foxes," June 29-July 3. Fullerton Pavilion Lincoln Pk. Performances at 8; \$1.50.

"TREASURE ISLAND," adventure classic by Stevenson, Sat thru June 5, Mill Run Children's Theatre, Golf Rd and Milwaukee Ave. \$2.25. 298-2333.

cta engineering department projects in progress

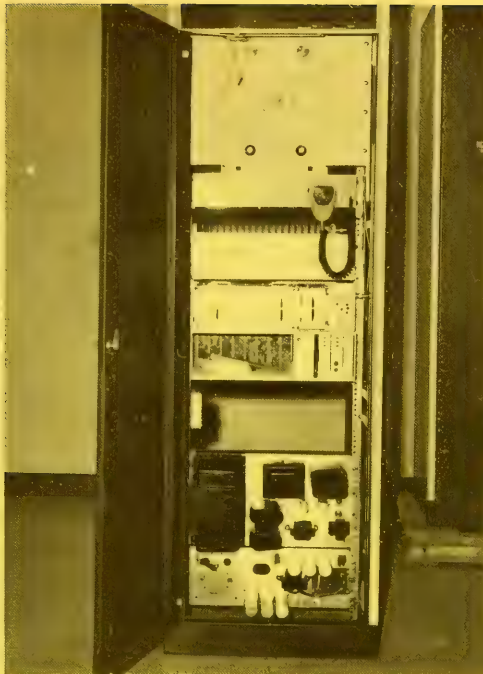
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NEW RADIO EQUIPMENT: Two 330 watt Motorola high power radio base stations have been purchased for the CTA's low band supervisory radio channel KSA977.

One of the stations will replace the existing 13-year old radio base station at the Madison and Austin Avenue primary antenna site, and the other one will be installed at the new antenna site at West Shops. The stations are expected to be fully operational by late spring.

The West Shops base station will be used as an emergency standby unit to be operated only when the primary station is closed for service. Each base station is controlled remotely by the radio dispatcher at the Merchandise Mart Control Center.

The new stations are completely solid state except for the final power amplifier stage in the transmitters which contain two high power tubes.



RENEW DRIP PAN SPANS: Ironworkers remove drip pans at 55th Street that have made structural inspection impossible and install new structure where required. Engineers say many structural deficiencies are being corrected, as they appear, to maintain rapid transit service. New flange angles and crossframes are also being installed.



ON THE TRACK: The Track Department has four structure gangs working on major track renewals on the Ravenswood, Douglas and North-South routes. The work is part of the capital improvement program.

Workmen are stripping track on the Ravenswood route and will replace timber, ties, outside time guard rail and other track fastenings.

Work on the North-South route is expected to be complete this summer but completion of track renewal on the Douglas route is not expected until next year. Ravenswood track renewal is not anticipated before 1979.



A NEW TURNAROUND: This \$147,000 bus turnaround at Division and Austin is 90 per cent complete. Already in use, it still needs minor electrical work, painting and landscaping before work at the site will be finished. The turnaround provides facilities for employees as well as windcreens, lights and a phone for public use.

CTA PEOPLE

NEWS ABOUT EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

LL KURTIN, RT Signal, back to work after a long illness...New Baby Month at kokie: APRIL DAWN arrived on 10 pound scale at home of Electrical Worker JERRY PEARSON and wife, DIANE; MESHAN BETH took up residence with DON and PATRICIA MOTYKA, weighing in at 9 pounds, 2; TONY and CINDY COLUCCI welcome their second baby boy, MARIO ANTHONY, a 7 pound, 13 entry...it was a golf outing in Biloxi, Mississippi, for kokie Shop Electrical Worker PAT ARNETT, Carpenter DICK WILSON, Electrical Worker LARRY VANDERHORST, and truck shop's JOHN BEHOF...retiree of five years standing, TONY ALATA recently visited the old scene at Archer...JISIAH BROWN has returned to security officer duty after injuries suffered as a result of a fire at his home...former Stores Steno COLLEEN THEIRIAH has been promoted to similar duties at Datacenter...CHESTER URBAN is new book clerk at West Shops and DENNIS KRISLANE is back on job there after long illness...LEE BOBO, 69th Street, as utilized the CTA Spirit of '76 color scheme for decorating his GMC Van...to and a place to ski in the upper hemisphere's summer, 69th ski buff GEORGE SANDERS is planning to vacation in Chile. it's a boy, WILLIAM PATRICK, for



STILL ANSWERING PHONES: But this time it's to get compliments rather than problems. Eileen Neurauter, center, volunteered for the Channel 11 public television telethon St. Pat's night. Assisting also were husband Rudy, left, and Russ Warnstedt, retired suggestion system coordinator.

North Avenue's WILLIAM and MARY JANE ARSENAU...Kedzie Repair Department welcomes SPENCER BENNETT as night foreman, a transfer from Archer...it's a girl, JENNIFER LYNN, for South Shops' ALBERT and LINDA SAMASKA...and another for same location's RICHARD and BEVERLY WEATHERSBY; this little one's name is KELLY ANTOINETTE...NATALIE TADICH has announced her engagement to GARY HATHAWAY of South Shops...WILLIAM WORCESTER, Operations, and wife vacationed to southern Florida, but stopped off en route to see the old mansions in Mississippi and the French Quarter in New Orleans...

LEONARD BEATTY, former president of Division 308, is now office coordinator with CTA's Maintenance Department...

When you visit five former CTAers on one vacation, it's news. Such was the feat of South Shops' ERNIE NELSON on a recent three weeks in Arizona. The retirees: TED WALLBERG, MIKE HRUBY, JOHNNY DANLOW, JOE O'SULLIVAN, RAY DAGENAIS...

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CTA Man Is Kiwanis Leader

To the Kiwanis International, Ward Chamberlain, garage superintendent at North Avenue, is known as "Mr. CTA". Chamberlain, a 33-year CTA veteran, has been an active member in Kiwanis since 1968. This past year he served as Lieutenant Governor for Kiwanis' Illinois-Eastern Iowa District. After his one-year term of office, he was recognized as a "Distinguished Lieutenant Governor", an honorary award for outstanding performance. Chamberlain says his most rewarding experience came when, as president of the Ike View Kiwanis, his club raised funds to provide an electric hand for a young boy who had lost his right hand. He is presently involved in a project to supply money for the care and upbringing of Korean orphans.



Ward Chamberlain



MEET MISS SMITH: She is the second girl in the family of conductor FRANK SMITH, South Section. Weighed in at 8 lbs. even.

NEW PENSIONERS

GENEVIEVE BAGGER, Bank Ledger Bookkeeper 1, Treasury, Emp. 12-24-40
FRANK DUCZMAN, Bus Repairer, Beverly, Emp. 1-7-49
CURTIS DuPASS, Janitor, Kedzie, Emp. 3-30-48
HAROLD EICHAKER, Patrolman, Security, Emp. 11-23-36
PATRICK GILL, Painter Foreman, Plant Maintenance, Emp. 7-15-43
HOWARD GUSTAFSON, Ticket Agent, South Section, Emp. 12-14-45
PATRICK KEHOE, District Superintendent, District C, Emp. 9-8-36
WILLIAM KOSEK, Supervisor, Bus Handlers, South Shops, Emp. 1-18-49
MONICA LAMKE, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 4-20-63
JOHN LEVICKIS, Bus Repairer, 69th Street, Emp. 9-15-48
STEPHEN MANN, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 10-24-42
WILLIAM O'BRIEN, Supervisor, District B, Emp. 8-17-36
WILLIAM OGLESBY, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 3-20-46
JAMES PIERUCCI, Car Repairman B, Desplains Maint. Terminal, Emp. 8-5-69
O. E. ROBINSON, Emergency Service Helper, Utility, Emp. 1-25-51
JOSEPH SANDERS, Bus & Truck Mechanic, South Shops, Emp. 6-14-46

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

EDWARD DEVITT, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 11-11-44
JOSEPH KORAL, Supervisor, North Section, Emp. 8-10-49
EDWARD MURPHY, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 12-7-61
EDWARD OLSEN, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 5-23-64

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Even when Chicago winds weren't howling, Higgins says you had to be extra careful because the staircase was right behind the driver.

"Everybody wanted to ride topside. Even the elderly and the disabled.

"Now, if you stopped suddenly, you might have a rider on your shoulders," he says.

While Higgins' own experience was with the enclosed double deck buses, he still had to watch the overhead clearance as in the open double decker, in which the driver was apt to yell, "Low bridge ahead," as a warning for passengers to duck their heads.

"We never had heaters on those double deckers. You could sit and strike matches if you wanted to warm your hands, but you had to really dress for winter work," Higgins says.

Such dress included puttees (leather leggings), galoshes, a Sam Browne belt to hang a transfer punch, gauntlet gloves with a fringe on them.

Higgins didn't worry about his windshield frosting up much with "the temperatures inside the same as on the outside." When he did have problems, though, he turned on a fan.

Despite the crowds and cold, Higgins recalls folks were more amiable then.

People would watch out for each other, he says, using hand signals to tell the driver if someone was running down the street for the bus.

Higgins explains that riders even had their favorite drivers.

"They would let a bus go by rather than ride with somebody else."

Such communication is something which Higgins has tried to instill in his student drivers.

"In my opinion, you must love your job or not do it. Bus driving is a job where you meet people; where you're communicating with the lifeblood of our country. It's essential."

When Higgins started driving a bus, it was considered a privilege to be a bus driver; you were thought of as a man in control.

And while Higgins has seen bus driving become easier, mechanically, he'll tell you in no uncertain terms, "I wouldn't change my life for anything. I enjoyed it so much—every day I met new people."

Higgins isn't driving for the CTA any more, but he is still keeping up with changes and meeting new people. How and where? You guessed it—basking in the sun in Florida.

CTA People (Continued)

JEREMIAH BALLARD, 69th Street, is more than an operator. He's an accomplished actor. Played a role in the production of *The River Niger* by the Drama Guild of Kennedy-King College...

MICHAEL REYNOLDS, clerk, Materials

Service anniversaries in May

35 years

E. R. Aust, Track
H. J. Coelyn, District B
S. E. Dobosiewicz, Electrical
J. R. Dubin, North Avenue
A. Formanek, Archer
J. J. Kane, District B
C. E. King, North Avenue
D. J. Kissane, Kedzie
J. N. Kunzer, Treasury
J. M. Pierczynski, Central District
N. K. Simonetti, South Shops
C. C. Zielinski, South Shops

25 years

J. E. Atkins, 69th Street
C. J. Bradley, South Section
M. Brinson, 61st Maint. Terminal
W. Campbell, 77th Street
C. L. Coursey, Electrical
K. C. Davison, West Section
J. M. Galvin, North Avenue
A. Z. Garvin, Beverly
R. H. Hammonds, Track
B. J. Herron, Kedzie
R. N. Hormel, Electrical
G. M. Isdale, Utility
E. Ivy, Schedules
E. P. Jones, North Avenue
W. F. Jones, Buildings & Grounds
G. Mallory, District A
J. Mincey Jr., District A
W. Monroe, Beverly
F. Riley Jr., 77th Street
G. G. Schiazza, District D
G. L. Smeros, Kimball Maint. Terminal
R. L. Smith, 98th Street Shop
A. W. Starks, South Section
C. Urban, Claims Law & Real Estate
T. Walker Jr., Archer
S. E. Williams, 52nd Street
G. Woods, Kedzie

30 years

P. Bagato, West Section
D. R. Bennett, North Park
B. A. Bonifay, Electrical
J. F. Brennan, Operations Planning
R. J. Busam, Forest Glen
J. A. Cannella, Desplaines Terminal
E. S. Celovsky, Kedzie
R. Cervelli, South Shops
J. J. Daugird, Limits Training Center
A. M. DeMayo, Forest Glen
J. DuCree, Archer
M. F. Flanagan, Purchasing
E. I. Freedman, Travel Information
J. J. Gibbons, Electrical
S. J. Girard, Forest Glen
L. F. Gunderson, Utility
W. L. Hodgson, North Park
E. C. Johnson, North Section
J. Kippes, North Park
E. C. Korbus, Archer
A. J. Krishnas, 69th Street
G. H. Kuhl, North Section
J. A. Kurinec, Forest Glen
N. D. LaCorcia, Stores-North
A. F. Mercurio, Beverly
L. R. Miller, North Park
F. J. Mittler, 69th Street
R. J. Misk, Kedzie
J. T. Newell, Claims Law & Real Estate
J. W. Newman, Archer
G. G. Noonan, North Park
G. F. Ochotnecki, Kedzie
V. L. Palumbo, Buildings & Grounds
C. Pantos, Forest Glen
J. W. Patrick, North Park
E. C. Petersen, Forest Glen
H. W. Peterson, North Avenue
J. S. Petrosius, Archer
E. H. Price, Beverly
G. S. Reid, Forest Glen
S. M. Rita, Wilson Terminal
R. A. Shaffer, Beverly
M. E. Shanahan, Claims Law & Real Estate
C. R. Sidman, Forest Glen
L. P. Sikorski, Archer
R. C. Sosnowski, 52nd Street
J. G. Steinbach, 69th Street
M. Szarek, Utility
G. Van Nevel, North Avenue
L. Vaughn, 77th Street
R. N. Volgarino, District
R. K. Walters, North Park
W. D. Webb, 77th Street
G. J. Welling, 69th Street
E. T. Wojdyla, District B
E. A. Wrobel, Schedules
F. A. Wsol, 77th Street
J. Zupko, Buildings & Grounds

Operators at Archer are sponsoring a family picnic and raffle Sunday, June 1, at Greenlake Woods, 159th and Torrence. Committee members with details: GREENWOOD, BROWN, SCOTT, TAYLOR, ALLEN, JONES, MERRILL, ROBINSON, WOODARDS, WASHINGTON, L. C. TAYLOR, and McDONALD.

WARD WINNER: Jose
Segura, son of
comment project
co-ordinator
MANUEL SE-
GURA, won an award at
the recent Chicago Science
and Math Conference
at the Museum of Science
and Industry. He's a
graduate of Lane Tech.



Boole Wins Loyola Scholarship

Michael O'Toole, Jr., son of Mike O'Toole (Electrical Maintenance, is the only student at Loyola Academy this year to be awarded a full scholarship at Loyola University in recognition of outstanding academic performance. The younger Mike intends to pursue a career in medicine.

CTA Retirement Club Meets Mangam's June 28

All CTA retirees are welcome to attend the next dinner meeting of the CTA Retirement Club to be held at Mangam's Chateau, 619 West Ogden, Lyons at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 28, says Joe Nolan, general manager of the club. A special invitation is extended to the spouses. Buffet dinner \$3 per person. Ample free parking is available. Reservations may be made with any of the following Retirement Club officers:

Shirley Bitel
James Harrington
James Kain
C. Keag
James Pate
Charles Wesley

Pete Meinardi
John Burns
John Muellner
Edward Kawczynski
Harold Williamson
Ernest Hill

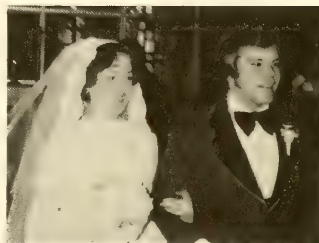
To clarify matters, there are now four CTA pensioners' organizations in the Chicago area, and some retirees hold membership in more than one. The Pensioners Club is the subject of a picture feature on the following pages. As you will recognize, some of those named above did not attend the Pensioners' meeting. Other officers of Joe Nolan's Retirement Club are Bernard Scholz, president; Jim Miller, vice president; Bill Redmond, secretary; Pete Dowdall, treasurer, and Gus Tedeschi, assistant treasurer.

Gess Who?

When Mart pay-
ment checks missed
their checks regu-
larly, here's the
person. Paymaster
HENNY POPE
putting it up in style
in Florida. In case
you don't recognize
him, it may be the
dark glasses, it is
more likely the tan, and it certainly is the
confident attitude toward the cigar.



"It's only just begun..."
for Pamela Annette and
Reginald Walker, who ex-
changed wedding vows on
St. Valentine's Day, Feb-
ruary 14. The happy
couple honeymooned in
Las Vegas. Pamela is the
daughter of Operator
George and Mildred Fer-
guson of 69th Street.



Introducing the new Mr. and Mrs. Steven R. Klein. The
happy bride, Maureen B. Byrne, is the daughter of North
Avenue Repairman and Mrs. Thomas A. Byrne. The wed-
ding ceremony took place in St. Francis of Rome
church, with a reception following at Fontana D'Oro.

IN MEMORIAM

CHARLES ABT, 55, Treasury,
Emp. 2-14-47, Died 3-28-76
HUBERT BANKSTON, 46, Archer,
Emp. 10-11-56, Died 4-1-76
VIRGIL BRAUN, 57, 52nd Street,
Emp. 1-17-45, Died 4-7-76
MICHAEL CHERNEY, 81, Skokie Shop,
Emp. 5-9-24, Died 2-22-76
FOREST CLEMENS, 65, Electrical,
Emp. 8-4-42, Died 3-4-76
MARGARET DEEGAN, 86, North Section,
Emp. 5-2-44, Died 2-15-76
STANLEY DEERING, 68, Limits,
Emp. 10-24-45, Died 3-19-76
PETER DOMBSKI, 71, Skokie Shop,
Emp. 11-20-50, Died 3-15-76
FRANK DOUSAN, 89, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 8-24-21, Died 3-5-76
JOHN FAHY, 81, Lawndale,
Emp. 6-25-23, Died 3-15-76
FRANK FISHER, 68, Archer,
Emp. 8-30-26, Died 3-3-76
JOHN FOSTER, 77, Lawndale,
Emp. 5-27-21, Died 3-27-76
ERNEST FRANK, 81, District A,
Emp. 5-15-17, Died 3-17-76
MATHEW GEBIS, 50, Kedzie,
Emp. 1-29-57, Died 3-28-76
FRANK GRADY, 90, Devon,
Emp. 1-16-20, Died 3-19-76
ALBERT GREENE Jr., 47, North Avenue,
Emp. 5-4-53, Died 3-26-76
THOMAS GRIFFIN, 66, South Shops,
Emp. 4-19-45, Died 3-17-76
KEITH HAINES, 83, West Section,
Emp. 10-4-26, Died 4-5-76
HARVEST HALL, 55, Maintenance,
Emp. 4-5-55, Died 3-19-76
PATRICK HIGGINS, 73, North Avenue,
Emp. 7-8-26, Died 3-26-76
EDWARD JENNINGS, 74, South Shops,
Emp. 10-6-45, Died 3-2-76
ALFRED JORGENSEN, 88, Limits,
Emp. 5-15-17, Died 3-23-76

GEORGE KIMSKE, 57, Skokie Shops,
Emp. 11-19-47, Died 2-22-76
PATRICK KING, 80, Kedzie,
Emp. 1-30-23, Died 3-11-76
STANLEY KRUSZYNSKI, 61, South Shops,
Emp. 5-14-42, Died 3-13-76
JOHN KRUIZICH, 83, 61st Street,
Emp. 8-5-20, Died 3-15-76
FRANK KUBICKI, 52, Archer,
Emp. 11-14-47, Died 3-19-76
JOSEPH KUKNYO, 63, 77th Street,
Emp. 10-10-42, Died 2-8-76
PAUL KUPPER, 83, Devon,
Emp. 1-27-20, Died 3-4-76
CHESTER MADDOX, 73, Electrical,
Emp. 9-18-44, Died 2-14-76
WILLIAM MATTERS, 96, Division,
Emp. 2-27-08, Died 2-20-76
JAMES McHALE, 87, Transportation,
Emp. 1-22-19, Died 3-20-76
JOHN MACALUNAS, 79, Kedzie,
Emp. 2-8-29, Died 3-19-76
ELMER PETERSON, 67, Beverly,
Emp. 7-17-41, Died 3-26-76
LLOYD ROBINSON, 47, Forest Park,
Emp. 7-31-51, Died 3-15-76
EDWARD SCHALK, 77, Douglas,
Emp. 7-3-22, Died 3-10-76
HARVEY SCHMIECHER, 78, 77th Street,
Emp. 2-4-19, Died 3-26-76
OTTO SCHUMACHER, 86, Way & Struts.,
Emp. 2-12-12, Died 2-23-76
ANGELA SMITH, 26, South Section,
Emp. 5-29-74, Died 4-11-76
DuBOIS SMITH, 52, 77th Street,
Emp. 5-31-57, Died 3-25-76
EARL STEVENS, 64, North Section,
Emp. 8-9-55, Died 3-24-76
EVERET WALKER, 89, Skokie Shop,
Emp. 6-27-29, Died 3-6-76
HAROLD WHITNEY, 80, North Avenue,
Emp. 5-3-23, Died 3-9-76
VINCENT ZIMMER, 79, Limits,
Emp. 11-9-25, Died 2-28-76

Don't Leave Home Too Fast

By Jack Smith

With all the griping about our cold winters, it is surprising to find that a great number of Chicago retirees stay right here in Chicago.

That is, until one considers the various elements that ought to go into the process of selecting the best retirement locale.

I have developed a little rating scale to help people decide where they want to live when they retire--a process, incidentally, which is best begun at least five years before R-day arrives.

In this rating scale, I assign a healthy 30 points to nearness of members of the family, relatives, and/or close friends. By nearness, I mean within 40 miles--easy "getting there" distance.

There is nothing as insecure to an older person as not knowing you will get a helping hand--quickly--whenever you need it.

Nor is there anything more comforting to an older person than the ability to sit and visit with people who care because they have shared your experiences and your concerns.

Another 20 points on the rating scale are assigned to living someplace where it is convenient to do a lot of what you most like to do--be it playing golf, fishing, going to plays, attending sporting events, gardening, and so on.

Since most people who have lived in Chicago are most likely to have loved ones in or near Chicago and are most likely to have developed the habits of doing things in the many avenues of opportunity that Chicago provides--well, it is rather logical that many Chicago retirees should opt for staying put in Chicago.

This is particularly true for CTAers who can get to so many places they want to enjoy comfortably, conveniently--and on a retiree's pass--over the CTA

system.

Opportunities for making extra money through full or part-time work rate 15 points on my scale. Again, Chicago scores well not only because of the vigor of its business community, but also because it is usually easier to find something to do where people already know what you can do.

The cost of living rates 10 points. With inflation so persistent, one might think that this factor should be weighed heavier. But the cost of living is a good comparative measure because, all things considered, it averages out about the same everywhere in the nation. If you save on fruit in one place, you make up for it on vegetables in another.

Scenery is worth about 5 points. Scenery is what you prefer to look at during the increased time you will have to look. Mountains? The lake? The city? That you don't have to get into?

This leaves the weather with only 20 points on the happiness-in-retirement scale--perhaps a little more if the weather is a big factor in your health picture. For example, if you need a dry, dry climate to keep from having sinusitis--well, it's worth much more than 20 points to get to Arizona.

This is roughly the way in which to size up prospective retirement homes on a numerical basis. And then, when you have selected about five that are high, I suggest you arrange to visit each of them on vacation--preferably during the least appealing months of the year.

Florida, for example, in the middle of the summer and Vermont in the midst of winter.

The main thing to remember is not to leave Chicago out because you may well find it scoring the best for you as it has for so many others.



Julian Golnik was an active questioner at the Pensioners meeting. Jeannette Schroeder of Social Security thinks about an answer while Bill Ashley consults with the emcee.



Bruno Kamien, left, was treasurer for the Credit Union at Archer his career. Myles Harrington, right, from Kedzie, lives in Bellwood likes to travel.

The Flame Burns On

You can take the boy out of CTA, but you can't take CTA out of the boy.

That CTA loyalty still runs high among the pensioners was evident at The Golden Flame restaurant in northwest Chicago on an early April noontime when the Pensioners Club, under President Frank Laske, staged a special luncheon meeting.

Attendance hit an unexpected 166 and tables throughout the room were abuzz with a few "what're y'doin' now's" and lots of old-time "shop talk" and operating reminiscences.

William Ashley, Manager of Insurance and Pensions, was on hand to answer the questions of retirees about CTA pension benefits. To answer Social Security and Medicare inquiries, Ashley brought along field representative Jeanette Schroeder from Social Security offices in the Loop. Mrs. Schroeder also showed a color documentary film on Medicare--what it does and how it operates.

Other visitors from the Mart were Superintendent of Pensions Craig Heatter (whose new appointment is posted elsewhere in this issue), Director of Publications Jack Smith, and CTA Design and Audio Visual Specialist Jack Sowchin, who made the pictures used in conjunction with this article.

Other officers of the Pensioners Club are Bill Plasco, vice president; Ralph Kugelard, secretary-treasurer; and board members Mike Kompanowski, Mynard Moran, Willard Lyons, Peter Dowdall, and Joe Nolan.

Next regular meeting, reports Kompanowski, will be at The Golden Flame on June 8th. This time wives are invited.

Meanwhile, there's the dinner dance on May 28, as announced in the box accompanying this article.



Joe Nolan is one of the organizers of pensioner club activity. He serves as general manager of the CTA Retirement Club which holds its meetings at Mangam's. He lives at the Chicagoland Motel which is managed by his daughter.

CHICAGO RETIREES DINNER DANCE

May 28 is the date for the dinner dance at the Golden Flame on Higgins Road and Nagle. Tickets must be purchased two weeks in advance. Reservations may be made by calling Roy Hansen at SP 4-0142 or Leonard Baeuchler at 823-6816. Price is \$12.50 per person.



Tony Kasman, right, assistant foreman at North Park, reminisces with John Muellner, supervisor of garages, shops, and equipment.



James Nelson, right, dispatcher-controller is really not the 103 that former Manager of Transportation Dave Flynn tells someone Nelson is.



Tom Hickey, left, of Forest Glen, likes to talk about gardening. But Ed Broderick, center, from North Avenue, is happy "just to relax." Robert Thorne, also of Forest Glen, is on the right.



TRUCK LAUNCHING: When one of three new emergency vehicles purchased by CTA was introduced at March Board meeting, Transit Board member Ernie Banks was on hand to greet the crew: (left to right) Frank Schmitz, helper; Robert Poellnitz, driver, and James Jacobs, supervisor.



TEST RUN: New rapid transit cars being built for CTA at Boeing-Vertol in Philadelphia are now on the test track. Controller Sam Miller and other CTA officials have been to Philadelphia to inspect. The smooth inaugural run was also attended by the manufacturers' president, Howard N. Stuverude.

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The Chicago Transit Board wishes everyone
a super holiday season
and a wonderful year ahead.



James F. McDonough

Acting Chairman

Ready When You Are, Suzy Snowflake

The CTA is well prepared for whatever this winter brings.

Ten new dump trucks with snow plow attachments have been added to the CTA's existing fleet of 16.

These modernized trucks, previewed to the Transit Board at the November meeting, are also equipped with tail-gate spreaders to spread salt on icy pavements.

Funds for purchase of the new trucks were provided by the federal government's Urban Mass Transportation Administration and the Illinois Department of Transportation.

The CTA will use the equipment to plow and to spread salt at bus turnarounds and at CTA parking lots and garages as well as on suburban streets where CTA operates. In Chicago, streets in which CTA buses run are cleared by the city's Department of Streets and Sanitation.

To assure immediate notice of developing weather conditions, the CTA retains a private weather service, Murray and Truttel, located in Northfield.

Whenever there is a snow warning, the office director of service at CTA headquarters alerts all transportation districts. This is a round-the-clock operation.

The radio code alert for snow and ice hazards is 10-59.

The 121 drivers of the Utility department of Transportation provide the basic pool from which drivers of snow trucks are drawn. In addition, a number of bus drivers at each garage are trained to operate the



New dump truck, with snow plow attachment, shown in front of Board preview, is one of 10 new such vehicles joining fleet for winter service.

equipment in case they are needed.

James J. Roche, director of Utility, coordinates the entire operation.

Rock salt is stored at seven locations throughout the CTA service area. In addition, transportation supervisors all carry bag salt in their station wagon so that they can quickly take care of minor trouble spots at bus stops and on hills without waiting for a snow truck to arrive.

CTA works closely with "Snow Command" of the City of Chicago, exchanging information on driving conditions.

Mexican Christmas

CTAers interested in celebrating pre-Christmas the Mexican way are invited to join a North avenue procession to St. Michael's church at 1730 hours on Sunday, Dec. 19. The procession is a native custom arranged for the residents of Chicago for more than 19 Christmas seasons by Fred Camacho, a native of Oaxaca and owner of Cafe Azteca at 215 North avenue. The procession will include carollers playing the roles of the three wise men, St. Joseph, and the Virgin Mary, who will be seated on a live donkey. The paraders will be served Mexican chocolate by the sisters at St. Michael's and will then proceed in the neighborhood, according to tradition, asking for "posada" (shelter). They will then return to Cafe Azteca where children and adults will break Mexican piñatas to find gifts. Post-ceremony dinner reservations at the cafe may be made by calling 944-9854.



CTA Team Keeps Adding Movie Credits

With the emergence of Chicago as a major "sound stage" for the feature and TV movies, as a result of the city's encouragement, the CTA system, with the skyline as background, is naturally becoming a more frequent setting for movie scenes.

Each time a new film is made on CTA, there is a big coordination job to be handled--arranging the scheduling use of equipment, facilities and services of CTA personnel; providing counsel and assistance to director, cast and crew as sequences are filmed; and expediting necessary paper work. Bob Heinlein of Public Affairs and Bob Janz of Transportation teamed up as co-project directors for movie-making on CTA earlier this year with the shooting of the half-length NBC feature, "Million Dollar Ripoff."

Latest movie project of the Heinlein-Janz team is the Paramount feature film based on the novel, "Looking For Mr. Goodbar," starring Diane Keaton and directed by Richard Brooks. Pictures on the next two pages were made during the Goodbar filming.

But, shooting is only the climax of the coordination story.

After the initial request by the movie maker, one of the first CTA officials to be contacted is William Ahley, manager of insurance and pensions, concerning insurance coverage while the movie crew is on CTA properties. Assisting Ahley are Donald Lemm, director of insurance, and Ralph Lewis, insurance analyst.

Harold F. Brown, director of accounting, determines the CTA costs to be billed to the movie producer.

Edward J. Heatter, area superintendent, rail service, Transportation, oversees the chartered train operation. William Rappold, senior power supervisor, determines when and where third rail power can be turned off for movie shooting purposes.

John Blum, public safety promotion and inspection coordinator, safety department; Richard Dickieson, charter service sales supervisor; and Robert A. Roesing, superintendent, rapid transit janitor service are also involved.

Heinlein, Janz, and Blum visit various sites called for on the script that may be suitable for filming. When this is completed, Janz coordinates the movements of the production crew with Heatter and other Transportation department officials.



Bob Heinlein, coordinator from Public Affairs, is shown above helping evaluate a camera angle on a rapid transit car for the "Looking For Mr. Goodbar" filming. Below, Bob Janz, coordinator from Transportation, confers with Betty Stephenson, agent supervisor, and Tom Shera, right, agent supervisor, all of whom assisted with the night sequence at the subway station at State and Monroe.





"Name" passengers on CTA's November movie train were Hollywood producer Fred Fields and actress Diane Keaton, shown discussing the action in an upcoming scene.



At State St. subway entrance, director Richard Brooks, with pipe, gives signals to crew with occasional participation of Bob Janz, left, and Bob Heinlein, foreground.



How it looks "down below" when moviemakers crowd the platform; scene is at State and Monroe.



Lucretia Russell, sub-unit supervisor, gave those with movie credentials "free passes" at the Fullerton station filming. This "rider" obviously has the necessary photo equipment.



Michael Hogan, motorman of the movie train, is shown awaiting instructions from his "directors" as the Goodbye, Mr. Tombs movie is filmed.



At Kimball station, on track "isolated" from power for the movement of actors and crew, Bill Haase, right, supervisor, North Rail District, who helped coordinate train movement, discusses things with movie train conductor Angel Rodriguez.

cta engineering department projects in progress

MOOTHER CROSSING: Close-up shows improved crossing surface being installed at 19 of CTA's rapid transit grade crossings as part of a current renewal program. Surface crossing materials, of rubber construction, are the most effective available today. Upgrading of the crossings also includes complete renewal of ballast ties and running rail. Crossings at Cicero avenue and 49th on the Douglas branch of the West-Northwest route were the first to get the improvements, coordinating with the planned remodeling of the Cicero station.



LIGHTING TEST: Night photo of Merchandise Mart rapid transit station indicates effect of new lighting being evaluated through test installation of low pressure sodium and fluorescent fixtures. If this new lighting proves acceptable in all phases of operation, the sodium fixtures (foreground) will be used in the open platform areas and fluorescent fixtures (background) will be used under canopies at 14 stations. Transition between the two types of light is one of the factors being studied.



HEAT TO THE ROOF: Swinging to the roof of the Archer garage is the first of two new heaters with a 2.5 million BTU capacity per unit. The new units replace two smaller heaters which had been used for 10 years. Steel structure of the building was altered to accommodate the larger units and new wiring was installed. The \$400,000 project also includes improved heating in the bus fueling and washing bay.

ARCHER DOOR PROJECT: Other renewal work at Archer garage includes widening of doors, here shown under construction. Renovation of the doors, originally designed for streetcars, will reduce repair costs. Project, which is on schedule, will be completed in late summer of '77.



Big Mail Days

Are Year-Round Routine At CTA

Santa may have a lot of seasonal mail to deliver for a few weeks, but CTA's own mail service handles nearly 1.2 million pieces of mail every year, and sometimes 9,000 pieces of mail in a single working day.

The mail service delivers inter-office and regular mail to and between 42 city-wide locations and the company general offices in the Merchandise Mart where the central mailroom is located.

Here are some highlights of that service as related by Leonard Skrine, supervisor of the mail room since 1947:

- .. The mailman comes to work at midnight, beginning pickup at all transportation locations and then bringing mail to the central mailroom on the 7th floor of the Mart for sorting;
- .. An early morning crew sorts the inter-office mail (including that from Mart-located departments) and gets it delivered to general office addresses on the 0815 run, to outlying locations between 0800 and 1100 hours;
- .. Deliveries are made four times a day to 52 offices in the Mart; two deliveries are made each day to outlying locations;
- .. A special messenger works out of the mailroom, regularly delivering correspondence to downtown platform locations, City Hall, RTA, the Civic Center, the Chicago Public Library, and CTA's Datacenter in the Loop.

Frank Hubbard, the special messenger, has been with CTA for 22 years. Others in the CTA mailroom are John Lambert, principal mail clerk, and mail clerks John Phillips, Harold O'Malley, Walter Norvas, Alfred Bartalai, Louis Olandese and Edward



In the foreground of this picture of mail room action is John Phillips. He is one of the best-known members of the staff among general office personnel.



Leonard Skrine, supervisor of the CTA mail room, is shown at one of the two metering machines which, when working at capacity, can stamp 375 envelopes per minute.

Antee. Drivers are Frank Fiore, Louis Godalek, Joseph Haas and Sidney Edwards.

The mail service is one of the units under the administration of Charles Zanin, director of administrative services.

Skrine, the supervisor, who was in the U.S. postal service in Chicago before World War II service, joined CTA in 1947. He passes along two tips that would make his mail service even more efficient:

- .. Don't forget to put the zip code on outgoing U.S. mail; the employee's location and department on inter-office mail ("we have 13 departments in room 444," Skrine remarks).
- .. If a reply is requested, ask your correspondent to use the proper room number and department (not just CTA).



Sorting of inter-office and U.S. mail for Mart offices and outlying CTA locations is a continuous assignment. At the job here are Louis Olandese, foreground, and Edward Antee.

Answers To All Suggestions Pledged For New Year

Employees who participate in CTA's Employee Suggestion Plan, with ideas about how to make jobs easier, safer and more efficient, are now to be answered personally regarding the evaluation of every proposal.

Whether a suggestion is adopted or not, the individual submitting it will be notified by letter of the action taken. The new plan goes into effect Jan. 1.

Because of this personal response, the practice of listing code numbers of declined suggestions on bulletin boards will be discontinued. Future bulletins will report only approved awards, descriptions of the accepted ideas, code numbers of suggestions that have been received during the current month, and those that are still under consideration.

Five employees recently received cash awards for suggestions. Noah Lewis, bus and truck mechanic at South Shops, won \$42 for suggesting a new way to balance bus engine blocks scheduled for rotation. Dominick Raffin, resident instructor, Vehicle Maintenance, North Ave., received \$39 for adapting an air conditioning compressor installation tool for use on a dolly.

Michael Keele, electrical worker at South Shops, won \$28 for suggesting a method of retapping the stripped holes on bus air conditioning unit housing ends. Kenneth Rolan, garage instructor, TABEC, received \$25 for recommending that rear-view mirrors be installed on a new loader, and a \$15 prize went to

Chuck Olcik, painter, Skokie Shop, for suggesting that a new office building at Skokie have its own alarm code and crew.

A supplemental award of \$47 was given to Ken Pott, painter at South Shops, for his earlier suggestion that spray "bombs" be used in bus touch-up work at South Shops.

Honorable mention gift certificates were won by Regina Daren, secretarial stenographer, Medical Department; James Schumpp, lineman helper in Maintenance, and Harold Rowbottom, transit project representative, Traffic Planning Section. A second honorable mention certificate and a \$25 cash award went to Francis E. May, bus and truck mechanic leader, South Shops.

New Honor

CTA's Employee Suggestion Plan has gained citywide recognition with the appointment of Leon Berry, suggestion analyst, as chairperson for chapter projects of the Chicago unit of the National Association of Suggestion Systems.

Fire Fighting School Boosts CTA Security

"Firefighting training is an important part of the CTA's Risk Management Program," says John F. Boyce, director, Industrial Safety and Fire Prevention. "It has played a significant part in the continuing decline of the company's fire losses."

Recently, another week-long firefighting institute was completed at Skokie and South Shops. Taking part were some 350 employees (including terminal and shop foremen) who, in groups of 30, were given classroom and field instruction by representatives of a fire equipment supply company.

During the four-hour sessions, each student learned how to handle the various types of fire extinguishers—water, dry chemical and carbon dioxide—that CTA maintains throughout its property. Special attention was given to firefighting technique and to the specific capabilities and limitations of each type of extinguisher.

Boyce says there is little point in stocking fire extinguishers if employees are not skillful in using them. Learning provides the difference between quick control and substantial loss. This, he says, is the result of what happens in the decisive moments between the time a fire is discovered and the fire department arrives.



Assisted by an instructor (left), a CTA employee attacks the leading edge of a gasoline spill fire with a 30-pound dry chemical fire extinguisher during a recent firefighting training session at South Shops.



JAMES R. QUINN
(1890-1976)

James R. Quinn, vice-chairman of the Chicago Transit Authority, and a member of the Chicago Transit Board for 31 years, died Friday, Nov. 26 in St. Francis Hospital, Evanston. He would have been 88 years old on Dec. 27.

Mr. Quinn, who also was a lawyer, former Chicago alderman and Democratic leader, was the only remaining member of the original board of the CTA.

He was appointed to the original CTA Board in 1915 by the late Mayor Edward J. Kelly; was reappointed by the late Mayor Martin H. Kennelly; and, thirteen years, was reappointed by Mayor Richard J. Daley.

Until he became ill earlier this year, Mr. Quinn divided his time between his law office at One North LaSalle street and the CTA headquarters in the Merchandise Mart.

Until recent months, he had been a constant transit rider, taking a combination bus-rapid transit trip to work from his home at 2013 Morse avenue and downtown.

Born Dec. 27, 1890, on Chicago's west side, he first became acquainted with transit by riding horse-drawn streetcars and cable cars which operated until the turn of the century.

From 1931 to 1945, Mr. Quinn was alderman of the 15th ward, and for many years served as the Democratic committeeman of that far north side ward. He was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1940, and was a presidential elector in 1944.

For the 11 years prior to his appointment to the original CTA Board, he was chairman of the Local Transportation Committee of the Chicago City Council. In that position, he was active in proceedings that led to the construction of Chicago's first subway--in State street--in the late 1930s.

As chairman of the Local Transportation Committee, he subsequently was a leader in the bi-partisan effort that resulted in the enactment in 1945 of the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act by the state legislature for creating the CTA.

In 1912, Mr. Quinn was a member of the second class to be graduated from the Law School of Loyola University in Chicago. Prior to army service in World War I, he was an assistant state's attorney of Cook County and a professor of law at Loyola.

Mr. Quinn is survived by his widow, Helen; a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Bremer; a son, James L.; 15 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Mass was offered at noon Monday, Nov. 29, in St. Margaret Mary church, 2324 W. Chase. Burial is in Calvary Cemetery, Evanston.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION for JAMES R. QUINN

WHEREAS, The Members of the Chicago Transit Board are deeply saddened by the death of James R. Quinn, who served as a member of the Board from its inception in 1945 until his passing; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Quinn was the last remaining original member of the Board and a primary force in the creation and growth of the comprehensive transit system now serving the citizens of Metropolitan Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Quinn throughout his life and particularly during his thirty-one year tenure as a Member of the Board exhibited an unwavering dedication to public service, even at the cost of personal sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, As Vice Chairman of the Board, Mr. Quinn often served as Acting Chairman and expertly guided the Chicago Transit Authority through numerous crises; and

WHEREAS, His pride and confidence in the Authority, its organization, accomplishments and personnel were an inspiration to the Board and a model of commitment for all Authority employees; and

WHEREAS, In our sorrow, we note our sincere gratitude for his leadership and foresight in the management of the Authority and our deep regret that the public transit industry, the citizens of Metropolitan Chicago and the Nation have lost an outstanding public servant; Now, Therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Members of the Chicago Transit Board, in a Meeting assembled this 1st day of December, 1976, extend our condolences to his beloved family, and that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to his family as an expression of our sympathy.

*Adopted by
Chicago Transit Board
December 1, 1976*

cta people

Rightfully proud parents of a "gifted" child are Bill Buetow, cashier in the Treasury department, and wife Marge. Pictured is Ronald Buetow, age 10, who has been named to the "gifted student" program of school district 4, Addison, because of his especially high academic performance . . . Lourdes Covarrubias, token clerk and one of Transit News' "women of CTA" in June lead story, is new mother of baby girl, Laura; she returns to work in '77 . . . congratulations to Alan Glickman, clerk in Claims Law & Real Estate, on his marriage Nov. 14 to Roberta Miller . . . Willis Helfrich (Transit News, June) retired assistant secretary to the Transit Board, has been on another of his international slide-making cruises: Malta, Sicily, Tunis, Gibraltar, Casablanca and the Canary Islands . . .



Ronald Buetow



Cafeteria Choice Be Sure To Vote

Louis Pure, the manager whose picture we missed in the Thanksgiving article on the remodeling of the cafeteria (because he was on a vacation trip to Mexico) is planning a new series of national days, with ethnic dishes, for 1977. These will be held once a month, on or about the 15th, starting in January, Pure says. You are invited to cast your ballot for the native food motif you would prefer to have first in the series - - Polish, Hungarian, Spanish, Greek, whatever. All votes will count because the second highest number of ballots will determine the second month - - and so on. Pure says a ballot box will be stationed near one of the food lines. Sign your name - - your culinary counsel may be helpful in the menu selection.

Safety Contest Awards Made

North Avenue won the third quarter 1976 Public Safety Award in garage competition, showing a decrease of accidents in October as compared with the same month in 1975. North Avenue has now beaten its all-time low accident rates for February, July and October, and has registered 83 fewer accidents for the first 10 months of the year compared with 1975.



Accepting the Third Quarter Public Safety Award from Transportation Manager James Blaa on behalf of North Avenue Garage are operators Linda Tillman and Jerry P. Dubin.

Forest Park was the third quarter winner in rail terminal competition, taking the prize for the 13th time since inception of the award in 1961. The terminal's accident frequency rate was 0.330 per 100,000 miles traveled, which was 54 percent better than the system average of 0.715.



Motorperson Mary A. Fryar and conductor Robert Crawford hold special recognition certificates they received in connection with the Third Quarter Public Safety Award won by Forest Park Terminal.

Vehicle Maintenance employee safety contest awards for the third quarter of 1976 were won by Limits garage and Desplaines terminal, with one injury each, and by Bus Shop. The awards are based on the lowest frequency rate of personal injuries to employees per man hours worked.

Key Transportation Promotions



Tracy



Reddick



LaVelle



Coleman

Major appointments in the department of Transportation announced by George Krambles, general manager. These are:

Ralph W. Tracy to special assistant to the manager of Transportation, James Blaa. He had been director of service. Tracy, 59, joined CTA as a student engineer in 1948.

Harry Reddick, Jr., to director of personnel from area superintendent, Far South. Reddick, 50, a CTA employee for 26 years, directs all bus and rail station personnel.

Michael V. LaVelle to director of service from area superintendent, Far North. LaVelle, also 50, has been with CTA

for 28 years. His new responsibilities include operation of all services and for supervisory personnel connected with service.

Vic Coleman to director, security liaison while still retaining his responsibilities as an assistant to the manager of transportation. The Security department has been merged into the Transportation department.

Reporting to Coleman in this new alignment are Jack Sheehy, area superintendent, security/investigations and Thomas J. Biebel, superintendent, investigations.

How To Get The Right Number for I-I-E-L-P!

Attention, retirees and not-yets.

As part of the ongoing concern of the Insurance and Pension department to provide assistance to both active and retired employees, Craig Heatter, superintendent of pensions, has tracked down an excellent reference book entitled "We've Got Your Number."

The handy-sized publication, distributed by the Chicago Department of Human Resources, lists phone numbers and names of organizations providing services in areas of -

Consumer protection	Dental care
Community safety	Senior citizenry
Legal problems	Social security
Medical problems	Taxes
Housing problems	Travel

and more than 80 other areas of concern. To obtain a copy of "We've Got Your Number," just write to -

The Department of Human Resources
City of Chicago
440 North LaSalle Street
Chicago, IL 60610

Remember: a well-planned retirement is a happy retirement!



Honored By Board

Three men from CTA's Security section were personally commended by the Transit Board, at its December meeting, for acts of heroism in the protection of CTA properties. Sergeant William Talbert, left, received a message that a supervisor's car had been seized at gun point; he gave pursuit in his car, apprehended the suspect within an hour, and turned him over to the Chicago police. The suspect confessed. Officer Thomas Lorenz, center, and Officer R. C. Jackson, right, apprehended four suspects with two truckloads of stolen CTA property. The arrest resulted from a stake-out planned by the two officers. The security men are shown with James R. Blaa, manager of transportation, left, and Harold Geissenheimer, manager of general operations, who officially presented the honored men at the Board meeting.



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Benjamin Farfan reflects on directions from instructor Edith Carr (right) as he wheels his CTA bus on Peterson Avenue during a retraining session. Having a woman instructor "doesn't bother me at all," says Farfan.

Women Drivers; CTA Loves 'Em

By Jon Van

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A little driving advice from the ladies is not only tolerated, but actually encouraged by the Chicago Transit Authority these days.

Some of the women looked upon as novelties a few years back when they became CTA bus drivers have now earned promotions and work as driving instructors. They're giving men pointers on driving and turning in "report cards" on their students.

At present, 282 women drive buses, 42 work on rapid transit trains, and another 9 women work in the yards cleaning up the trains and buses. The CTA even has one female carpenter's apprentice.

While they are still a minority among the CTA's 12,000 employees, women have demonstrated their ability to handle jobs once performed solely by males.

"For me, they're all people--wonderful people," says Thomas Stiglic, director of instruction for the CTA. "Our record year for safety was '73, and we've got a good chance of beating that this year. That's a chance for a record year with the women included. What could be better?"

Nearly all the men and women hired as CTA bus drivers have no previous experience. They learn how to handle the ponderous vehicles during a 15-day training course.

"The women are more for the details of safety," says Stiglic. "They don't go jockeying around; they're not the go-go type of drivers that men are. The men

have more guts--you can't drive a bus through snow without guts--and we have to train the men to be more cautious."

Edith Carr is one of four women to qualify as CTA instructors. Stiglic says she has "an outstanding driving record and an outstanding attitude."

During a break, Mrs. Carr freshened her lipstick, using a rearview mirror on the bus.

"Until they hear my voice, a lot of the passengers think I'm a man anyway, with the uniform and my short hair," she explains. "I don't want them thinking I'm a man."

Mrs. Carr rides a bus with Benjamin Farfan, a driver with less than a year on the job who is receiving some retraining. She stands by Farfan as he drives, giving him pointers and evaluating his performance.

"It doesn't bother me at all to have a female instructor," Farfan says. "She helps me a lot."

Driver training covers a broad field. Besides learning how to maneuver buses around turns, trainees must master CTA standards for courtesy and patience with riders. Buses are deliberately spun out of control on an oil-slickened practice area so the students can learn anti-slide braking techniques. They must also put out fires on their buses.

Stiglic says he can teach just about any decent automobile driver how to handle a bus, but the person won't be a good bus driver unless he enjoys driving and likes people.

"Without that," he says, "that job can be very boring, very frustrating."

Mrs. Carr has a great disposition for the work. A naturally outgoing person with a lingering trace of a native Tennessee drawl, she enjoys meeting people.

"The other day I was shopping at the Sears store with my daughter when a man came up to me and introduced me to his friend as his bus driver," Mrs. Carr says. "It really makes you feel good to be recognized out of uniform. I look forward to seeing people every day. I don't ever dread going to work."

Mrs. Carr applied to the CTA more than two years ago, after she saw a newspaper picture of the CTA's first female driver.

"I figured if she can do it, I can do it," she says. "I didn't take this job for women's lib or anything like that. I took it because I've got six kids and four are still at home. My husband's disabled. I think most women take a job because they need the money. I don't expect favors. I just want to be treated like a man would be."

Although there are no statistics on how many women are driving buses in the United States, there are signs of a trend.

"We had a bus rodeo this fall in San Francisco," says Al Engelkin of the American Public Transit Association, "and the top drivers from all over the country competed. There were 24 drivers, all of whom had won local contests to compete. One of the 24 was a woman from Denver. It was kind of nice."

Boy Thanks CTA For Swift Action; Judge Praises Driver

Fast cooperation by the crew of a Lake-Dan Ryan train, controllers at the Mart and Chicago police brought swift justice recently and the quick return of stolen property to its owner. This is revealed in a letter of commendation from a thankful young rider.

Conductor Clarence E. Ball (South Section) was approached by 13-year-old Calvin J. Thomas, Jr., of 1301 South Lowe ave., just as a southbound train left 79th st. Calvin told him that two other boys, who also boarded at 79th, had taken his watch and attacked his friend while all were waiting on the station platform.

Ball took Calvin to the front of the train where motorman Cordell A. Bruns used his radiophone to call to control center and summon police. With permission, Bruns then slowed the train long enough for police to reach the 87th st. station ahead of the train. The police took the accused youths into custody.

"I am very glad and thankful for your help," Calvin wrote CTA. "The concern you showed was beyond the call of duty, and I would like CTA to know that I appreciate what you did for me."

Calvin, an honor student at the Academy of St. James College Prep, knows CTA well. His late father, Calvin, Sr., was a company employee for 22 years, and his mother, Cecile, is a ticket agent on the South Side.

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A voluntary telephone call came to Public Affairs from the well-known Judge Gordon Nash of Circuit Court. Purpose: to report that he "met one of the finest bus drivers (badge 6802) I have ever met in many years of riding public transportation in Chicago. He said 'good morning' to everyone, 'have a good day,' and was extremely pleasant. He made everyone feel good." Thanks, your Honor. The driver is Michael J. Marron, North Park.

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"It was the instant reaction of the driver (Ulysses Plard, North Park garage) in his handling of the bus that avoided a collision," writes Ms. Ethel Kaplan, of North Sheridan rd., about a close call involving the Over Drive Express. "A car literally flew out of Rogers ave. at a sharp angle. The bus driver blew his horn, jerked his wheel to the right, and stopped the bus instantly."

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Pleasant Talley, Jr., Beverly garage, the driver of a 95th st. bus, has been commended by Fred McCreary,

of South Harvard ave., for being well groomed. "His hair, uniform and shoes were perfect," McCreary says. "What also impressed me about him was his eagerness to give directions and to wish his passengers 'a good day.'"

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"I wish to commend Belmont bus driver 3995 (Matthew M. Longtin, North Ave. garage) for his courtesy and cheerful countenance," writes Chris Janus, of West Deming pl. "Not very often is one able to find someone who takes the time to be polite and kind to passengers, regardless of how he may feel and despite irritable people who give him a hard time."

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Felix A. Marin, the driver of a No. 93 North California bus, "was the nicest young man I have ever encountered," says Mrs. M. Schwartz, of West Gregory st. "He greeted everyone on the bus, called out every street and told each patron to be careful when he left the bus. He surely made my day, and a lot of other people on that bus felt the same way I do."

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"While riding the Archer Express to work, I could not help but notice the fine performance of bus driver 9415 (Stephen J. Conway, Archer garage)," writes Mrs. F. H. Machamer, of South Kenneth ave. "He was extremely courteous to his passengers and so pleasant that I felt you should hear about it. Another plus for this particular driver is that he calls out the stops. He certainly is a professional in his field."

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"Please pass on to the man with Badge 21278 (Eugene S. Motyka, conductor, North Section) that riders on his Howard line train do appreciate his effort to tell passengers the stops his train makes," says Charles E. Johnson, of North Maplewood ave. "His message is clear, well-enunciated, and a pleasure to residents of Chicago, as well as a refreshing delight to newcomers, visitors and older folk."

**commendation
corner**

Control Center Voices Retire

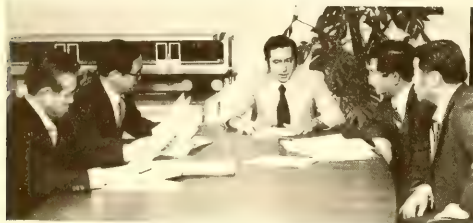
Two familiar voices that directed and instructed a generation of operating employees over CTA's communications system have given their last 10-7's, or out of service.

Fred Limmel and Herb Elke are both retiring at year-end with a total of more than 23 years in the Control Center. In sharp, clear messages, they have broadcast directions to thousands of bus drivers and supervisors on how to handle unusual operating problems.

Limmel, an assistant superintendent, joined the Chicago Surface Lines as a bus driver in 1944. He became a supervisor two years later—a position well suited to his portly bearing and earthy frankness. Aside from a 2½-year period as relief district super-



In a voice loud enough to be heard over the din of the Control Center, Fred Limmel offers a typically wry comment as he accepts the gifts and good wishes of fellow employees at a retirement party attended by his wife, Manci.



Japanese Visit: Adding to CTA's growing number of international visits recently were two representatives of Japan National Railways, shown here in discussion of finance with CTA's Paul Kole, general finance manager. Tsumoto Kimura, deputy director of the passenger department, and Masahiro Iba, same for freight department, are left-right at left of picture. Joining in discussions at right are, first, Kuniyoshi Arima, director of the Chicago office of the Japan National Tourist Organization, and CTA's Paul Kadowaki, superintendent of instruction, North District, who served as the liaison man for the visitors. Other major Japanese point of interest was passenger controls operation under John O'Connor.



Herb Elke's wife, son and daughter, their spouses and grandchildren were on hand for his retirement party. From left to right are: Linda Schulstad holding Elizabeth Elke; Lori Schulstad; Marcia (Mrs. Bill) Elke; Mary Elke in front of son, Bill; Herb; Lance Schulstad; William and David Elke; daughter, Sandra, and her husband, Paul Schulstad.

intendent, he has been assigned to the Control Center since 1961.

Downstate Seneca will be Limmel's new home. He and his wife, Manci, plan to enjoy lots of fresh air and water sports along the nearby Illinois River. They won't be far from their son Larry, his wife and two daughters, who live just to the north in Sandwich.

Elke, a controller known for his "foghorn delivery," started as a streetcar motorman out of Kedzie in 1931. He was a supervisor for 17 years before becoming a radio telephone operator in 1967.

Only telephones with serious mechanical problems could fail to transmit Elke's resonant tones. His voice of authority will continue to be heard around his home in Berwyn, where he and his wife, Mary, will live after an extended vacation in Florida. Their son, Bill, daughter, Sandra, three grandsons and three granddaughters all live in the Chicago area.

Benefit Rail Trip

The Chicago chapter of the National Federation of the Blind of Illinois is sponsoring a fund-raising outing Sunday, January 9, on a 4000 series 'L' train. The train will leave the Howard station at 0900 hours and will travel over the Skokie, Evanston, Ravenswood, Lake, Douglas and Jackson Park routes before returning to Howard. For further information about this event, call Steve Hastalis, community relations coordinator, at the Mart on Ext. 696.

Don't Miss The Now

by Jack Smith

Planning for retirement should begin at 50, but it isn't something you should be conscious of every day from then on—like a diet.

If you treat retirement planning in this manner, you will lose much of the enjoyment of the years between. And that's no good.

The savings you set aside for retirement living should not deprive you of something you really need—something that is an essential element in your happiness.

Down inside, you know very well what you can cut it and not miss. The thing to do is direct some of the money you would otherwise spend on frills into your own personal retirement account. Instead of making payments, with interest and insurance, on a second car, for instance, put the money in a bank savings account and draw the interest for yourself.

Savings accounts and shorter term rollover securities are the best places for your retirement cash. Don't go into anything where it's a gamble, or where your funds are tied up for more than five years; you may need them in a hurry.

If you have selected another place in which to live in your retirement years, treat it as a vacation spot, perhaps, but not as a primary interest.

Right now, enjoy where you are. Try not to complain about the weather or to count the cold winters.

Enjoy your job and the friendships your employment provides. You will miss these people some day. Build memories with them to enjoy both now and later.

You can enjoy your work more if you are no longer looking for position. You can concentrate on the fun of doing the things you are assigned to do and, hopefully, like to do.

Think of money, yes, because the more you earn now, the better off you will be then. Apply yourself to building the kind of reliability and job performance that will merit the raises.

Don't talk retirement plans with your friends unless they are retiring at the same time. Talk about things that are in the news and the common environment right now. That will not only interest them more, but will keep you more interested yourself.

Don't neglect your retirement planning, of course. Accomplish something on it every week. But, treat it as a sideline.

cta pensioners

LONG AWAITED MOMENT: Mary Arduini, wife of CTA retiree Antonio Arduini, Plant Maintenance, fulfilled a longtime wish this fall when Perry Como was appearing in concert at Chicago's Aerie Crown Theatre. She not only met her idol, she had her picture taken with him. The Arduinis live in Rosemont.



BACK ON TRACK: Back to a familiar role during a recent holiday are Ralph Regnier, left, retired bus driver from Forest Glen, and George Wickman, former North Avenue driver. In this case, Wickman decided to try the controls of the Chicago red streetcar (No. 56, Milwaukee Downtown) at the Illinois Railroad Museum at Union. The two retirees also worked in the executive department at the Mart.



GOLDEN DAY: Mr. and Mrs. Harvey H. Jahns are here shown cutting the cake at their July 28 golden anniversary party, staged for them by their children at Mr. Cali's on Irving Park Road. There were more than 100 guests. Jahns served CTA for 43 years, retiring as a conductor, West Section. His twin brother, Arthur, also a former CTA conductor, now lives in Largo, Florida.

Service anniversaries in December

40 years



E. M. Leu
Datacenter



W. Pavoni
Control Center



T. J. Shanahan
Bus Service

35 years

W. A. Bell, South Shops
L. C. Danders, Forest Glen
M. B. Hildbold, Rail Dist. North
L. W. Kutchins, Electrical
F. M. McGlynn, District A
S. Mirallegro, Howard-Kimball
R. J. Wittenberg, North Avenue

30 years

R. W. Bushbaum, Electrical
L. S. Dolbert, Forest Glen
R. M. Gragido, 69th Street
A. J. Krzeminski, Skokie Shop
G. J. Maly, Maintenance
O. R. Prokes, 77th Street
E. Rodgers, Forest Glen
L. Stigler, Security
T. J. Wilcop, 77th Street

25 years

W. H. Henderson, 77th Street
W. A. Henry, Forest Glen
D. Smith, 69th Street
A. Thornton, 77th Street

NEW PENSIONER



JOINING THE ranks of the retired on December 1 was JOHN R. DILLON, bus repairer, 52nd Street Garage, who had more than 40 years of service with CTA and predecessor.

JOHN R. DILLON, Bus Repairer, 52nd Street, Emp. 7-13-35
JAMES A. HARDY, Operator, 52nd Street, Emp. 8-11-47
LESLIE J. MARINGER, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 9-21-36
WILLIAM POCHORDO, Supv. Chauffeur, Utility, Emp. 12-14-45
ELIJAH J. SMITH, Clerk, South Section, Emp. 4-13-50
JAMES STEWART, Operator, 52nd Street, Emp. 1-16-51

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

LYLE J. BLACK, Carpenter A, South Shops, Emp. 5-10-62
RAYMOND MASON, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 3-23-66
EDDIE MITCHELL, Collector, 77th Street, Emp. 4-17-51
ALFRED L. TURNER, Operator, Kedzie, Emp. 8-06-64
WALTER WIDINSKI, Machinist, Skokie Shop, Emp. 9-10-37

IN MEMORIAM

ROY G. ALFORD, 72, Central District, Emp. 2-22-27, Died 10-31-76
CHARLES R. ANDERSON, 63, Kedzie, Emp. 8-01-44, Died 10-04-76
SIDNEY BROWN, 88, Garfield, Emp. 11-15-07, Died 10-14-76
MICHAEL CARON, 86, North Park, Emp. 3-06-12, Died 10-13-76
WOJCIECH CHLIPOLA, 82, 77th Street, Emp. 1-19-24, Died 10-12-76
EUGENE I. COLUM, 76, Treasury, Emp. 2-13-29, Died 9-17-76
FRANK M. CORDA, 80, West Section, Emp. 5-16-17, Died 10-12-76
DENIS DONOGHUE, 77, West Section, Emp. 5-13-27, Died 10-02-76
HERMAN A. ERICKSON, 73, Limits, Emp. 3-23-24, Died 10-05-76
EDWARD C. GREEN, 66, 69th Street, Emp. 10-29-29, Died 10-19-76
FRED HARDT, 70, Limits, Emp. 11-29-27, Died 10-07-76
MARTIN J. KING, 77, North Park, Emp. 2-12-43, Died 10-14-76
ROBERT C. KIRBY, 89, Limits, Emp. 3-14-45, Died 10-16-76
GEORGE KOHNKE, 57, North Avenue, Emp. 9-25-46, Died 11-08-76

JOSEPH KUNDROTAS, 94, 77th Street, Emp. 11-04-18, Died 9-26-76
DANIEL LANE, 79, West Section, Emp. 9-02-16, Died 10-26-76
JOHN McMAHON, 84, North Section, Emp. 1-20-16, Died 10-10-76
WILLIAM M. MOLENDIA, 67, North Park, Emp. 2-03-44, Died 10-06-76
FREDERICK PLATTNER, 84, 69th Street, Emp. 7-12-11, Died 10-19-76
ELSIE A. REIMER, 73, North Section, Emp. 9-30-46, Died 10-27-76
PATRICK J. RYAN, 84, 77th Street, Emp. 2-10-20, Died 10-20-76
ANGELO A. SCANDORA, 72, Electrical, Emp. 4-07-39, Died 10-29-76
WILLIAM E. SCHMIDT, 72, North Park, Emp. 8-27-42, Died 10-05-76
GEORGE H. STADER, 78, North Section, Emp. 4-17-25, Died 10-24-76
CHARLES A. TIPNER, 79, 77th Street, Emp. 6-19-23, Died 9-22-76
EDWARD A. THURKOW, 74, West Section, Emp. 2-08-28, Died 10-31-76
CHARLES UNDERWOOD, 43, 77th Street, Emp. 9-02-58, Died 10-30-76
PAUL P. VASILOPOULOS, 64, 69th Street, Emp. 2-13-36, Died 10-30-76

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Volleyball Is In!

ive teams of women evidence the success of last spring's experiment by Rena McDonald, Yvette Sullivan and Demetrel Parker of 69th Street in attempting to add a women's volleyball league to the CTA sports program (Transit News, June, 1976, page 19). The teams:

69th Street (of course)
77th Street
Archer
Beverly
Kedzie

Season's first ball was "tossed up" Wednesday, Dec. 8, at Washington Park fieldhouse where a doubleheader will be held each Wednesday evening (games at 1930 hours and 2030) except for holiday weeks. The public is invited. Those who saw TV coverage of volleyball during the Olympics last summer know that the sport can be an exciting one for spectators.



John Eckel, familiar to many as the softball coordinator of the CTA sports program, has received a new honor by being elected vice-president of the Grant Park Recreational Association which has charge of the diamonds where CTA softball is played. Here John, right, is shown at a recent association event presenting a Tournament of Champions trophy to Jim Dineen of Peoples Gas as Mike Ciger, president of the Grant Park Recreational Association, looks on.

CTA BASKETBALL

Standings

SOUTH DIVISION			NORTH DIVISION		
W	L		W	L	
7th Street	5	0	North Park	4	0
6th Street	3	0	West Side 'L'	5	1
West Side T.A.	2	2	Limits	4	1
5th Side 'L'	2	2	North Avenue	3	2
7th Shop	3	3	North Side 'L'	2	2
Eberly	1	3	Forest Glen	2	3
5th Street	1	5	Kedzie	1	3
Archer	0	5	General Office	0	4

Recent Scoring Results:

- Nr. 21 - North Park 42, North Side 'L' 40; Limits 52, Archer 51; Forest Glen 73, West Side T.A. 65; 77th Street 74, General Office 47; 77th Shop 36, Beverly 32; North Avenue 70, 52nd Street 35.
- Nr. 23 - North Park 65, Forest Glen 60; West Side 'L' 62, West Side T.A. 56.
- Nr. 26 - 77th Shop 34, 52nd Street 33; 77th Street 81, North Avenue 64.
- Nr. 28 - North Park 51, West Side 'L' 47; North Side 'L' 49, South Side 'L' 40; 77th Street 61, Archer 59; 69th Street 48, General Office 29; Beverly 40, Kedzie 30; Limits 50, 77th Shop 35.

from CTA Pressbox, April 1975 - -

"Jack Dempsey and Joe Louis rank as the greatest of modern heavyweights. Muhammed Ali one of the best but not in their class." - heavyweight champion Max Schmeling - - Nov. 1976 - - "Muhammed Ali is not the greatest-I rate Jack Dempsey, Joe Louis and Rocky Marciano in that order."

Ski Fans Invited!



Here's

early winter news that will please ski enthusiasts. A ski club is being formed by CTA employees. Purpose of the club is to provide good skiing at reduced cost to each individual. Each year the cost of skiing for the individual has been increasing. Founders believe that a ski club would command more favorable prices for its members because of the amount of business that could be offered. A joint effort will also develop a wider range of areas providing skiing opportunities. For information contact Steven Moore in the Mart on Extensions 375 or 327.

cta sports

Two peachbaskets fastened to a gymnasium balcony in a YMCA at Springfield, Mass., in 1891 gave the game its name--basketball.

But it was the global travels of a group of magnificent black athletes appropriately named the Harlem Globetrotters, that made basketball internationally famous from Boston to Bangkok.

One of those storybook Harlem Globetrotters is 28-year veteran CTA bus driver Agis Bray who retires Jan. 1. (Bray served as CTA sports director until last year.)

In the 1940s, Bray played for the legendary Abe Saperstein, owner-founder of the Globetrotters and the organizer of one of the greatest assemblages of basketball talent of all time.

Among some of those original Globetrotter stars were Goose Tatum, Sonny Boswell, Inman Jackson and Roscoe (Duke) Cumberland.

Bray recalls: "We called Saperstein A.M. (A.M. are the initials for Abraham Michael. Most fans, however, knew Saperstein as just plain "Abe.") He was a short chunky man who always told it as it was--straight from the shoulder."

"Agile Agis" was a nickname bestowed upon Bray when he was a youthful basketball sensation in Chicago.

He began his remarkable career on the hardwood court as captain and high scorer for the city championship Wendell Phillips High School team of 1930. He was named on the all-city team for his spectacular play.

Amateur athletic union basketball was "in" in those days and Bray became a member of The Chicago Collegians who captured the city AAU title, later going on to compete in the national tournament at Denver.

Bray also took a hand in amateur boxing and the CYO tournaments so popular in that period. He fought in the 135-pound lightweight division and won a CYO title in 1931. He also competed in Arch Ward's Chicago Tribune Golden Gloves tournament.

But basketball was Bray's first love. He played several years for Wilberforce College before joining up with the Collegians, a great team that old time fans will remember as one of the winningest in local history.

The highlight of Bray's career with the Chicago AAU team was the night the Collegians defeated the Hollywood Laemmles, the 1936 Olympic champs, in a game in Chicago at the 132nd Regiment Armory.

"It was headline news in all the sports pages," says Bray. "We beat them decisively."

Later after a national tour, the Collegians disbanded and Bray moved his family to Detroit where he

accepted a job as a bus driver. But he continued to play basketball, working out in a neighborhood gym often as he could in his spare time.

It was at that gym that a scout for the Harlem Globetrotters was attracted by the 5-foot, 11-inch Bray's speed and agility on the court and recommended to Saperstein that the Globetrotters sign the "little guy."

In those days, the basketball giant did not dominate as today. Other "little guys" like Purdue's John Wooden were doing very well indeed. The 7-footers came much later, along with the million dollar paychecks of today.

Bray was a brilliant performer in the Globetrotters' talented cast. During three years with Saperstein's touring cagers, masters on the court as well as entertainers extraordinary, Bray averaged better than 22 points per game.

"I became tired of the constant travel and finally left the team," Bray says today.

He later played with two Chicago pro teams, the Harmon Demons and Chicago Crusaders, before going to work for the CTA 28 years ago.

But Bray never lost his love for sports. He coached in the Chicago Park District League where his basketball teams won three YMCA championships (1915-1968).

Bray has always been interested in young people and has coached teams from the South Side Boys Club (where he played basketball as a youth) to served as a YMCA swimming instructor. He has also involved himself with neighborhood athletic activities.

As a testimonial to his untiring efforts on behalf of the CTA sports program in his role as director, Bray was awarded a special appreciation trophy.

The story of his sports career is plainly visible in his South Side home where more than 30 trophies and awards attest to his outstanding achievements.

One thing is certain--when Agis Bray retires with his wife, Clara, into the life of a private citizen, he will remain involved in sports in some capacity.

That dynamic energy has never diminished since the days he played for Wendell Phillips High School.



Agis with some of his many trophies.

Bosan's Versatility In Art s CTA Asset

"As with any creative effort, a prime factor of art is in the thinking," says Burt Bosan (pronounced Bosan), a CTA artist. "If you can visualize something, the chances are you can draw it."

But perhaps Bosan, like professionals in many fields, under-evaluates the difficulties in acquiring a skill that seems easy to him. After all, he has a creative ability that started producing quality art at the age of 11 plus the benefit of training at an art school in Paris, France.

Bosan is one of two staff artists working in CTA's Personnel Development Section. The other is Erv Morris.

The job focuses on the development of visual aids for employee training—flip charts, posters and spot illustrations for training manuals.

The miniature replica of a CTA bus which a station superintendent might use to show his operators how to avoid hazards in the street is an example of such work.

So are a color sketch of a rapid transit car used in an employee orientation slide program, an ornately lettered certificate used as an achievement award for a training program, the logo for a brochure on the CTA's job program, and a wall-size stand-up poster encouraging employees to participate in the suggestion plan.

What Bosan likes doing best, however, are the portraits he makes of safety award winning drivers at various bus garages. He likes to sit, with sketch pad in lap, and capture the personalities of people through expressions on their faces.

"A person's eyes carry his moods," he says. "They tell whether a person is happy, shy and withdrawn, or happy-go-lucky."

Bosan also does freelance portrait sketching at various neighborhood and civic events.

Because of his versatility, Bosan is sometimes called upon by other departments of CTA for his art expertise. For example, he has done line drawings for *Transit News* and drew the cover for CTA's educational tour brochures.

Burt, however, isn't the only one in the Bosan family who can lay claim to the paint brush and palette. His wife, Evelyn, is an artist in her own right. She holds a degree in art from the Art Institute as well as a degree in education from the University of Chicago.

They first met in high school where both were aspiring, young artists. But it wasn't until years later at an art exhibit, where both their paintings were hung side by side, that there was any hint of a romance between them.

Burt recalls standing in front of the two paintings, noting the name of the female artist, then asking the woman next to him, "Who is Evelyn Woods?"

The lady, smiling slightly, looked at him and asked



Motorperson Mary Fryar puts on a smile for Burt Bosan (right) as he does one of his quick sketches, while conductor Thomas Walker competes with a grin of his own.

in turn, "Who is Burton Bosan?" The lady, of course, is the one who was to be his future wife.

That was in 1950 and they were married the following year. Evelyn went to work for the Board of Education teaching art courses at Wendell Phillips high school, her alma mater. She teaches now at Eli Whitney elementary school.

Bosan was working for a commercial art firm before he joined CTA in 1952 as a motorman. Two years later, he moved into his present position.

Family discussions on art, says Burt, are a delicate matter since he and his wife have differing opinions on style.

"We have battles on technique," he says, "so we try to avoid talking about the mechanics. She can outdo me in colors, but when it comes to sketching, I'm faster than she is."

Two of the four Bosan children are also employed by CTA. Sharon, 24, and Burt Jr., 20, both work in duplicating.

The two youngest, Gabrielle, 12, and Faith, 9, are the Bosans who show the most artistic promise, according to their father.

Says Burt, "They're all of them artistically inclined, but I don't try to encourage them. If they're interested and have questions, I'll give them help. But I don't want to push them because art can be a very frustrating thing."

Our Super Santa Covers - -

- - reflect the combined artistry and design skills of Christine Borcic of Public Affairs; Art Tonner, supervisor, Photographic Services; Charles Zanin, director of Administrative Services; Bob Aldworth, supervisor, Csa Zongor, Dennis Radatz, and Rod Skocz, graphics design section of Passenger Controls; Bob Caswick, supervisor, and Norwood Duff, reproduction section of Duplicating, Administrative Services; and Mike Tucki, Photographic Services.

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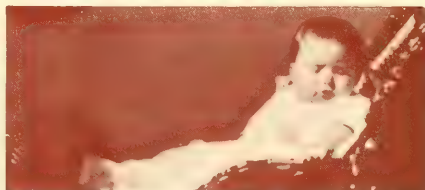
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Making Of The Budget Is Year's Big Job For This Team

Many man hours and rolls of calculator tape go into the preparation of the CTA budget each year. Take the \$36,673,000 for the 1977 fiscal year, for example:

A team of seven budget experts under the direction of Sam Miller, CTA comptroller, began the task of preparing the budget last summer.

With Bill Parrillo, budget director, the team included financial analysts Jay DeFranco, Claire Glenn, John Harrington, Mike Landers, Ed Schalk and Sergio Rodriguez.

Work began in July when the team determined the budget plan and began getting the necessary forms and instructions ready for distribution.

In mid-August, computer reports and related budget data were sent to all departments for preparation of the preliminary requests. Briefing sessions were conducted to assist departmental budget-makers.

The preliminary budgets were submitted just after Labor Day.

Each department, or budgetary unit, submitted its individual requests for operating costs, man hours, material and other expenses by specific activities. Departments involved in capital expenditures submitted their budget needs also. Each department was also required to amend projected costs for the fiscal year 1976.

After reviewing each budget for accuracy, the budget team consolidated reports and submitted the total budget to the General Manager. Department managers then had the opportunity to make presentations to justify their budget requests. Once the final management adjustments were made, the budget team went back to their calculators to complete the tentative budget. The resulting tentative budget of \$336,673,000 was presented to the Chicago Transit Board on December 15 by General Manager George



Busy at "the longest table of the year" -- the budget. Members of the team, left to right, John Harrington, Ed Schalk, Jay DeFranco, Sergio Rodriguez, Claire Glenn, Sam Miller, Bill Parrillo and Mike Landers.

Krambles and Finance Manager Paul Kole. This permitted time for submission of public comments before voting on the budget by the Board at its January meeting.

The budget team is now working with individual departments to make the detailed budget. Costs are allocated by areas and functions for each of the 13 periods that comprise the fiscal year.

During the coming year, the budget team will be conducting budget review meetings for each period. Expenditures of individual departments will be analyzed as to why certain areas are below or above the budget.



August (Elkee) in December in his Santa suit.

People Liked Riding

With CTA Santas

Everyone loves a CTA Santa. That was the consensus along State Street during the Christmas shopping season when the State Street Council chartered 10 CTA buses to provide free shuttle service north to Michigan Avenue and west to the commuter train stations. The buses ran from 1100 to 1500 hours, Monday through Friday.

While many riders remember the buses from last year, one woman was so surprised she got off -- and ran to catch a friend to get her to ride the free bus.

Drivers, who work out of the Kedzie garage, were issued stocking caps by the Council. However, one driver, August Elkee, decided not to stop at the hairline. He added a full Santa suit and beard.

"The children loved it," Elkee said.

Other drivers of the Santa buses were Pastoria Aguirre, Eugene Beene, Benjamin Carter, Curtis Coleman, Bennie Garner, Victor Jaknui, Elizabeth Moore, Reuben Thomas, Queen Tiner, Alma Williams, and Roosevelt Wright.

To Keep All 77 Well—

These Doctors Make House Calls On Escalators

When an escalator needs attention, the CTA believes in immediate action.

For this reason, Maintenance has a special troubleshooting force of 17 service men, two inspectors and a clerk. The escalator maintenance group is headed by Walter C. Hallford, supervisor.

This crew attains new eminence now that the complete rebuilding or replacement of 40 longer-service escalators, mostly in subway stations, has been completed with a December 3 "switch on" ceremony at the Clark-Lake station.

The program represented an investment of \$2.7 million, which was funded by the federal and state governments under the CTA's capital improvement program.

The work which was done by outside contractors took three years to complete because of the necessity to prevent shutting down all escalators at one time and because many of the parts had to be custom fabricated. Also, time was needed to disassemble the escalators and determine actual work to be performed.

The CTA has 77 escalators -- the largest number operated by any single organization in the city, according to the Chicago Building Department.

Evan Olmstead, manager of the Maintenance department, says that the escalator group was formed in 1974 while the renewal project was underway in order that it would be in place for a "stepped up" maintenance job when the project was completed and all 77 were in continuing service.

Hallford put the selected members of the group through a 10-week on the job training program. Actual escalators were used at times when certain subway station exits were closed and the escalators did not have to be operative.

Hallford drew upon manuals and reference books from escalator manufacturers and technical publishers to support his teaching.

All 17 escalator service men are members of Local 134, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

"We use the West Shops as our group's headquarters and main storeroom," Hallford says. "We also have small repair shops at Spaulding on the Logan Square-Kennedy rapid transit route, LaSalle-Congress



Richard Kaszniak, left, of Otis Elevator Company, turns key to the last of 40 rebuilt escalators in the CTA's \$2.7 million escalator renewal program. Helping is Walter Hallford, supervisor and head of CTA's escalator maintenance crew, which is now keeping all escalators in continuous working order.

in the Dearborn street subway, Monroe-Madison in the State street subway and at 35th on the Dan Ryan rapid transit route."

The service men work on round-the-clock shift to assure the continual operation of the escalators. The inspectors conduct regular inspections of all 77 escalators.

The crew is trained to repair all brands of escalators presently used on the CTA system -- Otis, Montgomery and Haughton.

"An escalator can have trouble for any one of 100 reasons, because that's about how many parts there are in one escalator," says Hallford.

Besides Hallford, the escalator maintenance group is composed of inspectors Malcolm Simpson and Ted Petrino. The 17 escalator service men are W.F. Glaser, Arthur Maxwell, Edward Flaherty, John Friedman, James P. Kelly, Robert B. Bausch, Richard L. Nelson and Charles W. Coffey.

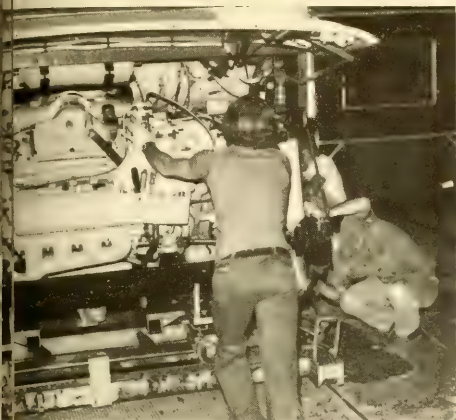
Also John P. Roche, Wilbert A. Post, Walter O. Man, John F. Gavin, Peter Califf, Robert F. O'Connor, Nick Nickolas, Jerry Gaba and Allen Grasser. Rita Hurley is the group's clerk.

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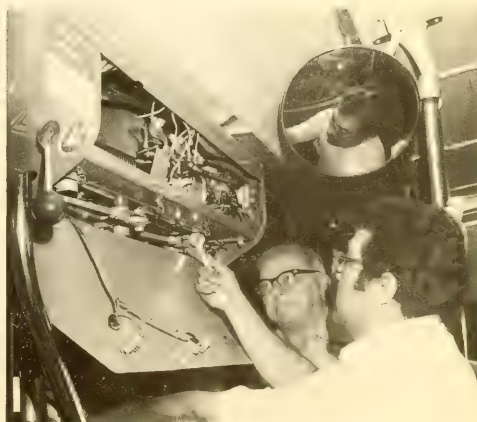
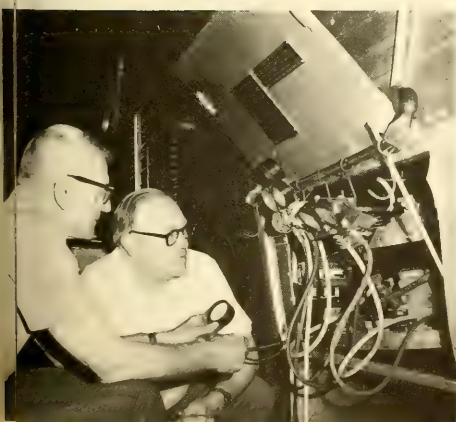
When Rotary Club One of Chicago held its annual Career Day in December, member Harold Geissenheimer, manager of general operations, played host to two young people interested in transit. The students were MacArthur Brantley (light suit) of Harrison high school and Marjorie Della Paz of Roosevelt high school. Here they are shown during their CTA tour with Les Racker, left, of the control center; Geissenheimer; and Ken Korach, street traffic. Following the CTA visit, Geissenheimer had the students as his guests at the regular Rotary Club luncheon.



ta engineering department projects in progress



NEW BUSES IN MANUFACTURE: The manufacture of 200 buses for CTA began October 14 in Pontiac, Michigan. CTA technicians are at the G.M.C. production facility inspecting and monitoring every phase of construction to assure adherence to design specifications. Final delivery is expected by April 1. Upper left: The completed engine assembly is installed in its compartment at the rear of a bus. Upper right: Richard Bryar, CTA technician (right) watches while workmen install ceiling paneling over a bus's roofing insulation. Lower left: Technician Clarence Riley (right) checks dials during testing of air conditioning system. Lower right: A General Motors workman adjusts the rear door operating mechanism under the watchful eye of CTA technician Mitch Kitzman (left).





Bus Passenger Shelters: First of shelters being erected at CTA stops went into service in early autumn, 1976, at busy southwest corner of Chicago avenue and Fairbanks street adjacent to the Northwestern Memorial hospital and medical center. The transparent plastic panels, nonbreakable and scratch-resistant, are used on sides and back. Dome-like top is of off-white translucent plastic. Frames are of aluminum with a bronze finish. Sites for most of the shelters have been arranged with the Chicago city government for use of sidewalks and passageways.

Bus Turnaround: A brighter, better-looking corner of Division and Austin is a public service by-product of CTA's recently-completed new bus turnaround. Another is relief of traffic congestion on the street. But, principal advantage, of course, is to CTA riders who have well-lighted, weather-protected areas in which to make transfers and wait for their transportation.



Action On Board Day— Mayor Bilandic Joins In New Bus Inspection

The Chicago Transit Board had a busy day Jan. 5, inspecting new buses and taking key actions at its regular meeting. Here are the highlights:

With Chairman James J. McDonough and other CTA Board Members as hosts, Mayor Michael A. Bilandic headed a group of public officials for an inspection of four new buses which were exhibited on the Washington street side of the Richard J. Daley Plaza. Pictured at left are Mayor Bilandic being interviewed, with (to his right) Ald. Vito Marzullo, Chairman of the City Council Local Transportation Committee, and CTA Chairman McDonough, and (to the mayor's left) Marshall Suloway, Public Works Commissioner, RTA Chairman Milton Pikarsky, and Donald J. Walsh, CTA Board Member. The buses were the first to be delivered of the latest order of 200 buses that bring to 1,870 the CTA's total of modern air-conditioned buses. This modern equipment will represent 78 per cent of the CTA's total surface fleet. Over the next three years, the CTA expects to apply for governmental grants for the acquisition of 500 more buses to bring about full modernization.

A contract for \$868,000 was awarded for the construction of a new rapid transit station of modern design at Cicero avenue on the Douglas route in Cicero.

The Board was informed by the staff that running times and on-time performance of the Evanston Express and North-South elevated-subway trains on the north side have been improved by the discontinuance of Evanston Express stops at the Loyola and Morse stations and by the restoration of four-track operation between the Lawrence station and the Howard terminal.

The Board gave final approval to a 1977 operating budget of \$336,673,000. The hold-the-line budget represents an operating cost increase of 9½ per cent due almost entirely to inflation. The budget sets forth a requirement in public funding assistance through the Regional Transportation Authority amounting to 37 per cent of operating costs. This percentage, however, is far less than the percentages of public funding assistance for transit in virtually all other major cities of the United States and the world.



(Photo by R. B. Leffingwell, Courtesy Chicago Sun-Times)



Att. Edward J. Egan, partner in the firm of Burke, Weber and Egan, 33 N. Dearborn st., was appointed by the Board as General Attorney for the CTA. This long-standing position, which is provided for in the state act that created the CTA, has been vacant since 1973 during an administrative reorganization of the CTA. Egan formerly was a Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court, a Judge of the Circuit Court, and first assistant state's attorney of Cook County.



Edward F. Brabec was elected Vice-Chairman of the Chicago Transit Board to fill a vacancy caused by the death last Nov. 26 of James R. Quinn. Brabec, who is business manager of the Chicago Journeymen Plumbers Union, Local 130, became a member of the CTA Board on Oct. 24, 1975, on the appointment of the late Mayor Daley.

Have To Hand It To Bob— It Is A Ball!

By W. B. Wolfan



Most people may not be aware of it, but one of the world's oldest sports is handball, originated by the Irish in the 10th century. It was introduced in the U.S. about 100 years ago.

Bob Loughran, RTA Travel Information Supervisor, vouches for the fact that handball is one of the most demanding sports of all from a stamina standpoint.

Bob, who has played the game since he was in his teens, is an outstanding example of a faithful handball loyalist.

He plays twice a week on a 4-wall court at the Irving Park YMCA and has been a regular competitor in YMCA tournaments as well as so-called turkey events in which the winner receives a prize turkey for his efforts.

"Those tournaments have a championship flavor all their very own," says Loughran.

The average fan should entertain no illusions about

handball, a rugged game in every sense of the word.

The handball player is usually an intense competitor who battles it out on a 4-wall indoor court 46 feet long, 23 feet wide, and 23 feet high with a 10-foot back wall.

The players use a hard ball of black rubber which is about 1 7/8 inches in diameter and weighs 23 ounces.

Twenty one points constitute a game. Play begins with a service which consists of dropping the ball to the floor, then striking it with one hand on the rebound. When the ball hits the front wall first, it rebounds beyond the marked short line, to the floor before hitting the ceiling, back wall or sidewall.

Playing handball requires utmost skill and concentration with quick reflexes. It definitely is a game obviously isn't for everybody yet is a superb physical conditioning activity for participants.

In Florida, the one wall handball court is popular on the beaches and in public parks. The Chicago Irish District has some outside one wall courts here.

Back in the 1950's the U.S. Handball Association was organized in Chicago and the AAU has long sanctioned national competition in handball.

Sports historians claim handball was probably the parent of modern day tennis, which seems to be a logical assumption. Centuries ago in Ireland and England, handball was known as "Fives", signifying five fives to the hand. The Irish brought handball to California in the 1870's.

The popularity of the sport remains undiminished and the true devotee like Bob Loughran says that despite the advent of the new "in" game of racquetball, he'll stick with his long time favorite, handball.

Banks Eligible For Baseball Hall of Fame

Every time CTA board member Ernie Banks walks through the 7th floor halls of the Merchandise Mart, he has a cheery smile for everyone he meets along the way.

His admirers are legion and hail from all walks of life.

Just the other day the man known as Mr. Cub received some very good news of his own—a New Year's present from baseball.

Banks recently celebrated an important fifth anniversary—five years to the day he retired as an active player.

This makes him eligible for baseball's Hall of Fame under the rules of selection.

At press time predictions were made that Banks will be inducted the very first time his name appears on the ballot of the Baseball Writers Association of America. Thirty-four other players were nominated.

Ernie is deserving of the honor. He was a dream player, a member of baseball's elite.

Purchased by the Cubs from the Kansas City Monarchs in 1953, Banks played 19 years for the club. He continues today in a group sales role for the team.

The statistics proclaim Banks's marvelous baseball talent. He ranks as one of the great shortstops and hitters of baseball history.

Banks, whose wrists of "steel" belie his tall, lanky frame, belted out a career total of 512 home runs to tie for ninth place with Eddie Mathews on the all-time home run list for the majors.

Ernie was the home run king of the National League in 1958 with 47 circuit blows and repeated in 1960 with 41. He barely lost the home run derby to Mathews in 1959. Eddie had 46 that year, Banks 45. Ernie also hit 44 home runs in 1955.

Banks is one of the few athletes to win back-to-back National League Most Valuable Player awards. He did it in 1958 and 1959. Ernie had a batting average of .313 in 1958 and .304 the following year.

In the RBI (runs batted in) department, Banks is eleventh among all time RBI leaders in the Major Leagues with a grand total of 1,636.

Ernie drove in 100 or more runs for the Cubs in eight of the seasons he played for the Wrigleys.

It is considered a great honor to play on a Major League all-star team once. Banks, who played shortstop until his later years when he switched to first base, was selected 10 times as a member of the National League all-star team.

Cooperstown, here comes Ernie!

Van Behind the Transit Ads

Sullivan is not an employee, but he has been in the CTA nearly longer than many employees.

Sullivan is the Chicago manager of Metro Transit Advertising (a division of Metromedia, Inc.) at 410 N. Michigan Avenue. Zip: 60611. Phone: (312) 467-5200.

Metro acts as advertising sales representative for CTA in most of the major city transit markets throughout the United States.

Sullivan, who graduated from Notre Dame, has been a specialist in transit advertising ever since 1945 when he came out of World War II Army service and joined the Chicago Car Advertising Company.

His affiliation with transit was a natural for Sullivan. It was all in the family. His father was chairman of the Board of Chicago Surface Lines before it was merged into the Chicago Transit Authority in 1947.

"After all these years," says Sullivan, "transit remains the best buy in the market. It delivers impressions at only 1 cent per thousand. It is perhaps the only medium that makes the impression while the prospect is out of the house, probably on his way to a convenient point of purchase, and doesn't have to be reminded later that he meant to buy your product."

A packaged product can be displayed in color in its actual size," he continues. "Your car card is riding on public transportation which reaches 95 per cent of the retail outlets.

"And talk about prime time!" he enthuses. "Prime time is whenever your prospect is out on the street."

There has been a rising interest in transit over recent years, Sullivan claims. Industries that demonstrate this include cigarettes and cigars, automobile dealers, financial institutions, wine and liquor, and cosmetics.

Real estate firms find they can localize their advertising on buses that serve areas in which their developments are located," says Sullivan.

He is particularly pleased with the use of transit advertising by other media such as radio stations and magazines. "They know where the people are," he says.

Sullivan has even noticed a renewed interest in transit among food companies, once one of transit's principal users. And, a recent issue of *Grocery Mfr. Magazine* would seem to bear out this revival.

For grocery manufacturers, one of the most important consumer segments consistently riding urban mass transit is the ever-increasing number of working women, especially young single and young married gals. . . . Almost all of these young women eventually move into prime consumer family groups."

As indicated in the accompanying chart, outdoor space is available on the exterior sides and backs of CTA buses. Outdoor poster sizes ranging from 21" x 44" to 30" x 144" are available on back and sides of the bus.

Exterior displays include bulkheads of 22" x 21", car and bus cards of 11" x 28" (the standard size), and 11x56" cards.



The advertiser (or agency) prints his own cards on .015 styrene. Sullivan can provide a list of printers who are expert in car card printing if the advertiser requires.

"Take Ones" (which dispense inquiry cards, coupons, and take-home information) are available on all inside cards without additional space charges.

Modern Life (insurance) has been a user of "take ones" in Chicago vehicles for more than 20 years and attributes many millions of dollars worth of contracts to the leads thus produced.

An outdoor advertisement will reach 85 per cent of the population an average of 15 times over a 30-day period, Sullivan says. One bus card in every operating vehicle will reach 50 per cent of the population an average of 28 times in a 30-day period. Sullivan estimates the length of the average bus ride at 23 minutes — so there is ample time for "getting the message."

Adapted from CTA Quarterly, 4th quarter, 1976

First Female Yard Boss Named; Architect, Trainer, Linguist Are Other Promotions



CTA's newest yard foreman is a woman. She is Gurtha M. McDonald, former conductor, West Section, who qualified for the job just one year and three months after joining the company.

Initially, Ms. McDonald is serving as relief foreman, West Section, where she supervises switchmen at 54th Ave., Des-plaines, Harlem Ave., or Jefferson Park yards.

Stanley Neeka, former specifications engineer, Materials Management, is now architectural designer, Engineering. Neeka is a licensed architect who worked for more than six years on structural design for the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad. In the same section, Isaac Barho has moved from construction inspector II to construction inspector IV.

Edward L. Moran, Jr., former conductor, West Section, has been appointed training coordinator, Personnel Development. Moran, a former high school special education teacher, is now working as a program developer with the Maintenance Department at TABEC.

Enrique Gonzalez, former bus repairer, 77th, has been promoted to bilingual travel information representative, Management Services. Another new travel information representative is Alonzo Hooper, former bus and truck mechanic helper, South Shops. Also in Management Services, Mike Bruno, former token clerk, Treasury, has been named duplicator operator.

Four new systems analysts at the Datacenter are George Piotrowski, George Arroyo and John Miaso, all former junior computer operators, and Michael Hrad, former garage

instructor, TABEC. Recently named junior computer operators at the Datacenter are Laura Fontana, former key punch operator in the same section, and Robert Sirv former bus serviceman, 77th, while Clarence Butman moved from tabulating machine operator III to senior operator.

Appointed administrative secretaries in the Datacenter are Nancy Licastro, former property damage clerk, Claims Law & Real Estate; Joan O'Dell, clerk/stenographer, Insurance and Pensions; Gladys Burris, clerk/typist, Personnel and Carol Aguirre, clerk/typist, Datacenter.

Three former CTA bus drivers are now in Operations Planning. Otis Hynson, 52nd, and John Hoffman, Kedzie, have been named traffic checkers, while Allan G. Lee, Forest Glen, has become a traffic planning technician. New service truck chauffeurs are Earl McCaskill, former bus driver, 52nd, and Fred Ramos, former bus repairer, Limits.

In Plant Maintenance, former trackman Ralph Hody is now a helper; Robert Adamowski, former ticket agent, South Section, has become a trackman, as has Willie Smith, former janitor in the same section, and Keith Staszewski, former bus serviceman, 77th, has been named steam fitter helper. Others recently reassigned to Plant Maintenance are clerk dispatchers Josephine Coleman, former travel information representative, Management Services, and Marianna Hunt, former ticket agent, West Section, also, Imogene Redd, former clerk/stenographer, Maintenance, now stenographer.

Three former bus drivers from 69th have been given new assignments in Materials Management: Charles Turner, stock clerk; Otha Barnes, Jr., as clerk, and Sean D. Scott, stores clerk. Another new stock clerk is Willie Whitaker, former token clerk, Treasury. Also in Materials Management, James Gage, former ticket agent, West Section, has become mobile equipment operator and Jack A. Lira, former box puller, North Park, has been named laborer.

In the Maintenance Department, former bus serviceman Timothy Jacobs, Forest Glen, and Eufrazio Carrion, Archer, are now laborers at Skokie Shop, while Harriette Ibrahim has moved from clerk/stenographer to clerk at the same location. At South Shops, Richard Nagy, former bus serviceman, Archer, has become a sheet metal worker apprentice. Ernest Link, bus serviceman, North Ave., has been named car repairman; Joseph Wydra, laborer at the same location, has been reassigned as bus and truck mechanic, and Robert Plant, former bus driver, North Park, is now laborer.

Now serving as token clerks, Treasury, are Marvin Gozwater, former security officer; Michael Malinowski, Personnel Administration, and Miguel Manso, former ticket agent, North Section.

Mary A. Burns, former secretarial stenographer I, Corporate Law, has become secretarial stenographer II, Labor Relations; Janice Olson, former stenographer, Employment Relations, has been named secretarial stenographer, Corporate Law, and Diana Griseto, former clerk/stenographer, Employee Relations, has been appointed stenographer, Office Procedures and Budget, Maintenance. Anne H. Bandur, former clerk/typist, Datacenter, has been reassigned as typist, Insurance & Pensions.



Mayor Daley took his last official ride on the CTA on October 6, 1976, when he joined 200 civic leaders and public and industry officials on the inaugural run of CTA's newest rapid transit cars. Bringing greetings from the American Public Transit Association were Louis J. Gambaccini of New York City. Others in the party were Edward F. Brabec, left, of the Chicago Transit Board; Al Vito Marzullo, behind Gambaccini, chairman of the City Council's Local Transportation Committee; and CTA Chairman James J. McDonough.

A Memorial Resolution For Richard J. Daley

(Adopted By Chicago Transit Board January 5, 1977)

WHEREAS, the Members of the Chicago Transit Board were deeply saddened by the death of Richard J. Daley, Mayor of the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, the Members of the Chicago Transit Board join with the citizens of Chicago and the Nation in mourning the loss of an exemplary public servant, a man whose leadership, service and example made Chicago a model of stability and growth among the nation's cities; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Daley was a man of uncommon foresight in recognizing the importance of comprehensive public transportation to the health of the metropolitan area and the welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Daley was unceasing in his commitment to public transportation throughout his career, a commitment exemplified by the fact that as a State Senator in 1945 he sponsored the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act, under which law the Chicago Transit Authority was created; and

WHEREAS, other examples of Mayor Daley's dedication to the cause of public transportation abound, among them his support of rapid transit facilities on the median strips of

Chicago's expressways, and his advocacy of the Regional Transportation Authority; and

WHEREAS, in our sorrow, we must express our gratitude for his efforts on behalf of public transportation and our heart felt regret that the citizens of Chicago have lost a great mayor and the Chicago Transit Authority has lost a great friend; Now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Members of the Chicago Transit Board, in a meeting assembled this 5th day of January, 1977, extend our condolences to his beloved family and that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to his family as an expression of our sympathy.

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On July 28, 1955, the newly-elected Mayor Daley headed a delegation of city officials at the laying of the first rail for service on the Eisenhower route, the world's pioneering rapid transit in the median strip of an expressway. **[In Photo 1]** CTA Chairman Virgil E. Gunlock was showing the shirt-sleeved Mayor Daley how to drive a spike. Watching, left to right, were Alderman P. J. Cullerton (38th), Alderman Thomas

Keane (31st), Alderman Daniel R. Ronan (30th), Alderman V. Marzullo (25th), Public Works Commissioner George L. DeMent (1st), CTA Chairman, and William W. McKenna, CTA Board member. **[In Photo 2]** the Mayor finished driving the spike. **[In Photo 3]** Mayor and members of the delegation walked the ties to inspect right-of-way.



Photo 1 shows Mayor Daley symbolically sawing a crossing gate to signal the elimination of 22 CTA grade crossings through elevation of the Lake street line west of Laramie in October, 1962. Sawing also was Seymour Simon, president of the Cook County Board; between the two men was Alderman Paul T. Corcoran (37th). **In Photo 2** on January 9, 1963, Chairman Virgil E. Gunlock put the Mayor behind the wheel of one of CTA's new buses. **In Photo 3** the Mayor drove the original Chicago horse car which ran in State street; the occasion was a parade celebrating the 20th anniversary of the passage of the CTA Act. In white, Chairman George L. DeMent; the conductor was Art Krickow, superintendent of the CTA training center. **In Photo 4** the Mayor greeted transit industry passengers during the Institute for Rapid Transit inspection of the newly opened Dan Ryan route in June, 1969. **In Photo 5** CTA's Kay Corcoran pinned the Mayor as "first passenger" on the Kennedy extension in January, 1970; Congressman Daniel Rostenkowski stood next to Chairman DeMent on the left.





Over the years, Mayor Daley participated in many significant CTA events. In Photo 1 in June, 1969, the Mayor congratulated the late Walter Jogerst, motorman for an inspection ride on the new rapid transit route in the median strip of the Dan Ryan Expressway. Co-missioner of Public Works Milton Pikarsky, later CTA Chairman and now RTA Chairman, was at the left; next to the Mayor was CTA Chairman George L. DeMent. In Photo 2 in December, 1972, the Mayor issued the first senior citizen reduced fare permit to 94-year-old Mrs. Jessie Barnes, a regular CTA rider; this was during the chairmanship of Michael Cafferty, shown at left. In Photo 3 on October 1, 1976, the Mayor stopped by the CTA's booth at the Holiday Fair on Navy Pier. Accompanying the Mayor, at left, was Alderman Michael Bilandic (11th), now the Mayor of Chicago. Attendants at the booth were, left to right, Manager Tom Buck, Betty Edwards and Bill Baxa of CTA Public Affairs.



Time out

Things to do in the Chicago area

with Anit Leppiks



Peek Behind The Curtain (The Balzekas) —

The Baltic countries -- Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia -- are still nations captive to the rule of communism, effected during World War II. We hear little of what goes on behind this "iron curtain" -- whether science has developed, the arts are flourishing, or if industry has reshaped the vast farmlands of these countries.

But, in one small building on Chicago's near south side (4012 Archer), one can glimpse into the real glory that once such Baltic land, Lithuania, possessed. The Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian culture has it all.

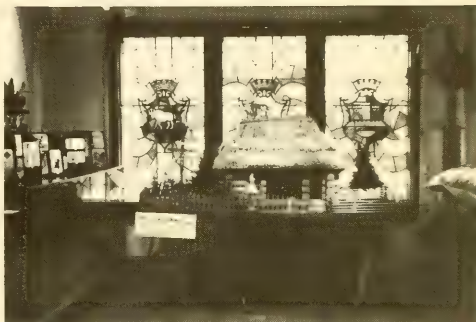
Chicago has this unique treasure because Stanley Balzekas, locally-born Lithuanian, decided that his little fatherland ought to have a cultural museum somewhere in the U.S. And, Chicago was the logical choice because he lived here.



You seem to relive the chivalry of Richard the Lionhearted when you examine the intricate engraving on one of the museum's suits of armor. Lithuania was the western power that prevented the Mongol hordes from invading Europe. You can see a spear used during the reign of Grand Duke Mindaugas (1236-1263), who united Lithuania into one state.

The influence of this proud people goes back even further, as evidenced by the Baltic amber found in the tombs of the Greeks and Egyptians. Amber -- the fossilized golden-colored sap from giant pine trees which flourished 60 million years ago, has been found on the Baltic coast since the Stone Age.

During Greek and Roman civilizations, amber nuggets, used in jewelry, were valued more than gold. The museum's collection starts with chunk nuggets from 2500 B.C. taken from the hoard at Akhmim, in upper Egypt, and continues through the cigarette holders used in 20th Century Europe.



Other display areas are devoted to peasant and commercial textiles; rare maps; intricately designed, hand painted eggs; religious objects and everyday goods produced in Free Lithuania.

An extensive library is available to scholars researching the Balts.

The second floor houses special art and photographic exhibits. You can browse through one of the most complete collections of Lithuanian stamps and coins; examine wall hangings, national costumes, wooden shoes (klumbers), and a replica of a chest in which a father's dowry for his daughter's wedding was accumulated.

There is a small shop with handcrafted leather goods, amber, and books. Dolls dressed in native costume are also for sale.

The museum is open daily from 1300-1600. Admission is \$1; Children, 50¢.

Take CTA No. 62 Archer-Cicero or Archer-Harlem bus south from State street to California; walk back ½ block.



What Is The Last Word?

Processed -- By These CTA Women

What we popularly call CTA's "Stenographic Services section" is really the company's word processing group.

Says Supervisor Joan Fitzgerald, "The word 'steno' is misleading because no one here actually takes steno."

Word processors may sound like a fancy name for people who are essentially typists. But this job requires more than just good typing skills.

For one thing, the electronic equipment used is far more sophisticated than the ordinary typewriter. Each of the six women in this group have taken several days of special training to learn how these machines operate.

One piece of equipment records information on magnetic cards as the operator types it out on paper. The cards can then be stored for future use as in the case of form letters.

Another machine records on tape and provides a video screen on which the operator may view the entire page at one time. A companion console unit then prints out a completed page as fast as 350 words per minute while the operator is preparing the next page.

Then there is the statistical typewriter with the 20 inch carriage for those pages which go beyond the standard 8½ x 11 size -- plus a complement of standard electric typewriters and dictaphone equipment.

Says Joan, "We are there primarily to help anyone who needs help on reports, manuscripts, proposals, speeches, or other projects of a special nature. Our work is not the kind of thing that a typist can do in a few minutes, but we can get it out pretty quickly because we have the capabilities of electronic equipment."

Those projects mean reams of paperwork, and some of the bigger ones include Accounting's financial reports, Engineering's specifications for bus and rail as well as lengthy briefs from Claims.

Some projects have run 1,000 pages or more. If it happens to be a rush job, then everyone gets in on it.

The gamut of projects and assignments ranges from letters and speeches to manuscripts, contracts and charts. The blotter-size CTA phone directories come out of Steno as well as the cross-index file for the CTA library.

"It is a fascinating department to work in," says Joan, "because you get an overall picture of what everyone else in the company is doing."



The most important machine among these word processors is the video screen typewriter. In action at the controls is Mary Imamura, with Joan Fitzgerald, supervisor of Stenographic Services, giving pointers. Watching intently are (from left) Niela Baronick, Patricia Jacobs, Michelle Walker, and Shirani Gunawarda.

Joan has been handling this kind of work for CTA since 1949. Stenographic was then part of the Accounting Department, and, she says, most of the projects were typed on ditto sheets which then had to be run off by the typist.

"Many times I would come home with purple pointers, my toes," she recalls. "Those were the good (?) old days."

The acquisition of the special equipment came within the last two years when Stenographic came under the wing of Administrative Services.

The present staff includes Niela Baronick, Shirani Gunawarda, Mary Imamura, Patricia Jacobs and Michelle Walker.

The new machines have undoubtedly made "Steno's" job easier and the work a lot faster. But, much credit has to go to the girls for helping to bring the electronic word to CTA.



Year-End

Transformation

Why, Santa, your son looks just like you! Actually, these "doubles" are Santa's helpers, distributing candy canes to riders on Christmas Parade day, 1976, courtesy of Jewel and CTA. But, the one on the left is the son (Ernest) of Colette Power, Claims. They were among a goodly number of CTA volunteers that Saturday.



This picture by Jerry Tomaselli, Sun-Times Photo, accompanied newspaper's story on rescue of woman from frigid Lake Michigan. Satisfaction at having saved a life is written on the faces of June Johnson, left, a jogger on the lakeside, who summoned off-duty CTA bus driver Anthony Gibson to help pull the woman from the waters. Both have been recommended for citizens awards. (Reprinted by permission of Chicago Sun-Times, Inc.)

Off-duty bus driver Anthony F. Gibson (North Park Garage) responded obligingly when a lady jogger lagged down his car on Lake Shore Drive and asked for help in rescuing a woman who had fallen into Lake Michigan. Gibson and another samaritan -- an FBI agent -- then helped pull the woman from the lake, according to the Sun-Times report of the incident, First District Police Captain Larry Lyons is recommending that Gibson, the jogger and the FBI agent be given citizens awards for their heroism.

Recently I rode the CTA's Douglas route and was impressed by one of your women conductors (Gurtha McDonold, West Section)," writes Marie A. Nichols, of Cicero. She called out the stops beautifully and gave courteous attention to passengers' questions. In general, she conducted her duties in a pleasant and business-like manner."

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George Conditt, Jr., rail service supervisor, North Section, rescued a young girl who had fallen to track level between a landing train and the Merchandise Mart station platform. The 4-year-old girl had unexpectedly left her mother's side and began boarding the southbound train behind another woman. Suddenly, the woman backed off the train, bumping her child and knocking her off balance. The girl fell, screaming, down to track level. Conditt, standing a few feet away, yelled to the conductor to hold the train, threw himself down on the platform, and called for the girl to grab his arm, quickly pulling her to safety. Rosemarie Hemzacek, CTA travel information representative, witnessed the incident and wrote Customer Service to commend Conditt for "his fast thinking which saved the child's life."

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A blind man boarded a North-South train at Howard and asked conductor Joseph Blake (South Section) about transferring to a westbound train in the Loop. Blake made a better suggestion for the transfer, took the passenger to the CTA personnel at the Fullerton platform and asked them to make sure the blind man got on the proper train. He did all this politely and efficiently," observed Northwestern University professor James V. Wertsch in a letter to CTA General Manager George Krambles. "Mr. Blake's concern for handicapped passengers is an excellent example of how people who care about their jobs can make public service in Chicago work better."

Another example of the importance of a bus driver's emergency alarm provides "the story behind the story" to a recent Sun-Times report on a shooting at Madison and Pulaski. The newspaper account tells how the suspect entered the bus on Madison, shot a man with whom he had started a quarrel, fled, and was then apprehended by police on another CTA bus shortly thereafter. The reason the police arrived so quickly -- quickly enough to catch the westbound CTA bus which the suspect had boarded after the shooting -- was that Dorothy Lofton (Kedzie Garage), driver of the first bus, summoned them at once with the alarm button.

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A 76-year-old rider who says "my running days are over" writes to thank Otis L. Hynson (52nd St. Garage), Drexel/Hyde Park driver, for stopping and waiting "until I could cross the street and board the bus." Ms. Mildred S. Robinson, of South Indiana Ave., says, "I was very thankful for his kindness. I noticed he was unusually thoughtful and courteous to all passengers as they boarded or departed."

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Janitor Elijah Brown has been commended by his supervisor, Robert A. Roessing, Maintenance, for helping to thwart a hold-up and apprehend a suspect at the Garfield station on the North-South route. Under threat of blowing up the station with dynamite, the suspect had forced the ticket agent to leave the booth and lie on the floor, along with Blake, while he emptied the cash drawer. Moments later, a concession stand operator entered the station. Brown signaled him and the man struck the suspect with a bottle as he was leaving the booth. Brown helped hold the suspect until police arrived.

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"It was a very gloomy day, but driver #9351 (Cornell L. Grant, 69th St. Garage) made it a cheery day with his smile and happy response." That's what Mrs. Lillian Schell, of North Washtenaw Ave., says about her ride on a Western Ave. bus to visit her husband in the hospital. She says Grant was "very clear in calling all the streets and telling people to have a nice day and not to forget their umbrellas."

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CTA's first aid training course for employees produced rewarding results recently for a 77th Street bus driver. Bennie L. Horns cut his head and knee severely in an accident at the garage. Raymond J. Colello, assistant garage superintendent, who had helped teach the company's first aid course, placed Horns on the floor and applied pressure to his head wound, binding it tightly with a clean handkerchief. At the same time, Colello asked driver James H. Adway to apply pressure to the artery above Horns' knee. Horns was later taken to St. Bernard's Hospital where doctors sewed 10 stitches in his head and another 17 in his knee.

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"Driver #9801 (Robert Martinez, 52nd St. Garage) on the #2 Hyde Park Express route shows constant concern for the safety and comfort of his passengers," writes Mrs. Jacqueline M. Heyden of North Hermitage Ave. "He answers inquiries with a polite and thorough reply. He even turned around and asked the passengers if the temperature in the bus was comfortable for them."

commendation corner

New Mayor's CTA Supervisor Is One Of First Well-Wishers



Early career at Mayor Bilandic's office, as the new mayor began his term, was CTA retiree Elward Williamson, center, who served as the mayor's CTA supervisor back in 1941. With Williamson, when he called on the mayor, was CTA Chairman James J. McDonough, left.

One of the first Chicagoans to call upon Mayor Michael A. Bilandic to wish him well in his new position was Elward T. Williamson, a CTA retiree who once had been the mayor's supervisor.

It was in the summer of 1941 when, as a temporary employee, Bilandic worked under Williamson on a track repair crew of the Chicago Surface Lines, one of the predecessor companies to the CTA.

"You taught me how to use a pick," said Mayor Bilandic as he greeted Williamson.

"And you taught me how to speak Croatian," responded Williamson.

"I appreciated that job very much because I needed to earn money for college," Bilandic said.

Picks were used by the track repair crew, Williamson explained, to remove granite blocks between streetcar tracks.

"I remember that we did a lot of work on the south side and that we also worked downtown in State street, realigning the streetcar tracks to make way for the construction of the State street subway," said Mayor Bilandic.

Williamson, who is 78, retired in 1963 from the CTA, where during his last eight years he had worked in the claims department. With offices at 6042 S. Michigan ave., Williamson is active as a notary public and a claim adjuster.

cta pensioners

The Next Meeting of the CTA Senior Citizens Retirement Organization Will Be Held Monday, Jan. 31, 1977, at: Mangam's Chateau, 7850 W. Ogden, Lyons. Cocktail 6 PM to 7 PM; Dinner promptly at 7 PM. Program: "Drive To Win...And Live" brush-up on Rules of the Road the fun-way. Our speaker will also be m.c. in a T type Quiz Show with prizes.

Ladies Day

Ladies will be honored at the Tuesday, Feb. 8, meeting of the CTA Pioneers. Pink Moran, who handles reservations (RO 3-6379) urges that all members or prospective members bring their wives. There will be a special entertainment program. For dancing pleasure of guests, music will be provided by Aldo of Italy. Place is 71 Golden Flame, 6417 W. Higgins road, corner of Nagle avenue. Lunch price is \$

Rail Book Sales Success Is Credit To CTAers—

Reports Jon Hahn's (substituting for vacationing Bill Herguth's) People column the Dec. 29 Chicago Daily News: "... Model train and Chicagoans fans are making run on Vol. II, 'Chicago's Rapid Transit' 1947-1976" according to engineers at A Nations Hobby Shop on Madison "... The 10 x 9, 256-page, heavily-illustrated book owes much to volunteer CTAers and CTA cooperation: Walter Keefe of Engineering is co-editor. Assisting were John Humiston, Retired, and Richard of Skokie Shop Art Peterson and Tony Schill of the Mart. George Krambles, despite his busy schedule, gave freely of his time and his collection of electric railway photos, from which many in the volume were drawn. Other illustrations were provided by Art Tonner Photo, and Bob Heinlein and Jack Sowchin of Public Affairs. Much information was provided by Gene Sullivan of CTA's Anthon Library and Bea Susan of Skokie, who, Mary Boski, Mr. Krambles' secretary, coordinating requests. Providing liaison were Public Affairs Manager J. T. Buck and Bill Baxa.

Our Baby Legend— Who They Are Now

1. Ed Schwamb, Assistant Garage Superintendent, Limits; 2. Ronald Ricks, Conductor, Howard St.; 3. Marvin E. Hulse, Chief Supervisor—North District; 4. Burt Bosan, Training Aids Technician II, Personnel Development; 5. John Baxa, Assistant Superintendent, Transportation—Near North; 6. Dorothy Parker, Ticket Agent, Belmont Station, Kennedy rapid transit; 7. Fred Limmel, Retired Superintendent, Control Center; 8. Larry Sussay, Board Member; 9. Jimmy Carter, President, U.S.A. (Photo courtesy UPI); 10. Steve Martin, Civil Engineer, Engineer II; 11. James Blay, Manager, Transportation; 12. Maria Lopez, Clerk II, Employee Relations; 13. Roy Wilson, Instructor, Archer; 14. Olga Rodriguez, Stenographer I, En지니어; 15. Jackie Holmes, Unit Supervisor, Agents; 16. Richard Bretz, Motorman, Howard St.; 17. Angelo Bianchini, Chief Clerk; 18. James J. Roch Director, Utility; 19. John Joyce, Day Foreman, Forest Glen; 20. Anita Curti Superintendent, Employment & Placement; 21. JoAnn Knudsen, Office Equipment Clerk, Management Services; 22. Russell Gunderson, Chief Clerk, Forest Glen; 23. Lawrence Oomens, Instructor, Limits Training Center; 24. Robert Brav, Supervisor District B; 25. Walter C. Stone, Operator, Control Analyst; 26. Edith Carr, Bit Driver, Forest Glen (first female line instructor); 27. Mitchell Mirowski, Bus Driver, Forest Glen; 28. Dolores Walker, Bus Driver, 52nd St.; 29. Ed Brabec, CTA Vice Chairman; 30. Colette Szczepanek, Secretarial Stenographer III, Transportation; 31. John A. Kurinec, Bus Driver, Forest Glen; 32. Barbara Martin, Stenographer, Personnel Administration; 33. Robert E. Ryan, Yard Foreman, Kimball Terminal

WILLIE F. ALEXANDER, 57, Maintenance,

Emp. 4-07-55, Died 11-26-76

HARRY J. BAILEY, 78, South Shops,

Emp. 9-16-29, Died 11-26-76

ELMER J. BRAUNHOLD, 69, Kedzie,

Emp. 5-16-39, Died 11-26-76

MELVIN W. BRIDGES, 94, Clark,

Emp. 10-09-09, Died 11-12-76

STEVE CLEMONS, 84, South Section,

Emp. 5-08-22, Died 11-16-76

FRANK COLEMAN, 86, North Avenue,

Emp. 7-14-20, Died 11-27-76

MATO CURAK, 85, Way & Structures,

Emp. 9-04-20, Died 10-20-76

HARRY E. DETTREY, 71, North Park,

Emp. 12-11-28, Died 11-30-76

GEORGE W. DEUTER, 85, Claim,

Emp. 2-23-48, Died 11-15-76

ERVIN A. DIETZ, 77, North Avenue,

Emp. 9-10-29, Died 11-12-76

JOHN W. FITZPATRICK, 68, Keeler,

Emp. 11-15-43, Died 11-04-76

ERNEST M. FOX, 90, District B,

Emp. 3-02-22, Died 11-13-76

RICHARD C. GISINER, 69, Security,

Emp. 6-10-41, Died 11-30-76

RALPH GRAGIDO, 54, 69th Street,

Emp. 12-09-46, Died 12-02-76

JAMES F. GRIFFIN, 79, Utility,

Emp. 6-20-26, Died 11-30-76

IN MEMORIAM

NELSON HALL, 78, North Section,

Emp. 10-19-43, Died 11-01-76

WILLIAM J. HANNON, 69, Schedule,

Emp. 7-14-37, Died 11-29-76

EDGAR L. HINES, 73, Skokie Shop,

Emp. 4-14-47, Died 11-22-76

HENRY A. HONINGS, 82, Wilson,

Emp. 12-20-26, Died 11-16-76

FRANZ J. JANATA, 77, West Section,

Emp. 5-28-18, Died 11-08-76

ERNEST JOHNSON, 72, Limits,

Emp. 11-11-25, Died 11-15-76

JOHN KACZAR, 69, North Park,

Emp. 2-20-51, Died 11-24-76

CORNELIUS KELFKENS, 86, South Shops,

Emp. 8-27-19, Died 10-07-76

WILLIAM L. KENNEDY, 71, Kedzie,

Emp. 12-17-26, Died 11-03-76

EDWARD KRASULA, 69, South Shops,

Emp. 10-17-44, Died 11-07-76

LEO LABARBERA, 79, Const. & Maint.,

Emp. 6-26-41, Died 11-20-76

LOU MAHER, 56, Kimball,

Emp. 5-15-50, Died 11-17-76

FRANK J. MARTELLO, 71, South Shops,

Emp. 4-16-41, Died 11-24-76

PERCY G. McDONALD, 84, Stores,

Emp. 10-18-26, Died 11-13-76

JOSEPH M. MURPHY, 72, Forest Glen,

Emp. 4-01-42, Died 11-07-76

MICHAEL PAULE, 90, West Shops,

Emp. 1-08-23, Died 11-25-76

CHESTER PAWLOWICZ, 53, North Section,

Emp. 2-16-68, Died 11-17-76

PETER J. PLUTA, 69, Engineering,

Emp. 8-05-44, Died 11-01-76

ROMAN PRITT, 62, North Section,

Emp. 6-19-58, Died 12-08-76

JAMES R. QUINN, 85, Transit Board,

Emp. 10-01-47, Died 11-26-76

EDWARD RASMUSSEN, 87, North Avenue,

Emp. 10-30-18, Died 11-26-76

SADIE W. ROWE, 85, West Section,

Emp. 5-08-44, Died 11-06-76

ERNEST E. SCHILLO, 90, Beverly,

Emp. 7-20-21, Died 11-06-76

JOHN SIMON, 79, Engineering,

Emp. 7-05-16, Died 11-26-76

CARL O. SKIE, 76, Limits,

Emp. 11-17-27, Died 11-27-76

JOHN J. STACEY, 88, Way & Structures,

Emp. 8-07-42, Died 11-06-76

ED STANISZEWSKI, 57, 54th Terminal,

Emp. 5-15-61, Died 12-20-76

ARTHUR VAN GUILDER, 71, Accounting,

Emp. 12-31-28, Died 11-29-76

NEW PENSIONERS

JOINING THE ranks of the retired on January 1 were the eight employees pictured here who had 40 or more years of transit service each with CTA and its predecessor.



K. H. McNEELY
43 Years



R. W. PETERSON
42 Years



S. J. GARRO
41 Years



J. P. SHEA
40 Years



C. E. EVENSON
40 Years



J. J. O'CONNOR
40 Years



W. C. SWAIN
40 Years



T. J. QUALTER
40 Years

ALEXANDER D. ADAMS, Janitor, Maintenance, Emp. 10-24-55
MORRIS E. ANDERSEN, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 6-12-46
AUDRA H. ANDERSON, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 10-12-63
JUZAS M. BAGDZIUS, Carpenter, South Shops, Emp. 8-21-50
JOHN J. BARBER, Collector, 77th Street, Emp. 5-04-37
JOHN J. BARRY, Clerk, South Section, Emp. 2-11-42
TRYGVE C. BERG, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 8-08-42
KATHRYN BATINA, Records Clerk, Schedules, Emp. 7-26-43
RENE E. BIARD, Asst. Foreman, Forest Glen, Emp. 11-06-42
CHRIST BORCIC, Bus Repairer, Beverly, Emp. 10-31-47
AGIS R. BRAY, Operator, Beverly, Emp. 12-06-48
JAMES D. BROGAN, Asst. Superintendent, Forest Glen, Emp. 8-22-41
THOMAS A. BYRNES, Bus Repairer, North Avenue, Emp. 9-06-45
FRANK R. CALPIN, Yard Foreman, South Section, Emp. 9-04-45
ANTHONY J. CANOVA, Collector, Limits, Emp. 4-17-43
CHARLES CARNES, Bus Serviceman, Beverly, Emp. 4-15-46
EDWARD CHEBO, Bus Repairer, Archer, Emp. 5-21-47
VITO M. CINQUEPALMI, Trackman I Maintenance, Emp. 6-04-41
ANTHONY S. CIUCIO, Laborer, Materials Management, Emp. 9-16-41
JAMES H. COBURN, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 9-09-42
HENRY J. COELYN, Supervisor, District B, Emp. 5-15-41
RUSSELL D. COLLINS, Operator, Kedzie, Emp. 7-10-41
MELVIN COOK, Unit Supervisor, Maintenance, Emp. 4-15-46
ARTHUR T. COOPER, Chief Clerk, Kedzie, Emp. 12-15-42
HOWARD S. CORDT, Substation Attendant, Maintenance, Emp. 11-01-46
ALFRED A. DAUS, Foreman, Skokie Shop, Emp. 3-30-37
THOMAS J. DIVER, Operator, North Park, Emp. 5-05-42
RAYMOND E. DOBSON, Supervisor, District A, Emp. 1-02-41
JAMES J. DOLAN, Operator, North Park, Emp. 9-17-42
LEONARD S. DOLBERT, Repairman, Forest Glen, Emp. 12-17-46
RAYMOND J. DROPE, Foreman A, 77th Street, Emp. 4-02-42
JOSEPH C. DUNN, Assistant Superintendent, Special Investigations, Emp. 11-30-42
ROBERT C. DURFEE, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 7-29-43
HOWARD R. DUVERDIER, Conductor, Howard Street, Emp. 10-27-45
HERBERT W. ELKE, Controller, Operations Control, Emp. 11-20-40
MAURICE A. ELLIOTT, Sr. Inspector, Security, Emp. 8-17-48
CHRISTIAN E. EVENSON, Coordinator, Claims Law, Emp. 6-13-36
JOSEPH J. FORCHIONE, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 6-06-46
AUGUST FORMANEK, Operator, Archer, Emp. 5-13-41
WILBUR FREDERICKSEN, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 10-22-41
ANNA M. GARRITY, Clerk I, Purchasing, Emp. 2-21-44
JAMES C. GARRITY, Repairman, Limits, Emp. 8-28-50

SALVATORE J. GARRO, Adjuster, Claims Law, Emp. 1-28-35
CARL W. GIBES, Director Personnel, Transportation, Emp. 8-13-41
JOSEPH R. GILIO, Collector, Kedzie, Emp. 9-12-46
LOUIS J. GLOWACKI, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 6-03-46
THADDEUS R. GORSKI, Operator, Kedzie, Emp. 8-19-41
BENJAMIN U. GULLY, Collector, 77th Street, Emp. 10-16-45
RICHARD A. GUSTAFSON, Operator, North Park, Emp. 8-11-41
MAXWELL E. HAMILTON, B & T Specialist, South Shops, Emp. 2-27-46
HAROLD P. HANSEN, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 8-12-41
RAYMOND HERT, Operator, Limits, Emp. 10-10-45
ARNOLD HODO, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 8-13-46
THEODORE F. HOELLEN, Clerk, Forest Glen, Emp. 7-13-36
CARMEN W. IACULLO, Operator, Limits, Emp. 7-18-44
EDWARD M. IGNACEK, Operator, Archer, Emp. 11-18-42
IRVING JOHNSON, Senior Clerk, West Shops, Emp. 10-03-42
EDWARD T. JURCZAK, Instructor, District C, Emp. 10-12-48
EDWARD KARKOCKI, Claims Representative, Claims Law, Emp. 11-17-41
WALTER KAWECKI, B & T Specialist, South Shops, Emp. 5-24-33
FRANK P. KENNY, Operator, North Park, Emp. 11-16-45
PATRICK J. KENNY, Unit Supervisor, Archer, Emp. 6-22-39
WILLIAM KERRIGAN, Supervisor, District A, Emp. 9-22-42
MINNA H. KING, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 4-25-59
FRANCIS C. KNAUTZ, Special Asst., Gen. Administration, Emp. 8-07-42
JOHN E. KOERBER, Operator, Beverly, Emp. 8-26-37
JOSEPH KOPINSKI, B & T Mechanic, South Shops, Emp. 3-09-49
ROCCO J. LABON, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 2-18-42
ROBERT G. LAFFERTY, Repairman, Forest Glen, Emp. 4-05-47
VICTOR A. LAULETTA, Dist. Superintendent, District D, Emp. 11-28-41
GUSTAV W. LEMAR, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 4-27-42
CARL A. LIDZBINSKI, B & T Mechanic, South Shops, Emp. 8-12-47
FREDERICK LIMMEL, Rel. Dist. Supt., Operations Control, Emp. 8-16-44
MICHAEL J. LUCAS, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 8-26-42
ANTHONY J. LULLO, Prod. Clerk I, South Shops, Emp. 7-15-47
BENNE MALONE, Tractor Operator, South Shops, Emp. 3-23-54
DANIEL J. MANZO, Box Puller, Forest Glen, Emp. 11-24-41
GERALD J. MATHIEU, Traffic Checker, Schedules, Emp. 1-12-42
EDITH L. MAURO, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 7-31-54
WILLIAM McCLANAHAN, Supervisor, South District, Emp. 12-04-45
KENNETH H. McNEELY, Supervisor, Accounts Receivable, Emp. 10-23-33
KENNETH A. MILLER, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 4-22-42
JOHN P. MITARAKY, Operator, North Park, Emp. 8-08-46
STEPHEN D. MOSNY, Manager, Medical, Emp. 11-15-41

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'77 Is Retirement Signal For

New year means a new life to a number of the most familiar names in the CTA family. For January first is the most prevalent retirement time.

In salute to the many who have served public transportation Chicago so well -- and in various capacities -- Transit News has



Fran Knautz

Fran Knautz has been serving as special assistant to the manager General Administration.

Previously, Knautz had been manager of Personnel and, earlier, superintendent of Public and Employee Relations. During his term as personnel head, Knautz was elected president of the National Association of Supervision Systems.

Knautz began his Chicago public transportation career as a clerk for the Chicago Surface Lines at the then Lawndale Garage. That was in 1942.

His management positions at CTA include those of superintendent job classifications, superintendent of employee relations, and assistant secretary of the Chicago Transit Board.

Knautz attended Austin high school and Northwestern University. During his business life, he has continued management education at both the University of Wisconsin and Marquette University.

Knautz and his wife, Rose, have three sons -- Robert, Ronald, and Roger. They are continuing their residence in the Edgebrook area after retirement and Knautz is beginning a "second career" in real estate sales.

"Doc" Stephen D. Mosny is one man almost everybody in CTA has met. As manager of the Medical Department, with offices in the Mart, Mosny and his associates conduct all physical examinations of entering employees.

Doc's medical expertise has been invaluable to the CTA in establishing health standards for CTA and in analyzing medically-related benefits to be provided by the CTA and legislative testimony to be presented. He has frequently written on family health subjects for Transit News.

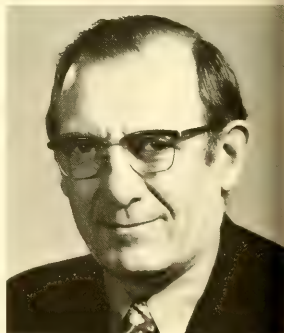
Mosny was hired as a physician by the predecessor Chicago Rapid Transit Company in 1941.

A resident of Downers Grove, he may soon be a New Englander. Shortly before the holidays, he left for an extended visit at Holliston, Mass., with his daughter, Karen, and his grandchildren.

While there, he is doing some looking around for a prospective retirement site, helping in community services, and engaging in his favorite hobbies: bowling, square dancing, and fishing.

Mosny lost his wife a couple of years ago and he believes a "change of scene" may prove beneficial to him. He also has a son, Russell.

The doctor graduated from the University of Illinois Medical School and did his internship at Grant hospital. His high school in Chicago was Harrison.



Dr. Mosny

Carl Gibes is one of the best known men in Transportation. He retired as special assistant to Manager James R. Blaa and, for a considerable period, was in charge of personnel for the entire division.

Gibes joined the Chicago Surface Lines in 1941 as a conductor, working out of the Archer Garage.

He has been a CTA instructor, dispatcher, garage superintendent, and superintendent of all operating personnel.

Transportation of some kind has been Gibes' life. In World War II service he was in the Air Force and he kept up his reserve flying status in civilian life. He served as an instructor in twin engine pilot training in Columbus, Miss.

When he moves to his retirement base in Arkansas, Gibes has selected the community of Jackson Heights because it is near the Little Rock Air Force base.

The Gibes' (his wife's name is Hildegard) have been living in Hickory Hills. They have two children, Ronald and Shirley Ann.

Gibes attended Austin high school and Northwestern University, where he majored in accounting.



Carl Gibes

me Of CTA's Famous Names

lected six representative CTA people to present in this issue. All are wished well in their new retirement careers. And may the Transit News continue to be the communications link between their retirement locales and CTA's continuing activities.

The assistant garage superintendent at Forest Glen - - James Brogan - - plans to move to Pontiac, Ill., shortly after the first of the year and spend his retirement watching over a business in which he has an interest. The business is a Chevrolet dealership that goes by the name of Lynn. In addition, Brogan will do a little cross-country traveling. Brogan joined the Chicago Surface Lines in 1941 as a motorman, working out of Lawndale Garage. He was promoted to supervisor in 1959, became an instructor in 1963, and has held his garage superintendent post since 1973. The Brogans (his wife's name is Evelyn) have been living in Northlake. They have two daughters, Carol and Diane.



James Brogan



Victor Lauletta

Vic Lauletta is moving to Lenexa, Kan., after the month of January. He has no detailed plan for retirement activity. He just plans to take it easy and "see what develops."

Lauletta came aboard with Chicago Surface Lines in 1941. He worked out of Limits as a motorman.

At CTA, he has moved up the ladder from district supervisor, and relief district superintendent, to full-time superintendent of District D.

Vic and Marion Lauletta have made their home on Chicago's North Side during his CTA service. They have two daughters - - Georgene and Vickie.

Joseph J. O'Connor retired January 1, marking the end of 107 years, or three generations, of work in Chicago transit.

O'Connor, who leaves his job as superintendent of office procedures and budget in engineering, says his father and grandfather were talking "shop" for as long as he can remember. Like his father, O'Connor's only ambition was to follow his father's footsteps.

Grandfather Jerry O'Connor worked as a general foreman of a track gang, building extensions to Chicago City Railway lines. He started in 1885 when it was not unusual to work 10-12 hours a day, seven days a week.

While O'Connor's father, Joseph, a division superintendent of the Chicago Surface Lines, did not have as many scheduled hours as his father did, his job demanded he be "on call" 24 hours a day. O'Connor says, with a wry grin, that "of course" these calls usually came in the middle of the night.

However, he says there were advantages in being raised in a transit family. O'Connor says his father worked straight through the depression, and never got a cut in salary. He saved and invested wisely enough to educate 12 children - - five of them through college and two on to further degrees.

O'Connor's CTA career has dealt with surveying and time studies on location and research and map-making. As he departs for a retirement European trip, he may wonder if it is a conclusion of his history at CTA. But who knows - - he does have two sons still in school.



Joseph J. O'Connor

NEW PENSIONERS (Continued)

WILLIAM NEAL, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 8-09-51
CARL O. NELSON, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 6-10-46
WALLACE L. NELSON, Lineman,
Maintenance, Emp. 4-01-43
SIDNEY A. NETTLES, Car Repairman A,
61st Street, Emp. 8-01-44
JOSEPH J. O'CONNOR, Superintendent,
Office Proc. & Budget, Emp. 6-03-36
EDWARD W. O'DAY, Car Serviceman,
Howard, Emp. 1-30-52
JOHN OHLMAN, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 4-02-46
HAROLD O'MALLEY, Mail Clerk,
Adm. Service, Emp. 9-02-42
PATRICK O'SHEA, Laborer,
South Shops, Emp. 10-24-47
JAMES W. PATRICK, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 5-18-46
ROBERT W. PETERSON, Clerk,
North Park, Emp. 5-25-34
LEONARD H. PHILLIPS, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 5-08-58
JEROME PIERCZYNSKI, Supervisor,
Central District, Emp. 5-20-41
HENRY J. PRANGE, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 10-10-45
EDWARD H. PRICE, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 5-21-46
THOMAS J. QUALTER, Supervisor,
Maintenance, Emp. 7-07-36
EDWARD A. REYNOLDS, Sheet Metal Wrkr.,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 10-22-51
GEORGE ROGERS, Track Welder,
Maintenance, Emp. 6-19-46
CHARLES P. SANDRIK, Janitor,
Kedzie, Emp. 8-25-41
WILLIAM A. SCHMARJE, Machinist,
South Shops, Emp. 2-09-48
FLOYD L. SCHREIBER, Ticket Agent,
South Section, Emp. 8-06-66
JOHN P. SHEA, Foreman,
Maintenance, Emp. 6-10-36
WALTER F. SHIPYOR, Collector,
77th Street, Emp. 11-16-43
DAVID SIMPSON, Supervisor,
District C, Emp. 4-28-42
WILLIAM J. SLADKY, Painter,
Maintenance, Emp. 11-28-45
HARRY D. SOREGHEN, Med. Technician,
Medical, Emp. 8-02-37
EDWARD G. STUPAY, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 8-20-41
WALTER C. SWAIN, Chauffeur,
Utility, Emp. 11-27-36
HELEN J. TOTH, Material Claim Clerk,
Materials Management, Emp. 10-20-44
FRANK C. TROILA, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 2-18-42
GLENN VANDERFLUTE, Laborer,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 8-11-45
JOSEPH VARGA, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 8-29-52
PHILIP J. VITALE, Repairman,
Forest Glen, Emp. 10-17-46
OTHA WASHINGTON, Upholsterer,
South Shops, Emp. 10-28-52
CHARLES J. WEYER, Instructor,
District C, Emp. 8-01-45
BENJAMIN F. WITT, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 7-24-41
ROBERT J. WITTENBERG, Clerk,
North Avenue, Emp. 11-28-41
EDWARD WUJTIOWICZ, B & T Mechanic,
South Shops, Emp. 3-13-43
FRANK W. ZALOUDEK, Repairman,
Forest Glen, Emp. 12-04-47
ADAM A. ZARAZA, Carpenter A,
South Shops, Emp. 11-21-66

Service anniversaries in January

40 years



J. P. Flynn
Congress



R. C. Schageman
Passenger Controls



H. W. Davis
Howard-Kimball



L. O. Geisheimer
Limits

35 years

R. L. Blyth, Jefferson Park
R. Catanese, Desplaines Maint.
L. Edell, North Section
M. A. Kristman, Harlem Maint.
A. Modelski, Ashland
J. A. Moone, Archer Maint.
M. M. Neffas, Materials & Payables
F. M. Poznanski, Archer
E. Tasher, 52nd Street

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

ZAVIE ARTIS, Trackman II
Maintenance, Emp. 12-05-47
EARNEST PATRICK, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 3-09-70
BUFORD A. RAWLS, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 1-30-51
IRVIN F. SCHANK, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 6-19-43
EILEEN A. SHEA, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 11-15-40
CHARLES R. WILLIAMS, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 11-27-53

30 years

H. A. Andler, North Park
W. T. Barbour, Electrical
P. Christino, Chairman C.T.B.
A. Citro, Harlem Maint.
A. L. Dickson, Douglas-Congress
E. E. Epley, Kedzie Maint.
B. E. Fitzpatrick, Stores West
H. J. Friedl, Claims
F. R. Griffin, Electrical
O. J. Grigalunas, Beverly
J. C. Hoover, 77th Street
A. E. Johnson, Rail Service
R. Johnson, 77th Street
C. L. Kolodziej, Bldgs. & Grounds
V. M. Kruse, Electrical
R. J. Kusek, North Avenue
M. L. Kuzniar, Bridges
J. J. Leonard, Douglas-Congress
G. W. Morsi, North Avenue
E. Nelson, South Shops
L. P. Olandese, Adm. Services
J. Overall, Track
P. E. Price, 52nd Street
A. D. Rhode, North Avenue
F. P. Rowinski, Kedzie
J. T. Rusin, Howard-Kimball
T. M. Satkus, Beverly Maint.
S. L. Shimkus, South Shops
G. W. Simmons, Howard-Kimball
E. Sprovieri, Utility

25 years

A. Benn, 52nd Maint.
W. Benuzzi, Kedzie
M. T. Berry, Treasury
G. J. Fico, Beverly Maint.
W. C. Jackson, Kedzie
A. A. Jacques, North Avenue
J. J. Janesco, Archer
L. F. Jones, Beverly
E. E. Odle, Forest Glen
A. C. Smith Jr., 77th Street
J. H. Sprags, Kedzie

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cta girls in fashion whirl



Twenty-three CTA women have been performing as high-style fashion models recently -- and doing a very professional job of it.

The reason? To add scenic effect, charm, and CTA identification to an editorial feature on the new Wolf Point Apparel Center which will appear in the first 1977 issue of the CTA Quarterly.

The new Apparel Center addition to the Merchandise Mart complex makes this CTA destination even busier and creates increased ridership by both local people and thousands of out-of-town visitors.

CTA provides excellent service to the Mart Center with the recent No. 125 Water Tower Express stopping at the Apparel Center itself and connecting with the fashionable retail shops and hotels on North Michigan avenue and with the railroad stations -- and with the No. 149 Stateliner connecting the Mart Plaza with the Loop and southward locations.

The Apparel Center, with 1,000 rooms on 13 floors, is thus a logical subject for a Quarterly article.

For women readers especially, the display of fashions from the Apparel's first market heightened interest -- and the "neighbor girls" from CTA were photographed wearing the clothing in fashion magazine technique and style.

DORIS WINFREY (3), purchasing clerk, did a high jump at the photographer's suggestion to show off an emerald green French luxury suede gauchou suit. The pants are accented with side slit pockets and a zippered fly-front, matched with a blouson drawstring jacket.

As the lady on the go, DIANE WEIR (4), general operations clerk, took to the floor to show off a two-piece white polycotton mesh ensemble. The full swirling skirt is topped off with a matching drawstring shirt blouse with three-quarter length puffed sleeves.

Play togs are a must in every woman's wardrobe. Modeling such sportswear were Stenographic employees SHIRANI GUNAWARDANE (8), dictaphone typist, wearing a two-piece hot pink and navy blue striped short set made of T-shirt fabric, and PATTI JO JACOBS (6), mag-card operator, sporting a navy blue and cream colored hooded tunic coat in the same fabric, edged with piping and secured with a cream colored braided rope belt. Her cream denim slacks have a semi-flared leg.

T-shirt fabric was selected for KATHY KINNAHAN (19), library file clerk. Her navy blue tunic with boat neckline and side slits is a coverall for the matching white slacks. The tunic is piped in white.

RITA KRUEGER (9), Purchasing Department contract clerk, boasted a casual look in a three-piece coordinated ensemble made of polycotton. Her white peasant skirt is gathered at the waist, slit high on each side, and held with a tiny tie string belt. She wore a sleeveless white T-shirt with low scoop neckline topped off with a pleated front red overblouse.

Bus drivers OPHELIA ELLIS (21) of 77th Street Garage and PATRICIA HODGE (14) of Archer Garage were clad in three-piece sets consisting of a shirt-jac, sun hat and matching shoulder bags. For Ophelia, it was a Casablanca blue set. Her sun hat in neutral straw with medium turned down brim is secured with a blue head band matching the shirt-jac and shoulder bag.

Patricia wore the Sausalito multi-colored striped ensemble. Her sun hat has a wide brim turned up all around and secured by a multi-colored striped scarf attached to the inside of the hat, which drapes under the neck to give a scarf-like effect.

A must in every woman's wardrobe is a rain-or-shine coat. Better yet, a hooded poncho rain suit such as that selected for SUE THIEME (10), management development coordinator, Personnel Development. It comes in light blue or khaki, and has a wrap-around skirt to match.

ALICIA TOMLIN (2), receptionist in Materials Management, has a jaunty look (photographer's cue again) in a black and white plaid raincoat. Main feature of the coat is a stand-up ruffled collar with wide matching tie belt, giving the coat a full gathered look. Without the belt, the coat has a tent-like style. Completing the outfit is a triangular matching scarf that doubles as a neck or head scarf.

MARY ANN JAGODZINSKI (20), executive supervisor and secretary to the general manager of Finance, wears a metallic wrap around raincoat. Mary Ann posed for pictures in the lobby of the Apparel Center, next to the welded aluminum structure "Disc" by Tom McClure.

Posing for the "cover girl" shot in the Quarterly, GERI HECKER (18), witness locator clerk, Claim Department, alights from a CTA bus in a soft shell red all-weather coat, and carrying an umbrella with matching tote bag. The umbrella and bag have a red, white and blue hand painted design and complement the unfined smock style coat. For versatility, there is a matching wrap-around belt to give the coat a fitted look.

A basic dress or suit is practical for every woman's wardrobe and will go anywhere in the fashion world.



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EDNA SOUTHWORTH (24), buyer in the purchasing section of the Materials Management Department, poses next to the "Loopus", a steel structure designed by Mark Overs, and wears two-piece striped acrylic knit dress appropriate for any occasion. The semi-flared, A-line skirt is complimented by a pullover cowl-neck sweater with long sleeves and deep cuffs.

MARY BOSKI (17), executive secretary/superintendent of the General Manager's office, gets her collar adjusted by Betty Edwards (left) of the Public Affairs Department. Bill Neitzky, owner of the Lantry Leathers showroom, looks on approvingly as Mary gets ready for photos of the navy blue two-piece French luxury suede suit. The skirt is A-line with a matching blazer.

"On a cool day" one can see secretaries such as CLAIRE COX (12) of the Insurance and Pension Department in a washable acrylic knit two-piecer -- a navy blue box-pleated skirt with matching long-sleeve top, trimmed in white with a "yacht club" motif in center front.

LAURA PRENDERGAST (13), typist in the General Manager's office, proudly modeled a Lady Manhattan long-sleeve polyester shirt. The navy blue and white abstract design can be matched with slacks, skirts or suits.

As a sub-unit supervisor on the rapid transit, LUCRETIA RUSSELL (1) shows off in a two-piece off-white suit. A slit in the left side of the skirt makes walking easy. She is wearing a black quiana knit shirt blouse to compliment the suit.

Bold and subtle geometric prints are the up and coming designer specialties, such as the one worn by ELLEN MUNRO (15), attorney in the general law section of the Corporate Law Department. Ellen gets a final adjustment made on her scarf by one of the showroom attendants.

IRMA MUNIZ (7), clerk typist in the Pension Department, whipped off her wrap-around jacket for the photographer to reveal a jump suit with halter neckline. The black acrylic suit is complimented by a multi-striped bodice.

An off-duty lady bus driver likes loads of jewelry. She is FELICITA BORGES (11) of Forest Glen Garage. The cameraman caught Felicia admiring a wide variety of costume jewelry, such as the butterfly pendant she is wearing.

For "after five" attire, the editors selected a caftan designed by Nicole of Chicago; a long hand-screened formal made in Hawaii, and an Eva Gabor street length cocktail dress.

Modeling the caftan was OLGA RODRIGUEZ, (23), stenographer in the Engineering Department. Worn over a long formal, the multi-colored striped silk chiffon with matching scarf can also be worn over evening pants.

BONNIE LINDHAHL (22), library page, promenaded in a beautiful one-piece formal. The skirt has splashes of large hand-screened flowers that match the wrap-around bodice of the dress.

CHARLENE CABAI (5), executive secretary in the Personnel Department, could have danced all day to show the fullness of her elegant Eva Gabor street length cocktail dress. A dark brown quiana knit, its long line waist is topped off with a low V-neck, long puffed sleeves with deep cuffs, and a gold chain belt.

It was "center stage front" for the camera and light crew (16) during the photographing session of CTA models. Holding light for photographer Jack Sowchin on model Lucretia Russell are Amir Leppiks on the left and Betty Edwards, who coordinated the project. Various showrooms throughout the Apparel Center were used for the modelling and photo sessions.

In summing up the fun and enjoyment in doing this show, all the women participating mutually agreed that it was a real challenge. For many of them it was a "first" in modeling.

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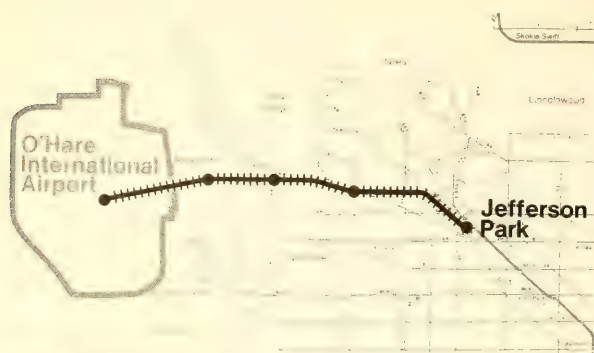
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Board Previews New Projects



The Chicago Transit Board at its February meeting heard a special report by George Krann General Manager, on plans by the Chicago Public Works Department to proceed as quickly as possible with two major transit projects - extension of the Kennedy rapid transit route from O'Hare International Airport and the transformation of State street into a transit mall. A special grant of \$5 million for engineering gave the go-ahead signal for the O'Hare extension which is expected to be completed in late 1979 or early 1980. Work on the transit mall is expected to begin this summer and be completed by Thanksgiving of 1978. For the nine blocks from Wacker drive to Congress street, State street will be reduced from six lanes to two lanes, the two lanes being for exclusive use of transit and emergency vehicles.



Jack Sullivan, general manager of Metro Transit Advertising, presented CTA Chairman McDonough with a check for \$546,166, representing the last payment of the CTA's share of revenue in 1976 for the sale of advertising on CTA vehicles and at stations. With such advertising sales setting a new high record, the CTA's revenue from this source was \$1,190,000, as compared with \$800,000 in 1975.



Later in the meeting Krambles modeled a prototype of a CTA T-shirt that is expected to be on the retail market in early spring. The T-shirts, with colorful designs of the rapid transit routes and bus stop signs, are being marketed under a contract by which the CTA will receive a royalty of 5 per cent of net sales.



Recognized by the board were CTA personnel from the Avenue Garage which won three of four safety awards in 1976 (Transit News, December, Page 10) and rang up its best year ever. Shown in the picture are (left to right) Hal Geissenheimer, general operations manager; J. P. (Pat) Hall, area superintendent; Ernie Banks, board member; Ward Chalmers, garage superintendent; Paul Kadowaki, superintendent of instruction; James Blaa, transportation manager, and Sime Dagle, Jr., instructor.

Other Board Highlights

Board Member Ernie Banks saluted on the occasion of the Baseball Hall of Fame (see following page).

CTA Personnel Fool Mother Nature. See page 9 relating the events which took place on the coldest day of the century in Chicago on Jan. 28.

TTABOY, ERNIE!

By W. B. Wolfan

Chicago Transit Board honored member Ernie Banks at Feb. 2 meeting with a special program praising the achievements that have earned him a place in baseball's Hall of Fame. Banks will be inducted into the Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, N.Y., on Aug. 8 this year. Acting Chairman James McDonough read a board resolution commending Banks for receiving the most coveted honor in baseball on the first ballot. WGN TV's Jack Brickhouse provided a 4-

minute taped tribute that described the great days of Banks' career as a Cub. Banks thanked the board in these words: "Thank you Mr. Chairman and teammates. It's really nice to be elected into the Hall of Fame and even more so when you make a presentation like this. I'm very proud and happy to be a part of a wonderful organization, the Chicago Transit Authority. The fans have made me what I am today and it's not me going into the Hall of Fame... it's all of us. You really have done so much for me and my family and I really appreciate it. Thanks so much for this wonderful resolution..."



Jack Brickhouse: his script appears below.

Exercising what she called her "prerogative as the only woman board member", Mathilda Jakubowski salutes the new Hall of Famer with a kiss.



Hey, Hey! We're on the air today in the CTA Board Room to congratulate Ernie Banks - - our Mr. Cub.

He was elected to the Hall of Fame the first time around and believe me, he deserves it any more than Ernie does.

We'll be back wearing good old No. 14 at Wrigley Field this summer and want to see all of you out there to watch Ernie hit a few fungoes in spring practice.

He has a new assignment in group sales and to help Manager Herman Franks at the park.

Ernie Banks is an asset to anybody - - the Cubs, the CTA - - you name it. He's the all-time favorite of Cub fans everywhere and of yours truly as well.

How Ernie could hit that ball! He had wrists of steel and don't forget - - besides those 512 home runs, he hit 407 doubles and 90 triples in his lifetime career.

And what an RBI man he was!

Eight times Ernie batted in more than 100 runs a season. He led the league twice in that department.

And he was a very good fielding shortstop, too - - one of the best.

One full season Ernie made only 12 errors - - the fewest number by a star shortstop in baseball history.

And how they cheered when Ernie hit Homer No. 500 at Wrigley Field. The place went up for grabs that afternoon.

And how about Ernie Banks day on August 15, 1964?

That was something else. Forty thousand people gave Ernie an ovation that was so tremendous that my eardrums almost burst. That was a day I'll never forget.

I can't count all the thrills Ernie Banks gave me in broadcasting hundreds of games that he played with the Cubs.

Ernie always gave it everything he had. I know he wanted a pennant so badly that it broke his heart when we blew it to the Mets in 1969.

Do you remember when Ernie blasted out those grand slam home runs - - of them in 1959 alone?

What a thrill that was every time Ernie would clean the bases. You got the money's worth in the good old ball park.

And of course the only guy to come close to Ernie in the most valuable player category was Joe Morgan of Cincinnati's world champion Reds.

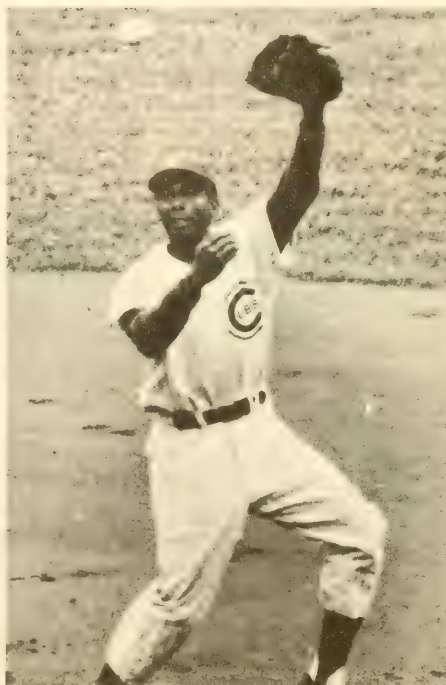
Ernie was the National League's most valuable player in back to back years, 1958 and 1959. Morgan was the first one to equal that when he won it this year for the second time in a row.

Yes, sir, this fellow Banks had it all from the day he broke in with the Cubs in 1953 for a glorious 19-year career.

Again, Ernie - - congratulations to you and our best wishes to the Chicago Transit Authority board members who are honoring you today.

Ernie Banks, you have an ambassador of good will who relates to young and old - - a man whose smile makes you feel like a million.

This is Jack Brickhouse saying goodbye for now. See you at the ball



EGAN: CTA's New General Attorney Is One Of City's Most Respected

If you wanted to build a case for a prospective general attorney for the CTA, you would have to go far to find better evidence than that attached to Edward J. Egan, the man whom the Chicago Transit Board appointed to the long-vacant position last month.

He has familiarity with the industry. In fact, his first job before World War II army service was with the Illinois Central Railroad -- in the accounting division.

He has experience as a jurist. In fact, since his election to the Circuit Court in November, 1964, he has won a reputation as one of the most respected judges in the city.

He is Chicago from head to toe. He was born here (on May 10, 1923), he went to high school here (St. Rita, 1941), he got his law degree here (DePaul, 1949), and he has always practiced here (his legal firm is Burke, Weber and Egan).

When you look back on it, people might have guessed that Egan would become an expert in arguing cases before a jury -- as far back as St. Rita school days he won the Gold Medal for Oratory and placed first in the public speaking competition for all Catholic high schools in the archdiocese.

During his military service, Egan attended New Mexico A&M College in Las Cruces for nearly a year, then was shipped overseas where he served in the European theatre with the field artillery.

He was engaged in considerable combat and was awarded four battle stars. He received his honorable discharge in October, 1945, and returned to Chicago to enter DePaul the following year.

In February, 1951, Egan became an assistant state's attorney. For the next seven years, he served as a trial assistant and prosecuted more than a thousand bench trials and more than a hundred jury trials.

After a brief period back in private practice, Egan was appointed first assistant state's attorney under Daniel J. Ward. He held this position for four years prior to his election to the Circuit Court.

He sat in the Law Jury Division until January, 1968, hearing primarily personal injury cases, then was assigned to the Criminal Court, where he sat for nine months and heard many bench and jury trials.

In October, 1966, he was reassigned to the Law Jury Division until the following October when he was assigned to the Miscellaneous Division.

Five years later, Egan was appointed an Appellate Judge. In this role, he wrote more than 100 opinions and participated in the preparation of 360 others.

Evidencing the high standing of Edward Egan in the judicial circles are these evaluations:

... In 1972, when he ran for retention as a circuit judge, he drew an "outstanding" performance rating from the Chicago Council of Lawyers;

... In 1974, when he ran for election to the Appellate Court, he was the only candidate rated "outstanding" as an Appellate Judge.

Egan has ten children -- five of whom he "acquired" in February, 1975, when he married a widow, the former Janet Cassell Sweeney.

He and his first wife, the late Sally Warner Egan, had five children: Matthew, now 18; Moira, 17; Lynn, 16; Brian, 15; and Daniel, 11.

Egan is a member of St. Barnabas Catholic church, which belongs to both the Chicago and the American Bar Associations.

Since September, 1975, in addition to his law practice, he has taught legal ethics at DePaul Law School.

Words Of Appreciation To Employees

In relation to the Feb. 4 accident on the Loop 'L', Chairman James J. McDonough and General Manager George Krambles have requested CTA Transit News to carry this jointly prepared message of appreciation:

To Our Fellow CTA Employees:

The wonderful response by so many of our people in the emergency is deeply appreciated. Many on duty continued to work without any thought of time. Many others, some of whom had just gotten home, rushed back to volunteer their services, and many capably performed duties that are not their normal assignments.

Your efforts showed how important it is for all of us to be constantly alert in the performance of our duties. A difficult and complex recovery effort was carried out effectively and safely by you and the many other people with various agencies outside the CTA. All of this demonstrated a great spirit of human concern.

We thank each of you personally for your assistance in this emergency.

OUR APOLOGIES



L. O. Geisheim

These two photos were inadvertently transposed on the Anniversary Page of the January issue of Transit News.



H. W. Davis

cta engineering department projects in progress



WINTER ARRIVAL: Here is a full-length view of the first of 200 new buses previewed by Mayor Bilandic and other public officials on January Board meeting day (see Transit News, Jan., '77, page 7). The buses arrived in a post-New Year's snow, but one of the new features demonstrated by Acting Chairman McDonough (inset) was a warm weather innovation - a roof air vent permitting refreshing circulation of air inside the bus when operation of the air conditioner is not necessary. Other new features include a lighted "stop requested" device which can be seen by the driver, vandal resistant seats, and signs requesting priority seating for elderly and handicapped riders.

PASSENGER PROTECTION: This new flush air canopy has been erected over the train platform of the Central Park station on the Douglas Avenue line. The canopy extends out over the transit tracks to assure complete protection of passengers during rainy weather. Remodeling work on the station during the abnormally cold winter has been made possible through provision of temporary enclosures for the workmen.





FIRST STEPS IN \$5.5 MILLION PROJECT

Staging work has begun on the new Despletes avenue terminal on the Eisenhower route. The \$5.5 million project is funded two-thirds by UMTA and one-third by IDOT. A temporary parking lot is providing space for passenger automobiles during the construction work. The present CTA employee facilities and offices are being moved from their former track location to Van Buren street until completion of the new building two years hence.



FUEL CAPACITY INCREASED: These two new tanks (holding more than 10,000 gallons each) have been installed at CTA's Archer garage. They replace smaller tanks. The new larger tanks permit a reserve of sufficient fuel to sustain a three-day holiday weekend of service by 252 buses running regular service out of Archer.

Chicago Weather Goes Arctic But CTA Eskimos Keep Service Running



Arctic expedition conditions blew into Chicago on early Friday morning, Jan. 28, giving the frigid month a hard deepfreeze topping as the CTA operating and maintenance crews a 24-hour cold weather headache.

But, thanks to mufflers, scarves, insulated hard hats, gloves, hot coffee -- and mostly dedicated work by CTA employees -- the trains and buses were kept moving, albeit sometimes behind schedule. And, by the earlier rush hour of 1430, service was even better than normal because six and eight-car trains had been put into service sooner to accommodate the fleeing Loop workers.

In highlighting the icy morning and night before to the February Transit Board meeting, George Krambles, general manager, said:

"The winter this year has been the most severe in my experience of damaging effects on our service and our physical plant. The extreme and persistent cold is the chief culprit. But snow, fog, and ice are also very damaging.

"The morning of Jan. 28 was the worst we have had for operational conditions in the whole century. It even exceeds the damage and difficulty we had in the 1967 blizzard.

"We had broken rails. We had several cases of broken trolley shoes which pick up power from the third rail. And, in one case, we had a derailment resulting in a two-hour suspension of service on the Lake Street line.

"We also had trouble from freezing of water lines and lubricants. The latter shows up in such equipment as escalators which have to operate in close to out-of-doors conditions. The wind chill factor went down to 70 below and the wind, blowing across our machinery, caused stiffness in the grease.

"Water seepage was a problem. As the frost line got down to five feet, we began to have broken water mains throughout the city which, of course, interrupted our service. At West Shops, a foot and a half of slushy ice formed outside the building. We experienced heaving in the pavement and ice on the streets which affected our buses.

"I want to extend my personal appreciation to the Operations Division who had the brunt of trying to keep our system running. They did a fine job. You can imagine the fellows working on rerailing that car... I was over there. They could work for only 20 to 30 minutes at a time.

"Their hydraulic jacks were unusable because the fluid wouldn't circulate so they had to do it by hand with ratchet jacks. This is a tough job. Some of the most dedicated workers stayed out for an hour and a half and looked like icicles when they got through.

"Our Maintenance department did a great job in a hurry. Some of our old-type two-car units have been fitted with a snow plow which can be installed quickly under the coupler. We call them squeegy cars because the rubber blade comes right down to the top of the rail.

"The Skokie Swift was one of the tough lines to keep running because it doesn't operate after midnight so additional service was put on

to keep the line open. In one case, we were short on cars, and a massive effort had to be undertaken to transfer 50 cars from the North-South line to the Dan Ryan and Lake Street line."

Krambles told reporters covering the Board meeting that the Friday deepfreeze cost the CTA about \$500,000 in equipment repairs, overtime, and lost revenues. Ridership was reported to have dropped by 600,000 for the day.

Krambles estimated that \$220,000 in cost would be necessary to repair the 220 motors on rapid transit cars which were damaged by blowing snow.

There were countless incidents of extra public service by CTA employees to keep the system running:

At Howard and Linden yards, for example, where snow blew into the switches, then quickly converted to ice, crews soaked rags in oil and lit small fires to unfreeze the switches -- all in a 39 mile-per-hour gale.

At numerous bus stops where water mains had broken, supervisors had to park their cars and climb out into the subzero wind with bags of salt to melt the ice and give the buses traction.

In the Control Center at the Mart, Harry Horn, assistant superintendent, began awakening CTA personnel as soon as he noted the 0200 weather report and found that the temperature had dropped 14 degrees in just an hour.

CTA men wore thermal hoods and liners under their hard hats. Some wore ski masks. Lined gloves were standard equipment and hot coffee was the standard reward at the end of each shift.

Among the many CTAers who braved the cold to win this battle against Old Man Winter were the following men who worked throughout the early morning hours to rerail the Lake Street train and keep the equipment in operation:

Jim Roche, Dan Bowen, Excell Buckner, Gary Butler, George Howard, Oliver Johnson, Jerald Kraus and Vernon Landis, all of Utility.

John Angel, Allen Austin, Jimmy Beatty, Jim Bergan, Gilbert Cox, Ronald Czurylo, Charles Ferrante, John Frazier, Peter Graf, Robert Hormel, Edward McSweeney, Francis Mulree, John Murphy, Richard Norton, Paul Shurchay, John Ulanski and John Williams, all of Electrical Third Rail Maintenance.

Edward Tomkovich of Track Maintenance.

Harry Barendt, Ronald Benson, Al Brandt, Bob Brown, Alan Clark, Art Coli, Roger Comer, Anthony DiCristofano, Vincent Gasparatis, Dave Greig, Joe Gully, Tommie Lowery, Reginald McEachin, Alphonso Peluso, Joseph Rombout, John Sara, Russell Schaeffer, Carl Sims, Pat Staudt, Ted Szewc, Gerry Thieve, Richard Vieth and Dan Walter, all of Electrical Interlocking Maintenance.

Herbert Lowenstein, acting area superintendent of rail service; Richard Armstrong, Walter Garbo, William Haase, Arthur Johnson, Jerry Johnson of North Rail District; Reginald Freeman, Henry Hoods, William Nash, Robert Suta and Richard Watson of South Rail District.

NEW PENSIONERS

JOINING THE ranks of the retired on February 1 were the three employees pictured here who had 40 or more years of transit service each with CTA and its predecessor.



T. A. Hildebrant
42 Years



M. L. Van Hal
40 Years



L. O. Geisheimer
40 Years

LOUIS P. ANASENES, Foreman B, Plant Maintenance, Emp. 3-01-48
DEWEY BAKOTICH, Trackman II, Plant Maintenance, Emp. 10-25-41
EUGENE A. BERGFELD, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 2-23-63
BENNIE A. BONIFAY, Lineman, Plant Maintenance, Emp. 5-21-46
LILLIAN EDEL, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 1-30-42
LEWIS O. GEISHEIMER, Janitor, Limits, Emp. 1-12-37
HELEN T. GUTH, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 3-30-63
THOMAS A. HILDEBRANT, Dist. Supt., District D, Emp. 3-13-34
JAMES M. MEISTER, Operator, North Park, Emp. 6-21-48
JOHN J. MILLETTE, Asst. Dist. Supt., Districts B & C, Emp. 7-17-41
HARLOW W. MOELLER, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 11-28-41
TERESA A. MOORE, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 3-17-62
DOMINICK F. NAPOLEON, Janitor, Forest Glen, Emp. 10-22-41
DOMENICK P. PAPA, Operator, Kedzie, Emp. 8-12-43
GERALD E. PEPPARD, Lineman, Plant Maintenance, Emp. 12-18-50
JOHN S. PETROSIOU, Assistant Supt., Archer, Emp. 5-07-46
FRANK J. PIENTO, Laborer, Skokie Shop, Emp. 6-04-46
FRANK H. POZNANSKI, Operator, Archer, Emp. 1-20-42

PETER PRETO, Track Foreman I, Plant Maintenance, Emp. 6-24-36
THEODORE V. RAPEY, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 9-17-42
HERBERT G. ROHLEN, Bus Repairer, 52nd Street, Emp. 8-11-41
FRANK R. ROWINSKI, Operator, Kedzie, Emp. 1-14-47
JOHN T. RUSIN, Conductor, Kimball, Emp. 1-08-47
JOHN M. SEDIVY, Machinist, West Shops, Emp. 10-01-37
MAURICE L. VAN HAL, District Supt., District B, Emp. 9-08-36
PHILLIP WINNICK, Shopman I, Skokie Shop, Emp. 10-27-48
FLORIAN J. WOJCIK, Truck Chauffeur, Utility, Emp. 2-26-45
CLYDE R. YOUNT, Signal Maintainer, Plant Maintenance, Emp. 2-20-46

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

ALEXANDER D. ADAMS, Rail Janitor, Maintenance, Emp. 10-24-55
LEON C. GARY, Operator, 69th Street, Emp. 8-03-61
JAMES W. LaFOLLETTE, Security Office, Security, Emp. 8-15-68
JOHN J. LURITO, Supt. Auditing Operations, Internal Auditing, Emp. 5-16-42
MAX A. NETZEL, Car Serviceman, Vehicle Maintenance, Emp. 8-06-53
BRIDGETT M. O'DONNELL, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 1-15-66
MOSE J. PRICE, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 2-14-50

IN MEMORIAM

ROGER J. AYOTTE, 40, North Park, Emp. 10-20-58, Died 12-29-76
OWEN P. BRENNAN, 90, 69th Street, Emp. 7-22-11, Died 12-30-76
THOMAS J. BUCKLEY, 65, 77th Street, Emp. 2-17-37, Died 12-15-76
LYNN H. BUTLER, 67, North Park, Emp. 9-09-42, Died 12-12-76
ANTHONY COMPARETTO, 90, Way & Struct., Emp. 4-27-27, Died 12-22-76
FRANK L. CULLEN, 72, 77th Street, Emp. 6-05-43, Died 12-01-76
THEODORE S. DRYIER, 65, Archer, Emp. 5-17-47, Died 12-20-76
JOHN DUFFY, 82, Keeler, Emp. 2-28-27, Died 12-12-76
LESLIE B. ELLIS, 81, DesPlaines, Emp. 8-08-18, Died 12-08-76
BURTON FRANCE, 73, North Avenue, Emp. 7-07-42, Died 12-06-76
SEVERT HANSON, 80, Forest Glen, Emp. 12-04-18, Died 12-25-76
BERT A. HEINEMANN, 80, Forest Glen, Emp. 12-12-23, Died 12-25-76
JOHN R. HOFFMAN, 64, Travel Info., Emp. 12-17-40, Died 12-26-76
ANTHONY F. JAGLA, 56, Ashland, Emp. 8-11-48, Died 12-21-76
FRANK JANKOWSKI, 84, South Shops, Emp. 9-08-26, Died 12-31-76

RAYMOND W. JOHNSTON, 65, Lake Street, Emp. 12-29-49, Died 12-12-76
ROBERT J. JOHNSTON, 77, North Park, Emp. 6-08-37, Died 12-11-76
CHARLES E. KUSCH, 64, District D, Emp. 8-31-37, Died 12-28-76
EDWARD LAWRENCE, 80, Forest Glen, Emp. 7-14-20, Died 12-06-76
JAMES LOCKE, 70, Wilson, Emp. 1-15-51, Died 12-16-76
MICHAEL LYONS, 101, Devon, Emp. 12-13-19, Died 11-16-76
JAMES H. MATTHEWS, 29, Kedzie, Emp. 6-10-70, Died 12-27-76
EDWARD O'CONNELL, 62, District A, Emp. 10-03-42, Died 12-30-76
OWEN B. O'MALLEY, 85, 77th Street, Emp. 1-14-19, Died 11-13-76
THOMAS O'MALLEY, 71, South Shops, Emp. 12-02-29, Died 12-31-76
HERMAN G. POLTE, 90, North Section, Emp. 6-06-08, Died 12-11-76
JOHN G. PRESSER, 82, Limits, Emp. 10-16-19, Died 12-26-76
JOHN E. QUAID, 82, Forest Glen, Emp. 5-31-12, Died 12-14-76
JOSEPH RASPORICH, 66, Engineering, Emp. 8-06-29, Died 10-29-76
DANIEL S. SAMUELS, 86, 77th Street, Emp. 8-01-23, Died 12-02-76

JOHN E. SCHUH, 75, North Avenue, Emp. 9-12-34, Died 12-12-76
GEORGE E. SULLIVAN, 63, Kedzie, Emp. 3-30-42, Died 12-20-76
GEORGE C. SWANSON, 80, 77th Street, Emp. 3-07-29, Died 12-31-76
ERNEST E. TURNER, 62, Archer, Emp. 7-01-48, Died 12-03-76
JOHN J. VAUGHN, 72, Beverly, Emp. 10-14-47, Died 12-25-76
FRANK A. WILMAR, 88, Armitage, Emp. 11-23-23, Died 12-16-76

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Making Transit Seeable For The Sightless



Steve Hastalis, CTA community relations representative, records sound of approaching Ravenswood train at the Merchandise Mart station.

The "NFB Limited," a two-car chartered train, pulled out of the Howard station on a frigid winter Sunday morning with a unusual group among its 60 riders—10 of them were blind.

NFB stands for the National Federation of the Blind. The train's unofficial name as granted by CTA's Steve Hastalis was created by the charter trip.

Two-fold purpose of the seven-hour tour (NFB first) was to raise funds for the NFB's Chicago chapter and to further a positive image of the life that can be enjoyed despite blindness.

Hastalis, who is blind, is a CTA community relations representative. He is also board member of the NFB's Chicago chapter and is an ardent rail fan.

Also on the trip were Alan Glickman of TA sales, who is legally blind, and his wife, Roberta; Stephen Benson, 1st vice president, NFB of Illinois and Chicago chapter president; Donald Gilmore of Kankakee, resident of the NFB's Prairie State chapter; Peter Grunwald, NFB of Illinois board member; Mary Lou Winter, Chicago chapter board member; Pamela Klein, Chicago chapter secretary; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Anode of Oak Park, and Michael Cramer.

Joining them on the trip were 29 members and friends of the Central Electric Railfans Association and 10 members of the Illinois Railway Museum of Union, Illinois.

William Reynolds, CTA traffic technician, street traffic section, acted as one of the marshals who assisted the other riders when they alighted at several rest and photo stops during the tour over the Skokie Swift, Evanston, North-South and Ravenswood rapid transit routes.

Hastalis and Cramer, both audio buffs, brought their tape recorders aboard. (A tape recorder, Hastalis explains, is to the blind what a camera is to a sighted person—a means of capturing and preserving an important event or an interesting incident.)

The morning run on the Skokie Swift and Evanston Express routes featured the rebuilt 4000 series cars. The afternoon run on the North-South and Ravenswood routes was made on an Evanston Express train. During the trip Hastalis distributed pamphlets published by the National Federation of the Blind, the largest organization of blind people in the nation.

"The real problem of blindness," the pamphlet states, "is not the loss of eyesight. The real problem is the misunderstanding and lack of information which exists. If a blind person has proper training, and if he has opportunity, blindness is only a physical nuisance."

The determination to overcome his "physical nuisance" led Hastalis through the University of Illinois where, in 1973, he was graduated with a bachelor's degree in marketing. Being a rail fan since childhood, he was eager to join the CTA and did so in May, 1975.

Hastalis, 24, also is interested in intercity travel. He is a member of the 20th Century Railroad Club, a group devoted to national rail travel.

When he visits cities such as New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Washington or Toronto, he always takes as many rides on public transit as he has time for.

He doesn't use a guide dog. Instead, he prefers a long fiberglass cane to help him get about. Most of his fellow blind riders used similar canes. "My cane gives me better mobility than a guide dog. And I don't have to feed it or take it out for walks," he

says with a chuckle.

Hastalis' duties as a CTA community relations representative include talking to various groups about use of public transit.

"Blind people, in general, appreciate knowing that public transit in Chicago usually is nearby so they can travel throughout most of the area on scheduled train and bus routes," he says. During these appearances, Hastalis plays tapes of various sounds he has recorded on the CTA's bus and rapid transit routes.

"I recently spoke to 35 third-graders at the Joyce Kilmer Elementary school, 6700 N. Greenview ave., and played my tapes during my talk," Hastalis says.

"I could tell I had their full attention. No one seemed to move or even whisper as I explained how their parents and other grown-ups use the CTA to go to work or go shopping."

Recently, he gave a week-long series of talks to all eight grades of the Peabody Elementary school, 1444 W. Augusta blvd. He spoke to 750 pupils and their teachers about the CTA, its operation and equipment.

He also has addressed members of the Illinois Visually Handicapped Institute, 1151 S. Wood st., and adults at a meeting in the Theodore Herzl Child-Parent Center, 1401 S. Hamlin ave.

Hastalis also gives personally escorted instructional tours on the CTA system for blind out-of-town visitors and new residents referred to him by the Federation, the Blind Services Association and the Lighthouse. He has performed this service for groups up to a dozen but finds the one-on-one teaching on CTA travel to be the most effective.

Evenings and weekends, Hastalis' apartment is a gathering place for rail fans and audio enthusiasts.

"I'm 'heavy' into audio and tapes," he explains. "I have three stereo cassette recorders and four reel-to-reel recorders. I have built and helped solder a component patch panel for tying my equipment into my amplifier, turntable and stereo speakers." For relaxation, he plays the piano, flute and mouth organ. His music preferences are for Bach and progressive jazz.

To Steve Hastalis, the mathematically precise beat of Bach and the expression of progressive jazz and the rhythmic movements of a big city's transportation system blend to make a joyous sound.

This Rider Listens To 'L' Stations

Every workday Stephen Benson joins thousands of other commuters boarding one of the CTA's southbound "L" trains on the near north side.

He rides to the Loop, transfers to an Eisenhower route train, rides to the Desplaines venue terminal in Forest Park and there boards a West Towns bus to go to Hines Veterans hospital, Maywood.

At the end of the day, Benson leaves his job at the hospital and returns home by the same route.

Like his fellow CTA riders, Benson knows every station on the rapid transit routes by heart. But there's a difference.

Nearly all of the riders see the stations. Benson says he "feels" them.

Stephen Benson is blind.

"When I say I can 'feel' a station," he said, "I mean I can tell what station the train is approaching by the different patterns of curves, straightaways and sounds."

Benson, who is first vice president of the National Association of the Blind of Illinois and is president of the NFB's Chicago chapter, explained his system on a recent NFB chartered train tour of the CTA.

As the nonstop train headed south on the Evanston Express route, Benson easily identified the Sheridan station because of the large sweeping curve and the distance of buildings nearby.

"Each station has its own pattern of track curves and straightaways and its own sound pattern," he said as the train approached Addison.

"This is Addison because we just passed over a slight curve following a stretch of straight track. There's a building or a wall close to the west platform because I hear the train's sound bouncing back from it," he said.

As the train continued southbound, Benson identified the Belmont, Diversely, Fullerton, Sedgwick, Chicago and Merchandise Mart stations.

"Once a blind person learns these track and sound patterns, it's easy to identify the stations," he said.

Benson's daily trips on the CTA and West Towns routes takes him to his hospital job where he teaches braille to blinded veterans.

And for the last eight years he has been doing this. But Stephen Benson uses the CTA with "feeling."

Big Crop Of Promotions As New Year Begins

New Maintenance, Medical Chiefs Head List



Far left: Joseph J. Repplinger; upper left: James R. Pankonen; upper right: Richard M. Schneider; lower left: George C. Haenisch.

Joseph J. Repplinger, director of Vehicle Maintenance for the past three years, has been named manager of Maintenance. Repplinger joined the Chicago Surface Lines in 1940 as a car cleaner. He became superintendent of surface shops and garages in 1968. He and his wife, Mary, live in Elmhurst.

James R. Pankonen, superintendent of Rail Vehicle Maintenance since 1975, has become director of Vehicle Maintenance. He previously served as temporary management training coordinator and as supervisor of bus garages. A CTA employee for 15 years, Pankonen lives on the northwest side with his wife, Theresa.

Richard M. Schneider, former supervisor of bus shops, is now superintendent, Rail Vehicle Maintenance. Schneider began his career with the Chicago Surface Lines in 1944 as a carhouse clerk at Limits. He became superintendent of Technical Services, Surface Division, in 1961. He and his wife, Barbara, make their home in Barrington.

George C. Haenisch, superintendent, Methods/Standards since June, 1974, has been named supervisor of bus shops. Haenisch holds an associate's degree in automotive engineering and a bachelor of science degree in industrial technology from Southern Illinois University. He joined CTA in 1970 as a graduate trainee and later served as Technical Services engineer and Methods/Standards technician. He and his wife, Arline, live in Elmhurst.

Area Superintendents Named



Desvignes



Johnson



Wsol

The Personnel Section of Transportation has named three new area superintendents and has reassigned two others. Robert L. Desvignes, superintendent, Administrative Training/Training Services since 1974 (top left), has been appointed area superintendent, Far South. A CTA employee for 28 years, Desvignes previously was terminal superintendent, Forest Park.

Alex C. Johnson (top center), station superintendent at North Park for the past five years, has been selected for the new position of area superintendent, Central. Johnson, a 30-year CTA employee, will alternate with other area superintendents as assistant to Harry Reddick, director of Personnel.

Frank A. Wsol (top right), another 30-year CTA veteran and station superintendent at 77th St. since 1974, has become area superintendent, Near South. Area superintendent John P. Hallahan has moved from Near North to Far North, while William J. Moser has gone from Near South to Near North.

Also in Transportation, Richard Gross, former Capital Development coordinator, Planning/Programs, has been named supervisor, General Planning, and Walter Caston, former instructor, Instruction-South, has become a management/professional intern.

Dr. George B. Siler has been named medical director of CTA. A graduate of Northwestern University Medical School, Dr. Siler joined the Authority in 1971 as an examining physician. For 21 years he was the plant physician for an oil company in Whiting, Indiana. He and his wife, Lois, live in Homewood.

James E. Bidwill has been appointed director, Claims Management. He had been supervisor of Research/Education, Administration and Development Section, Claims Law & Real Estate, since his employment by CTA in 1975.

In the Comptroller's office, Harold F. Brown, former director, Accounting, has been named assistant controller, Operations, with responsibility for accounting operations, general accounting, payroll accounting, revenue accounting and materials/payables. Jay A. Franco, former senior financial analyst, has become assistant comptroller, Systems/Analysis, with control over financial reporting/analysis, budget/planning, grant property accounting and computer liaison.

In Plant Maintenance, James Flores, former station fitter foreman, Buildings & Grounds Maintenance, has been named unit supervisor, Mechanical Systems. Sam Charleton, former electrician, Electrical Maintenance, now unit supervisor, Building & Wiring Maintenance. Painter Pablo Caride moves into Plant Maintenance from the same position at Skokie Shop, while Gregory Crad, former terminal combination clerk, Maintenance, comes steamfitter helper.

Eight new station clerks have been appointed by Transportation Department. All except Joseph Hoe, former janitor, North Ave., are former bus drivers. They are: Donald Baber and Ollie Lenoir, Jr., North Ave.; Reuben Thomas, Kedzie; Maurice Williams, Lincoln; Nathaniel Luelen, 69th St.; Alan Wrightsell, Archer; McKinley Hayden, 77th St. Juanita L. Eden, former ticket agent, is now a road clerk.

Robert Plant, former laborer, South Shops, and Joe Williams, former motorman, West Section, are both new shopmen, Skokie Shop. Stanley Romanosky, former bus serviceman, Kedzie, has been assigned as bus and truck mechanic apprentice, South Shops. New as bus and truck mechanic helpers, South Shops, are former bus drivers Joseph Scott, 77th St., and Charles Harper, 61st St.

Appointed bilingual utility clerks, Claims Law & Real Estate, are Ricarda Moyer, former clerk/typist, General Administration, and Maria Martinez, former typist, Insurance & Pensions. Also in Claims Law, Lir Kelleher, stenographer, moves from Administration & Development to Tort Litigation and former data entry clerk Sylvia Coleman has become Claims Law disposition clerk. Debra Blanchard, former administrative criminal clerk, Corporate Law, is now stenographer in the same department.

Diana Blaino, former clerk/stenographer, Off-Office Procedures, has been assigned as secretarial stenographer in the General Manager's Office. In Management Services Andrew J. Mosley has moved from custodial Stored Records, to Records Center coordinator. D. Jeffries, former conductor, South Section, is now calculating machine operator, Accounting.

Two former clerk/stenographers, Transportation, have been named clerks in Personnel/Employee Relation. Rosaline Jeffrey is now in Personnel Records and Carol Ray is in Suggestion Records.



Dr. Siler

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Time out

Visit Into Jewish Culture



The permanent collection of the Spertus Museum of Judaica includes a section on holidays. Shown here are candelabrum lit during the eight days of Hanukkah.

Within steps of CTA's No. 1 Hyde Park and No. 3 King Drive bus stops, at 618 S. Michigan, is one of the most comprehensive Jewish museums in the country.

Other bus routes serving the museum include the No. 6 Jeffery press; No. 11 Lincoln; No. 38 Indiana; No. 126 Jackson, and No. 19 Stateliner.

The Maurice Spertus Museum of Judaica, though only nine years old and housed in the Ratner Center of Spertus College less than three years, is the first college-university affiliated museum in Illinois to be accredited by the American Association of Museums.

Such attention is well deserved, both on the professional level and for the layman visiting the exhibits for the first time. For the Spertus collection is a distinguished assortment reflecting culture and history by way of ethnographic materials, textiles, coins, and medals. In fact, here is a sampling of all that has made up the Jewish lifestyle since antiquity.

There are the objects of worship -- Torah arks and decorations, menorah and kiddush cups. A synagogue plaque of cast silver from a reading lectern dates from the late nineteenth, early twentieth century, from Hungary. A Torah case dated 1897 is from Iraq, while a Torah ark curtain from the late eighteenth century comes from Italy.

A series of scrolls telling the story of Esther are from Austria and Jerusalem and a contemporary Wolpert Shabbat cup tells another story in decorative use of the Hebrew letter.

The array of objects flow naturally into one another, as in the Jewish life cycle exhibit, recounting the rites of birth, circumcision, Bar Mitzvah, marriage, and death.

A special photographic exhibit through March 1 documents synagogue architecture throughout Chicago and the rest of Illinois during the last 100 years.

Things to do in the Chicago area

with Anit Leppiks



The Spertus Museum has held 15 major exhibits in less than three years at the Spertus College of Judaica, including such artwork as this Shabbat plate by artist Ludwig Y. Wolpert. The 75-year-old artist-in-residence at the Jewish Museum's (New York) Tobe Pascher Workshop is best known for his glorification of the Hebrew letter, in imaginative versions of the ancient calligraphy on ceremonial objects.

The Bernard and Rochelle Holocaust (Shoah) Memorial tells in grim detail of how the Nazis, heralding a philosophy of racial supremacy, went about to annihilate six million European Jews, over one million of them children, during 1933-45. Artifacts, literature, and photographs trace the precedents of anti-Semitism through to the extermination camps; an original four minute film records the reactions of victims, survivors, and witnesses. Six pillars show the names of Chicago area families who lost relatives in the Holocaust. The memorial is the only permanent museum installation in the United States on the Shoah.

On the second floor, another current exhibit documents a happier event, "Operation Magic Carpet," the dramatic mass immigration of 50,000 Jews from Yemen/Aden (Southern Arabia) to Israel over a two year period (1949-50). The "Carpet" meant an abrupt entry into the 20th Century for Yemenites who, long secluded from the non-Jewish culture, had preserved a Jewish way of life strongly reminiscent of ancient times. Other parts of the exhibit include artifacts, manuscripts, clothing, jewelry, music, and traditional crafts. Particularly noteworthy is the intricate hand-worked silver jewelry these craftsmen still produce.

Some of this silver is for sale in the generously proportioned museum shop on the first floor, along with books, graphics, and ceremonial objects.

Future exhibitions include a Ben Shahn retrospective opening April 11.

Admission is \$1; students and children, 50¢. The museum is open Mon-Thurs from 1000-1700, Fri and Sun from 1000-1500; closed Sat.

Pre - Retirement Pilot Program Under Way



Driver George Garfield looks at a copy of Retirement Living.



Bill Ashley (right) shows Bill Lembachner pamphlets for the Pre-Retirement program.

Forty-seven CTA employees have enrolled in the "pilot" pre-retirement "orientation" program jointly developed by William A. Ashley, manager of insurance and pensions, and Craig E. Heatter, superintendent of pensions, and announced in the November issue of Transit News.

First applications recorded on the magazine's reply coupon were those of George Garfield, bus driver out of 77th street; Clement Rochon, service truck chauffeur for the Utility section; and William Lembachner, superintendent of claims law coordination.

All are pictured on this page getting their official introduction to the year-long pre-retirement program test, during which they will be asked to provide their reactions for the guidance of the program planners for pre-retirees in future years.

Actually, the pilot group will receive two pre-retirement "home study courses" so that they can compare and evaluate methods and the practicality of information supplied.

One of the programs includes membership in the American Association of Retired Persons which has headquarters in Washington, D.C. and a research center in California.

Through the AARP, enrollees will receive Dynamic Maturity, a magazine containing articles and case studies on retirement planning and activities. The bi-monthly magazine will be sent to home addresses of group members for the next year.

In addition, the AARP will supply members of the test group with self-addressed cards through which they may request information on:

- ... social security and medicare
- ... purchase privilege programs
- ... tax facts
- ... physical fitness



Clement Rochon (left) discusses new program with Craig Heatter.

- ... personal security measures
- ... organizing vital records
- ... retirement travel, etc.

The second program is sponsored by Retirement Living magazine and will include six issues of that publication. This program covers such topics as:

- ... planning finances for retirement
- ... places to go and things to do in retirement
- ... estate planning, etc.

In expressing gratification to the employees over age 60 who volunteered to study and evaluate the two programs, Heatter said: "The objective is to ascertain from the employees participating whether information is worthwhile, as described, and provides genuine assistance in pre-retirement planning."

He added that the pilot group is now complete and that further pre-retirement enrollments cannot be accommodated until the beginning of next year.

Any employee contemplating retirement within the next 15 months or so is welcome to contact either Heatter or Ashley for information about CTA's retirement plan.

Requests in writing are preferred. These should be directed to:

W. A. Ashley, Secretary
Retirement Allowance Committee
Room 746
Merchandise Mart
P.O. Box 3555
Chicago, Illinois 60654

For phone requests and appointments, contact the Pension Section office at (312) 467-6033.



Combination Assignment Clerk James Hartigan of West Section peruses informational materials.

Mexican-American Bus Driver Likes Job; Riders Like Him

By Elda Leal



Dave Arreguin, left, expresses his viewpoints on working at CTA as a bus driver and line instructor to Elda Leal, Public Affairs community newspaper representative.

David Arreguin is a CTA line instructor and bus driver at North Park. He is Mexican American and is very proud of his job. According to **Bill Parnum**, superintendent at North Park, that feeling is mutual since Arreguin has maintained an excellent record throughout the year.

Dave Arreguin is one of the finest men we passengers have ever met. He is polite, helps the helpless people on the bus . . . is careful of the ones whose vision is not up to par. He is always smiling and saying good morning and to take care of ourselves . . . these words come from Attorney **Arlene A. Courtney** in a recent letter to CTA.

Dave, who has been with CTA since 1959, thinks that a bus driver's job is both rewarding and important. Says **Dave**: "The working hours, the company benefits, the pension plan, the pay are good, but above all is a very important job. The safety, comfort and good public

relations with hundreds of riders is a responsible chore confided to us every single working day. Responsibility is associated with importance, isn't it?"

Arreguin is a strong family man. He and his wife, **Theresa**, have four children. The oldest son is pursuing a medical career at Loyola. A daughter will attend the same college after high school. The other children are still in grammar school.

He owns real estate properties and a camping trailer which they use to make trips throughout the U.S., Canada and Mexico. All this has been acquired through methodical savings from his salary.

Arreguin emphasizes he is a firm believer in positive mental attitude: no matter what the ethnic background, it is one's attitude towards others that is the determining factor in eliminating antagonism. "It always pays to remember that you have to treat and respect others as you would like to be treated yourself," he says.



Congratulations to **Maria Martinez** and **Ricky Moyer** (left and right above), recently promoted to Claims Law where they are assisting the Spanish speaking community in claims translations. Maria was most helpful while working in the Insurance Department, assisting employees with a limited command of English in filing insurance claims.

In celebration of Mexican Flag Day (Feb. 24), the City of Chicago, in conjunction with the Mexican Consulate and the Mexican Civic Society, will hold a traditional ceremony and entertainment with folkloric dances and Mexican music. Date: Feb. 24; time: noon; place: Plaza de las Americas, 430 N. Michigan (next to Uptown Federal Savings).

Man Who Will Be Missed— Evan Olmstead Retires



Fellow employees and other well-wishers (260 of them) gathered at Mar-Lac House in Oak Park recently for a dinner in honor of **Evan E. Olmstead**, manager of Maintenance, who retires officially March 1 after 40 years with the Chicago Transit Authority and its predecessor, Chicago Surface Lines.

Olmstead, 62, joined the Surface Lines in 1937 as a traffic engineering assistant after graduating from the University of Illinois with a bachelor of science degree in railway electrical engineering. He served in the Air Force from 1941 to 1946 and returned to the Surface Lines as an automotive engineer in the shops and equipment department.

In 1948, Olmstead was appointed specifications engineer, and was named traffic engineer two years later. From 1962 to 1968 he was assistant superintendent, shops and equipment, and then served for two years as superintendent of engineering. He became general superintendent of engineering in 1970 and remained in that position until his appointment to manager of Maintenance on Dec. 31, 1973.

Olmstead and his wife, **Irene**, are selling their home in Westchester. They plan to move into a condominium in Palos Hills for retirement.

One of many tributes **Evan E. Olmstead** received at a retirement party in his honor was a trophy from **Leon Berry** (standing, left), Suggestion Plan analyst, for Evan's service as both member and chairman of the Executive Decision Committee, the policy-making body of the Employee Suggestion Plan. Among those at the head table were, left to right, **Mrs. Mathilda Jakubowski**, CTA board member; **Harold H. Geissenheimer**, manager, General Operations, and Olmstead's wife, **Irene**.

Ideas For Escalators, Push Rods Among Suggestion Winners

Cash awards totaling \$325 have been given to employees whose suggestions for "doing it better" were adopted through CTA's Employee Suggestion Plan. An additional \$130 worth of merchandise certificates were won by employee ideas.

Top winner was Pat Marzullo, maintenance machinist at West Shops, who was awarded \$200 for developing a tool to remove the panels covering the mechanism of escalators. Marzullo's innovation allows escalator repair crews to pry open the heavy metal and terrazzo access panels without damaging them.

Ernst Pusch, machinist at Skokie Shop, received \$45 for a new method of removing brake actuator push rod pins in buses undergoing maintenance checks. Donald Liberko, janitor, D District, won a second honorable mention award of \$25 in cash and a \$10 merchandise certificate for suggesting an off-street terminal near Diversey and Lake Shore Drive for Diversey and Belmont buses.

Ideas that would contribute to greater safety in handling certain maintenance operations won \$20 each for Edward P.

Gertz, machinist, South Shops, and Anthony J. Zajac, repairman, Limits. Gertz recommended the use of special clamps instead of chains to lift heavy equipment needed in the repair of screw jacks. Zajac suggested extending the jig used to test the rear ends of buses over pits.

Terry Hallahan, repairman, 54th Ave., received \$15 and a merchandise certificate for suggesting the removal of electrical outlets that protruded from between the running rails on either side of the repair pits at his work location.

Winners of \$10 honorable mention merchandise certificates include Donald Liberko, Terrance Muellner, foreman, Vehicle Maintenance, Kedzie; David Murry, Lawrence Tiscornia, and Edward Grzenia, all stock clerks at South Shops, and William Wong, instructor, TABEC.

Others are John Billis, grant accounting technician, General Accounting; James McPhee, ticket agent, North Section; Alex Fritzler, bus repairer, North Park; James Hurst, painter, Planter Maintenance, and John Seay, painter, South Shops.

commendation corner

Janitor Charles W. Drew was sweeping the steps to the State Street subway at Van Buren one evening when he heard a call for help and saw two young men running away from an elderly man farther down the stairs. Realizing the older man had just been assaulted and robbed, Drew chased one of the apparent assailants. Drew pursued him down to the subway platform and up another flight of stairs before grabbing him and bringing him down. Drew took a left fist in the face from his taller, heavier and younger opponent, but he stayed on top of the man until police arrived. In the man's possession was his victim's wallet with \$83 inside. George Millonas, superintendent, Buildings & Grounds, commended Drew for his action, thanking him for "protecting the rights of the passenger."

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Wilson/Michigan bus rider Sally Papp, of West Deming pl., says of driver Frederick Pepke (Limits garage), "You are certainly lucky to have such a fine, humane man in your employ. Each time I have ridden with him he stops and helps a handicapped man with a walker onto the bus. All too often we tend to look the other way and figure someone else will do the right thing. This driver has taught me something about simple human kindness."

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After leaving a Foster/Lawrence bus at Austin, Jane Krupa, of West Barry ave., realized she had left her purse on board. "When I discovered my loss," she says, "I felt it was useless to see if anyone had found it, but when I reached my destination, I received a call from CTA informing me that driver Edward Jasek (Forest Glen garage) had turned it in - - completely intact. I feel that I probably wouldn't have been so lucky if it hadn't been for this kind, good, honest gentleman."

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Damen bus driver Milan Davidovic (North Park garage) is commended by Sharon Damitz, of West St. Paul ave., for his courtesy and careful driving. "I noticed a few times he stopped and waited patiently while some older people

struggled on and off the bus," she says. "His comment was, 'Don't worry, just take your time and be careful.' I'm sure these older passengers appreciated that kind of consideration."

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A passenger on a South Pulaski bus driven by Leo J. Deckmann (Archer garage) says, "He's very courteous to the riders, he pulls up to the curb so that you don't have to break your neck while disembarking, and he answers all questions asked of him politely." Catherine A. Banton, of South Ridgeway ave., adds, "It is a pleasure to ride with him."

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"She is really good!" writes Kim Simons, of North Hazel about Broadway bus driver Ilda Castellanos (North Park garage). Riding north from the Loop, Ms. Simons noticed that "The driver greeted each rider with a smile, and his driving was smooth, but also quite quick. She was the most pleasant bus driver I've ever met."

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"Three cheers for Cindy Lewis and Smiling Lola (Ducrest garage) writes Mrs. Charles Sebens, of North Winthrop ave. "Both Cindy and Lola (North Section ticket agents at Bryn Mawr always greet me in a friendly manner, and that is half the battle, especially on Monday morning," Mrs. Sebens says. "If more commuters would stop and realize how hectic a job it is to please the public, I am sure they would agree that these are among the most faithful and pleasant young ladies employed by CTA."

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On one of the coldest days of the season, Archie Carother of East 50th st., alighted from an Indiana bus at Garfield just as an eastbound bus driven by Pedro V. Juarez (69th garage) was crossing the intersection. "To my surprise Carothers writes, 'the bus driver waited for me on the off side of the street, greeted me with a smile, and said he missed seeing my face among the fares that boarded the bus. I really appreciate his thoughtfulness.'"

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When Myron Dellefield, of Blue Island, got off a westbound Vincennes/111 bus at Western, the southbound bus wanted to take already had the green light to go. "The driver (Steve Lucas, Beverly garage) noticed that I wasn't his bus and motioned to me that he would wait," Dellefield says. "I never saw this driver before and he doesn't know me, but I think it was very considerate of him to do this."

Carving Is An Art As These CTA Men Practice It



He's one eagle (above left) who had a wooden mallet and chisel taken from him. That's because he was carved out of Honduras mahogany by El Ashley. Pictured at right are four of Bill's other woodcarving projects, among them a spectacular Masonic chain carved from a 10-foot-long piece of native mahogany.

The shade of difference between wood carving and whittling may be hard to tell for those unskilled in working with wood.

Not so for William A. Ashley, manager, insurance and pensions, a member of the National Wood Carver's Association and the National Wood Carver's Museum.

"Wood carving is sculpturing, a disciplined art form that has as its basis a pre-conceived idea of what the artist is going to create from a piece of wood," said Ashley.

"On the other hand, whittling is a casual, leisurely pastime. A wood carver selects his wood carefully, looking for grains and burls he wants to incorporate into his finished piece.

"To a whittler, any piece of wood is as good as the next."

Ashley doesn't sell whittling short, but merely shows the difference between the two art forms.

On the wall of Ashley's office is a stylized eagle measuring 20-inches wide, 10-inches tall and two-inches deep.

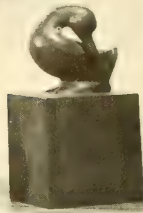
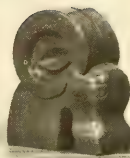
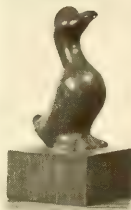
"I carved that from a piece of Honduras mahogany," Ashley said with an artist's pride. "It took me a couple of weeks using my wooden mallet, wood chisels and wood carving knives."

Like most artists, he explained, he only carves when he feels ready to quit.

Ashley has carved more than 300 pieces since he began 30 years ago.

Besides the eagle in his office, he has a small figure of his son as a title league outfielder, a set of bookends with duck figures, a head of Buddha, a briar pipe bearing his son's likeness and a Masonic chain he carved from a two-foot-long piece of native mahogany.

Besides mahogany, Ashley carves in red cedar, sugar pine, black walnut (when he can find any) and briar.



Over the years, Ashley has given most of his pieces as gifts to relatives and friends. The remaining ones are displayed in his home in Elmhurst.

Another active wood carver in the CTA is Robert A. Roesing, supervisor, rail janitor service, Maintenance Department.

Roesing has gone into wood carving on the grand scale. Among his pieces is an Indian figure he carved from a 300-pound poplar log.

This six-foot-tall figure, which he calls "Hern," is dwarfed by a 10-foot-tall totem pole he carved from another poplar log. This totem, painted in appropriate Indian colors, is installed in the rear yard of his home in Palos Hills.

Roesing said he has been carving for about five years. He has completed five smaller totem poles along with various miniature animals, birds and an alligator.

He works with various woods and now has plans to carve a 14-inch by 10-inch duck -- if he finds just the right piece of wood.



BIG Dates

When the CTA Senior Citizens Retirement Organization held its January dinner meeting at Mangum's Chateau in suburban Lyons, the new CTA calendar was a surprise feature. As shown at left, Harold Geissenheimer, manager of general operations, and other CTA officials were on hand to give copies of the reminiscent calendar to all retirees present. Joe Nolan, right, president of the group, was the first recipient. Later, Mrs. Dorothy Parker, retired Loop ticket agent, handed out copies to guests at the tables, such as Clarence Voss, shown here at right. The calendar, issued in honor of CTA's 30th year of history, marks all the important dates of CTA history. Pictures were selected to show every CTA chairman and general manager in the course of depicting the major CTA events. (CTA Photos by Rich Stanton)

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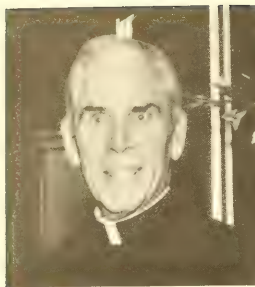
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A Lesson In Blarney

by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

... excerpts from an address delivered at the 1976 dinner of the Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago

... So how shall I thank you -- with blarney or baloney?

You know, there's a world of difference between the two. Blarney is praise and flattery, laid on so thin that you like it. Baloney is laid on so thick you don't swallow it.

For an example of blarney: I heard, at a birthday dinner, someone say to a lady (for it was her birthday): "Please tell us how old you are for I would like to know at what age women are most beautiful."

That's blarney.

And, a toast that I heard once, paid by a husband to a wife ... He raised his glass and said, "Here's to a face that would stop a clock, and bid all time stand still to contemplate her beauty."

That is blarney.

I once asked a husband what he would like to be if he could come back to this earth two years after he died. He said his wife's second husband.

That is blarney.

Now baloney is what you see advertised, for example ... If you smoke a certain brand of cigarettes, you'll be like some brave cowboy in the great country of Marlboro.

... I must tell you how blarney got started ... During the days of the good Queen Bess in the sixteenth century, there was a deliberate attempt on her part to take possession of Irish castles. And she had her eye, particularly, on Blarney Castle.

The Blarney was then occupied by a Donald McDonald. And Elizabeth sent over a certain Lord Carou to ask McDonald for the key to the property. And McDonald said, "O, the most gracious Queen, how we love her -- and as a token of our love and as a pledge that I will give to her Blarney Castle, I give you a stone from Blarney Castle." And McDonald gave to Lord Carou one of the tremendously large stones which he transported back to Queen Elizabeth.

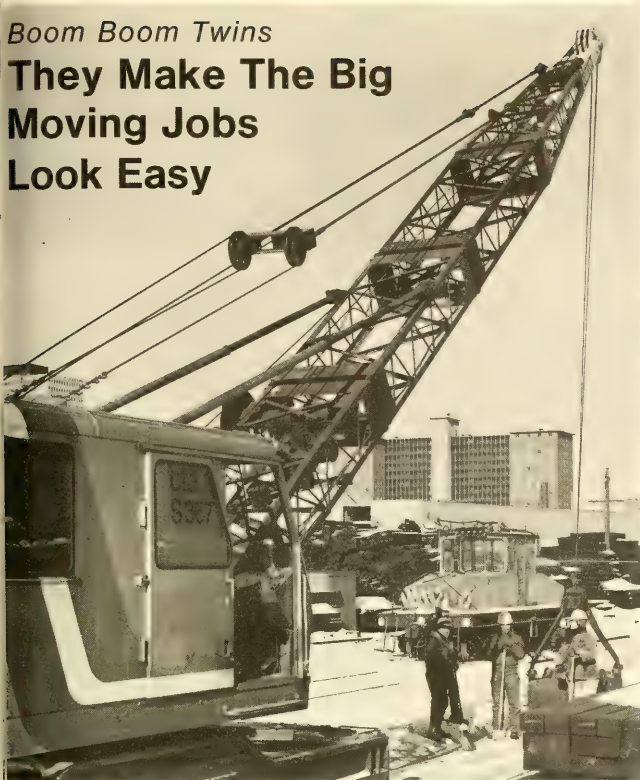
But the deed was not forthcoming. Six months later, Lord Carou was sent over a second time. McDonald said, "O, her majesty, we adore her, and as a pledge of our love and adoration, I give to you this pledge of giving Blarney Castle." And Lord Carou went back with a second stone.

Six months later, the third -- and finally Queen Elizabeth said, "'Tis not the castle he's giving you, it's the blarney."

And from that day to this, blarney means the gift of wheedling speech that talked Queen Elizabeth out of a castle.

That's the origin of blarney.

Boom Boom Twins They Make The Big Moving Jobs Look Easy



CTA's Valley Forge crane (left) takes on a "heavy load" in the lower yard, 313 E. 63rd st., its headquarters when it is not out on the CTA's rapid transit system assisting maintenance crews. The photo above shows George Frailey (standing) and Elmer Aust, the operators of the 100,000-pounder and the "light-weight" S363 crane which weighs 90,000 pounds. They have been working together for 27 years. (Photo by Rich Stanton)

George Frailey and Elmer Aust are not shrinking violet types.

Neither are the two pieces of equipment they operate for CTA.

But the men and their magnificent machines can be as gentle as kittens when the occasion calls for it.

Frailey and Aust are operators of the Maintenance Department's impressive cranes which weigh about 50 tons each and are among the CTA's largest pieces of mobile equipment. Frailey is a big, gruff-looking man. Aust is a cigar smoking, barrel chested smaller version of Frailey. They have been working together as CTA crane operators for 27 years.

Frailey and Aust operate the 100,000-pound Valley Forge crane which bears the CTA's red, white and blue color scheme, and the 97,000-pound S-363 crane they have nicknamed "Bessie" and which is painted gray.

Working with Frailey and Aust on various jobs are assistant crane operators Joseph Lacy and Albert Meeks and crane crator helper James Simpson.

On a wintry day recently, Frailey, Aust and Lacy had the crane at the Skokie Shop. Their job was to move a 40-foot-long boom from a scrapped crane into a buyer's truck. Up in the cramped cab of the Valley Forge, Aust pulled levers and adjusted instruments to move the crane from outside the Skokie Shop to the inside site of the scrapped crane at the waiting truck.

Aust directed the crane with a deft touch. He raised the Valley Forge's boom slightly to let CTA workers fasten grappling chains around the old boom.

Touching the controls again, Aust "revved up" his crane's 15-horsepower diesel engine, raised the 8,000-pound scrap boom from its resting place, swung it around, and gently set down his four-ton load into the bed of the waiting truck

with a soft "thud."

"You name it," Frailey said over the roar of the Valley Forge's engine, "and we've probably moved it -- if it's near the CTA's tracks."

"We helped remove heavy sections of unused parts of the Loop 'L' structure, we've picked up trucks that have crashed into the CTA's expressway rights-of-way, moved temporary platforms, welded rails, bundles of ties, lengths of railings, loaded scrapped 'L' cars into railroad car gondolas and have helped demolish CTA buildings with our wrecker's ball."

Frailey, Aust and Lacy and the Valley Forge had journeyed from their home base in the lower yard at 313 E. 63rd st. on the CTA's North-South route to the Skokie Swift route and the Skokie Shop at 3701 Oakton, Skokie.

It takes the power from a four-car work train to pull the Valley Forge and its accompanying tool car on such a long trip. The tool car carries the crane's accessories, including a large electro-magnet, a massive scoop shovel, wrecker's ball and grappling chains. The tool car also provides a resting place for the crane's 50-foot-long boom.

The Valley Forge and the S-363 cranes are mounted on their own wheel-based platforms and can be moved for short distances from inside their cabs with third rail power.

Frailey and Aust began working as a team back in 1948. They both started their careers with the former Chicago Rapid Transit Company -- a CTA predecessor.

Frailey is the "senior" member of the team. He is 58 years old and began work in March, 1941.

Aust is the "junior" member. He is 57 and began work in May, 1941.

Together, with their giant cranes, they make the hard jobs look easy.

CTA Colleen Teaches Irish Dancing

"It is as much fun as it is spirited and demanding."

That is how Miss Ann Murphy, wage rate clerk in CTA's Labor Relations Department, describes her avocation -- Irish dancing.

Ann, who is 22, has been a student of Irish dancing since she was four. Five years ago, she began teaching Irish dances, and she has since become certified as an instructor by the Irish Dancing Commission of Dublin. She also is a member of the Irish Dancing Teachers Association of Mid-America.

"There are two general types of Irish dancing - the ceili (pronounced kaley) and step dancing," she explains.

"Ceili dancing may include as many as 16 dancers," she says. "The intricate, vigorous movements tell the story of a historical event. Among the most popular ceili dances are the Siege of Ennis and the Siege of Carrick. These dances can last 10 to 15 minutes.

"The dancers portray the parts of the attackers and the defenders and, of course, the defenders always win the battle."

Irish dance music usually is provided by an accordionist and a fiddler, sometimes supplemented by a drummer. The beat is a vigorous, staccato rhythm.

Step dancing has four basic movements called reel, jig, hornpipe and slip jig.

"There are a lot of styles used in step dancing," Ann says. "Each of Ireland's 32 counties (including the six counties in Northern Ireland) feature their own particular variations. Since many Chicagoans of Irish descent trace their families to County Mayo, that county's style is very popular here."

Step dances, which are usually performed individually, last from one minute to six minutes with fast or slow rhythms.

"Irish dancing is an ever changing art form," says Ann. "When I was a child, dances included a lot of foot stamping and hand clapping. Now, Irish dancing has become more precise and is changing itself into a form of classical ballet because that is the way the dancers want to express themselves."



One of the most popular of the Irish step dances is the jig. And, here too, there are variations.

"There's a single jig, a double jig and a treble jig each danced with the spirit and joy as only the Irish can dance," says Ann.



Ann Murphy (pictured above) is a member of the Irish Dancing Teachers Association. The picture at left, of Irish dancers, was supplied by Dennis Denahy and was made at his Irish dancing school.

cta engineering department projects in progress



The 61st St. terminal (west side of structure shown above left) is one of three yards, six garages and two park 'n' ride lots being enclosed under an extensive fence-building program now nearing completion. The \$285,000 program provides for the installation of 22,000 feet of fencing to protect equipment and property from theft and vandalism and to keep people from entering hazardous areas. A large sliding gate at Skokie Shop (below right) is one of 20 included in the program, which also calls for the partial enclosure of 11 bus turnarounds.





WINTER CAMP FOR RAIL RENEWAL: Although track renewals during winter months are slowed by inclement weather, activity in steel fabrication shops is at warm pitch. This view of West Shops shows portion of special track work being fabricated for two high priority construction projects -- renewal of Des Plaines terminal (Job Order 9638) scheduled for completion in mid-1978 and renewal of tracks 1 and 2 between Lawrence and Howard on the North-South, due for completion by the end of this year. When summer comes, the rails will be ready for installation.



PROFILE STRUCTURE: New cross girders, new columns and new footings are being installed on the South side main line between Michigan and Indiana avenues. Footings have been completely installed and structure shimming is in progress. Ironworkers are installing shim plates to correct structure profile and create clearance for the cross girders and columns.

Spanish Bus Drivers Highlight Service To Public

In the course of my work as community representative for the Public Affairs Department, I sometimes have occasion to interview Hispanic-American employees.

This month I would like to report on four Hispanic bus drivers who say they get much satisfaction from their work and who recognize the job's importance in building good will for CTA.

Some riders underestimate the complex role of a bus driver. Op-

erating employees, and particularly bus drivers, are front-line public relations representatives. They have direct contact with thousands of riders a day. Their performance, appearance and attitude reflect the CTA image.

The following drivers have been commended by their immediate supervisors and CTA riders who have observed their good performance:



Mario Armendariz (far left top) of Forest Glen Garage is an eight-year employee of CTA. He is a native of San Pedro, Sula, Honduras (Central America). Mario says: "To be polite and welcome riders with a friendly smile costs me nothing and helps me make life a little bit more pleasant."

Felicitas Borges (center top), also of Forest Glen, with two years at CTA, is a native of San Lorenzo, Puerto Rico. She is one of the female Latin American bus drivers. Her presence elicits a double take from riders, when they see an attractive petite woman behind the wheel. "The job might be regarded mostly for men but I like it," says Felicitas. "I also like my role as a woman. I sew most of my own and my daughter's clothes, love to cook and do a lot of decorating around the house, as well as knitting and crocheting. My femininity is intact and my life has changed positively since I became a bus driver and have had the opportunity to meet so many different people."

Victor Manuel Matos (right top), North Park Garage, a four-year CTA employee, is a native of Guantanamo, Cuba. He is an ambitious young man who is happy in his work. He knows how to deal with the public and was recently commended for turning in a wallet containing valuable articles.

Vidal Fuentes of Forest Glen (bottom left), a four-year employee, is a native of Caguas, Puerto Rico. Commendations for him arrive so frequently that when a letter is received complimenting driver 9544, Customer Services immediately knows who it is. He has already filled a scrapbook with his commendations. His secret is that he likes people and regards all riders as important.



CTA Profile by Elda Leal

Congratulations to Choferes Latino Americanos (Latin American Bus Drivers) social club. They held an open house Feb. 25 at 3913 W. North Ave. Food and refreshments and dancing till dawn were the main events. The group is headed by Jorge Rojas as president, Celia Rincones as secretary, and Gregorio Lugo as treasurer. The organization will strive to develop unified programs aimed at personal growth, better education and solutions to community problems.

(CTA photos by Rich Stanton)

Let's Talk It Out—

Hablemos Sobre Eso Que Nos Molesta

We all have good days and bad days. They come and they go. But, admittedly, sometimes the bad days seem to stay around longer. If you think you have a problem on the job, your first step is to have a talk with your immediate supervisor. Discuss the situation; make an effort to reach an amicable solution. Remember, you have a union to represent you in contract matters.

We must be willing to understand each other. If there should be a lack of communication, however, and you feel you have exhausted all other possibilities, the place to get in touch with is the Human Relations Department. Your consultation will be strictly confidential. Ask for counseling, air your problems. The Human Relations staff is established for just that reason -- to help you.

Call them at 664-7200, Extensions 2119, 2125 or 2130 to set up an appointment. If necessary, on-site consultations can also be arranged. Members of the Human Relations staff include Fred King, personnel manager; Alice Dungan, secretary; Marjorie Holmes, Michael Cook, and Edgar Angel (who handles consultations for Spanish-speaking employees), human relations specialists.



Human Relations staff pictured above are, left to right, standing: Edgar Angel, Michael Cook, Fred King, manager, and Marjorie Holmes. At the telephone is Alice Dungan.

These Two Girls Know How It Is Done

Would you believe that this sentence was set in six different types of fonts?

What is a font? It is a specific type style which can be used to set copy. It can also be used for *style*, or to **emphasize** an article. Or, to *credit photos by* . . .

It can get downright fancy if you want it to. It can be **BOLD**, or soft. It can be sans serif or serif. It can be **BIG** or **little**.

But mainly, it is used by Adele Monson and Mary Brader to do a numerous variety of forms design for all of CTA's various departments.

The fonts fit into an IBM Composer -- a mini-computer used to produce quality direct-impression type setting. It produces justified (flush-left-and-right) and centered material in one typing process. The machine consists of two integrated parts -- a printer and a memory.

Basically, it is used like an ordinary typewriter -- but one that you code for information to automatically produce camera-ready copy or copy for multith purposes. And it is quite simple. To feed it, you hit the "entry" button, press the code bar down, type the letter "j" (for "justifying") at the left-hand margin, tab to the required pica width for the specific copy you are setting, then hit your carriage return, and you are ready to type your text. Once it is typed, put in a fresh sheet of paper and put your entry button up, depress your section start key, then depress the auto key, and the machine will type your final copy -- automatically justified.

Adele and Mary say it took them only about three days to learn how to operate the Composers.

Some of the work they do -- and there is a lot -- includes (of course) the Transit News magazine, bus schedules, justified pamphlets for Personnel Development, financial book (at least six different ones) outlines for Accounting department, and forms which are filled in either by hand or by typewriter.

There are also organization charts for Accounting department, trip sheets for Transportation which are used by bus drivers, ticket agent reports, and the CTA organization chart.

Adele and Mary also design various other forms requested by different areas. Layout of the CTA telephone directory and the Merchandise Mart telephone listing, microfiche layout of all the bus schedules in the RTA region -- these are also done by Forms Design. Overhead transparencies are done here. These are plastic sheets on which type is imprinted photographically off a regular sheet, to be shown in an overhead projector, used in training programs and by the Datacenter.



Adele Monson (left) and Mary Brader. (CTA photo by Eric Blaker)

Both Adele and Mary find their job fun and hectic. "It's very interesting and creative," says Adele, who started with CTA on Dec. 26, 1950, "but it is a 'slow' type of work. The typing is fast, but the different forms require quite a bit of graphics -- lining up with the copy, drawing the different boxes. Working on the drawing board is where the time is consumed."

Mary, who came here on Jan. 12, 1970, agrees: "It's fun, and the way the Composer automatically types it out after you program it is fantastic. But it requires precision; the drawing part of it has to be neat and accurate."

Both girls get rough drafts of forms from CTA's departments, and work up these rough drafts into neat, business-type forms which can really be called works of art.

They keep a record of all the forms which are ordered, date ordered, amount of copies, and by whom they are ordered. Adele estimates that they do an average of 10 to 70 forms a month, new and revised. That means they do four forms a day in addition to all the other various type-setting requests. Some are easy, but some are difficult. "You have to make sure that all the text will fit into the space allotted. That can get tricky sometimes," says Adele.

When asked how they would feel about type-setting their own story, Adele and Mary said: "We think it would be interesting to type about ourselves. It is a more 'personal' request and it will be interesting to see what we can print."

What Is Happening In Management Education

CTA's new management education program (MEP), being developed by Personnel Development, gets under way this spring with a series of pilot programs. The MEP is designed to provide a comprehensive, coordinated, career-oriented training program for managerial employees at all levels.

Through interviews with prospective management trainees, Personnel Development identified the most significant needs in this area as communication, human resource development and delegation. The assessment process also pinpointed training needs specific to each

level of management.

To meet these needs, the MEP will emphasize: the organizational and structural aspects of the manager's role; the intermediary and management skills, and supervision and control of the work situation.

The MEP is scheduled to be in full operation by fall and to continue for at least four years, with one segment being run each month. For further information, contact S. W. Maginnis, director, Personnel Development, Room 756, Merchandise Mart.

IN MEMORIAM

FRANK P. ALLEN, 79, Forest Glen,
Emp. 6-15-21, Died 1-06-77

ARTHUR V. AMBERG, 65, Kedzie,
Emp. 8-11-41, Died 1-11-77

ERNST J. ANDERSON, 83, Limits,
Emp. 2-02-21, Died 2-04-77

JOSEPH BABKA, 80, West Shops,
Emp. 6-06-45, Died 1-28-77

HAROLD W. BLUHM, 72, Lawndale,
Emp. 6-16-43, Died 1-25-77

ROBERT BUEGE, 52, Forest Glen,
Emp. 7-28-48, Died 2-07-77

DANIEL CLYNE, 86, Devon,
Emp. 3-31-20, Died 1-24-77

LAYMOND W. COLE, 65, Beverly,
Emp. 11-16-36, Died 1-08-77

GEORGE R. DEARING, 78, Electrical,
Emp. 2-21-39, Died 1-23-77

OMER M. DOUGLASS, 72, Skokie Shop,
Emp. 10-06-42, Died 1-08-77

AULINE C. DUNNE, 90, North Section,
Emp. 3-24-30, Died 1-23-77

ORENZO FERMO, 80, Way & Structures,
Emp. 11-01-30, Died 2-18-77

THOMAS FLANAGAN, 77, 69th Street,
Emp. 5-29-43, Died 1-08-77

WILLIAM D. FRANK, 80, Beverly,
Emp. 12-24-22, Died 1-16-77

ARVEY J. GEHMAN, 77, North Park,
Emp. 5-12-26, Died 1-31-77

WILLIAM A. GILLES, 66, District C,
Emp. 9-21-36, Died 1-21-77

OL GRAFF, 72, Limits,
Emp. 3-10-43, Died 1-30-77

ATRICK HEGARTY, 92, Elston,
Emp. 5-16-19, Died 1-25-77

ATRICK J. HEIRTY, 75, Limits,
Emp. 4-01-25, Died 1-25-77

ARON M. HINTON, 60, Maintenance,
Emp. 3-31-48, Died 1-24-77

ATRICK J. KETT, 72, North Avenue,
Emp. 10-27-42, Died 1-02-77

ELSIE A. KILROY, 79, West Section,
Emp. 10-18-43, Died 1-22-77

DON KRSTENANSKY, 86, West Shops,
Emp. 8-19-43, Died 1-21-77

GEORGE LAFRAIRE, 95, South Section,
Emp. 9-13-18, Died 1-21-77

PHNE LANE, 71, Maintenance,
Emp. 2-27-29, Died 1-04-77

DON G. LASKEY, 66, 77th Street,
Emp. 12-19-40, Died 1-20-77

LEBERT F. MANZKE, 83, 69th Street,
Emp. 9-15-27, Died 1-02-77

ORGAN E. MASON, 77, Forest Glen,
Emp. 1-29-25, Died 1-09-77

DON H. MULLINAX, 66, North Avenue,
Emp. 8-19-43, Died 1-14-77

JOY R. MUNGAI, 71, West Section,
Emp. 4-09-28, Died 1-18-77

ERDELL H. NELSON, 59, 52nd Street,
Emp. 9-18-45, Died 1-02-77

WILLIAM P. O'BRIEN, 63, West Section,
Emp. 1-09-43, Died 2-02-77

PETER PRETO, 63, Maintenance,
Emp. 6-24-36, Died 1-28-77

WALTER A. SERAFIN, 70, Forest Glen,
Emp. 8-25-41, Died 1-21-77

Service anniversaries in March

40 years



J. Barkauskas
South Shops



J. H. Lynch
Archer



C. R. Matuszewski
Electrical



B. H. Nelson
Beverly

35 years

C. C. Cordek, North Avenue
E. L. Dieden, Instruction
L. L. Hagen, South Shops
G. L. Karrison, Douglas-Congress
A. H. McCauley, Howard-Kimball
D. D. Mullozzi, North Avenue
G. L. Wilson, Howard-Kimball

THOMAS F. SHEEHAN, 69, 77th Street,
Emp. 9-25-51, Died 1-14-77

IRVING SHER, 64, North Section,
Emp. 9-22-42, Died 1-26-77

ELIZABETH SULLIVAN, 79, Revenue,
Emp. 8-10-22, Died 1-13-77

ELMER C. TELSCHOW, 69, North Avenue,
Emp. 9-25-29, Died 1-26-76

JOSEPH T. VALCHAR, 76, Lawndale,
Emp. 7-23-23, Died 1-05-77

JOHN P. WALTHER, 66, Forest Glen,
Emp. 10-01-52, Died 1-04-77

WALTER A. WEISSGERBER, 69, Kimball,
Emp. 4-29-42, Died 1-27-77

30 years

H. C. Berndt, Maintenance
D. J. Brodie Jr., Wilson
A. L. Donofrio, North Avenue
E. L. Dzwicki, North Park
S. A. Florek, Archer
E. Fortuna, Beverly
W. B. Goldsby, Archer
E. J. Haimann, Archer
M. L. Harris, North Section
H. D. Hughes, 69th Street
H. Johnson, Beverly
J. J. Joyce, Forest Glen
R. Lemke, Forest Glen
J. F. Madden, Insurance
D. M. McNamara, Materials Mgt.
R. C. Mecker, Claims
W. A. Mount, Ashland
T. Mullin, Beverly
A. L. Mustacchi, Utility
S. P. Nieman, South Shops
R. J. Noreen, Beverly
H. H. Oppergelt, North Avenue
E. Pala, 77th Street
S. Phillips, 52nd Street
R. H. Smith, South Shops
S. F. Straza, North Avenue
T. H. Tadevic, South Shops
R. G. Toft, North Avenue
J. J. Wiesolek, Electrical
J. M. Wilson, Forest Glen
A. Wodual, South Shops

25 years

J. V. Barrett, Forest Glen
G. D. Burns, Ashland
L. E. Cullinan, Agents
R. J. Demske, Electrical
D. E. Fitzgibbon, Utility
J. D. Munyer, Claims
W. B. Nichols, Production/Supply
R. Wilson, Central District
A. Woolfolk, Archer

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Operation : Barrier



The 12-ton barrier on the Wabash and Lake curve of the Loop 'L' was built and installed in one weekend. It is shown above, painted, and in Monday morning service. (Photo by Bert Cadney)

The CTA's Engineering and Maintenance Departments combined forces over the weekend of Feb. 12-13 for a special project of erecting a large steel restraining barrier at the outer edge of the Loop elevated curve at Lake street and Wabash avenue -- site of the accident that Feb. 4.

The project was conceived by George Krambles, general manager, as an extra precautionary measure in addition to the standard guard rails which are used throughout the elevated system.

Until the Feb. 4 accident, rapid transit trains had operated around the Lake-Wabash curve without incident since 1897. At present, 1,000 trains on a weekday pass that curve, 500 in each direction.

During the 80 years, approximately 24 million trains consisting of 104 million cars have passed this curve with an estimated 2 billion 700 million riders.

Consisting of two large girders put together as a box girder, the new restraining barrier is 59 feet long,

4 feet high and 2 feet wide, and weighs 12 tons. The girders were obtained from an unused portion of the south side elevated right-of-way.

Ronald Rolsing, superintendent of structural engineering, was in charge of the design of the restraining barrier, and was assisted by Patrick McCarthy, supervisor of bridges and structures, who helped to direct the work. Also directing the work in the field was Walter Gaedtke, superintendent of track and structures.

William Strozewski, general foreman, directed the work of the ironworkers. The ironworkers were Tom Gardiner, Ken Paetsch, Joe White, Jim McKee, Al Mori, Nick Mitchell, Barty Greco, Jim McMahon, Frank Snet, Al McCann and Tony Flores. Working with them were Sam Oliveri, Noel McNamara and Nick Cinquepalm, ironworker driver-helpers, and Bennie Wardlow, ironworker helper.

Other CTA employees who worked on the project were Quentin Michalczewski, flagman; Frank Mendyk, John Cichorcki, and George Isdale, teamsters, and a crew of painters consisting of Harry Andrews, foreman, and Pat White, Richard Krueger, Pate Forde and Dan Dingmar.

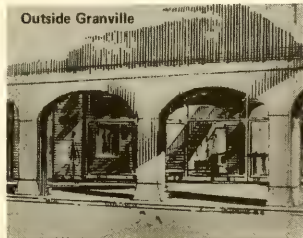
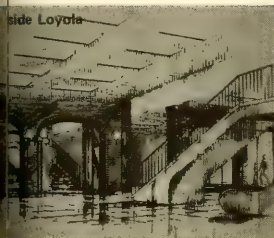
Board Authorizes Service Improvements

The March meeting of the Chicago Transit Board produced these developments for improving CTA service:

- * Start of delivery of 196 new rapid transit cars after several months of revenue service testing of four initial cars.
- * Authorization of an architectural consulting contract for modernizing the Loyola and Granville stations on the north elevated route.
- * Awarding of a construction contract for six substation buildings in a program of modernizing the electrical power distribution for rapid transit operations.
- * Extension of a major bus route to serve the area of the Altgeld Gardens public housing development on the far south side.

Beginning with the arrival March 3 of two cars by freight train shipment from Philadelphia, the new rapid transit cars are being delivered at a rate of at least 10 cars a month. Full delivery of the new fleet is expected to be completed by late spring or early summer in 1978. Initially, the new cars are to be broken in on the combination Eisenhower and Logan Square-Kennedy routes, where similar cars are in service. Sufficient numbers of the new cars have been delivered, most of the new fleet is to be assigned to the North-South, Ravenswood and Madison Express routes.

A contract for \$2,935,000 was awarded to E. C. Ernst Midwest, Inc., 5213 Otto ave., as the low bidder, for the construction of six new substation buildings - four on the Eisenhower rapid transit route and two on the Douglas route. The contract also calls for the installation of new power rectifiers and transformers, which already are on order from another company. The contract is the latest part of a \$34-million program that has been under way for the CTA rapid transit system since 1962. The electric power is purchased from Commonwealth Edison Company as 12,000 volt alternating current, and is transformed at 37 CTA substations to 600 volt direct current needed for the rapid transit car motors. Twenty-three of the 37 substations have now been modernized under the program for which funds have been provided by the CTA, Commonwealth Edison, the City of Chicago, and the federal and state governments.



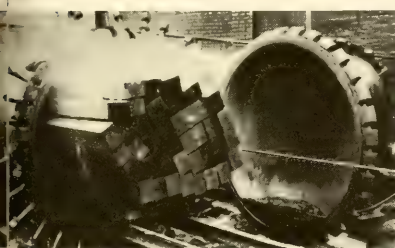
The Board authorized the retention of the firm of Dubin, Dubin, Black & Moutoussamy, of 22 N. Dearborn st., for architectural consulting services at a fee not to exceed \$202,369 for the station modernization projects. The contract is subject to concurrence by the federal government's Urban Mass Transportation Administration and the Illinois Department of Transportation. The federal and state governments already have allocated approximately \$2,100,000 for the Loyola station and \$1,100,000 for the Granville station. The modernization plans provide for the installation of an escalator at Granville and two escalators at Loyola. An elevator shaft also is to be provided at each station for the possible future installation of elevators (artist's renderings above).

Day At CTA

These employees spent a day at CTA, touring the offices to get an idea of Mart operations. In the picture above, left to right, are J. J. Reppinger, manager of Maintenance; Lawrence Sucsy, Board member; Pat Marzullo, Plant Maintenance; James Pollick, bus & truck mechanic; James Pankonen, director of Vehicle Maintenance; James Dudley, supervisor, Safety; Ike Rivers, bus repairer; Harold Biggs, car repairer, and Harold Geissenheimer, General Operations manager. The picture below shows, left to right, Bertrand Hartfield, switchman; Donald Walsh, Board member; James Blaa, manager, Transportation; Frank Queen, switchman; Mr. Geissenheimer, and Joseph Sparks, bus driver.

Busy Month For Brabec

Edward F. Brabec, vice chairman of the CTA, has more than public transportation to keep him occupied this month. He is the general chairman of this year's St. Patrick's Day parade and the current president of the Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago which holds its annual banquet on March 17.



The Board heard an interesting presentation by Gene Fregetto, specification engineer, Materials Management, on how CTA's rapid transit railroad ties are manufactured and cured for maximum durability. The picture, one of those shown in the slide presentation, shows the ties coming from the curing kiln at the Koppers plant in Mississippi.



commendation corner

Young: Info Specialist

Charles B. Young (West Section), conductor on the Logan Square-Kennedy route, was commended by Mrs. Gertrude Curran, of Park Ridge, for making "the ride pleasant and interesting." Mrs. Curran wrote: "He called the station names articulately; explained the transfers that could be made at certain stations; gave additional information about locations near each stop, and wished his passengers a pleasant day."

Hightower: Humorous Kind

The performance of Peyton Hightower (77th St. Garage) as a bus driver on the No. 27 South Deering route was singled out by Mrs. Darlene Collins, of Saginaw avenue, who wrote: "On the days when I'm tired and weary after a hard day's work, I'll catch that bus and everything seems to come alive. The driver is so entertaining; he makes everybody on the bus feel happy. He is such a nice, warm, humorous kind of man. Thank you for having drivers like him."

Evans: Skillful Driver

Despite slippery street conditions, John K. Evans (52nd St. Garage) was "right on time with his first run of the day" with his bus on the No. 1 Drexel/Hyde Park route, reported Mrs. Lillian Fletcher, of Stony Island avenue. She added: "His careful and skillful driving resulted in a pleasant ride with not a single skid. I no longer enjoy driving and am most grateful that you are able to find a young man of the caliber of the driver with badge No. 6102 (Evans)."

Johnson: Very Polite

Courtesy on the part of David W. Johnson (North Park Garage) in driving on the No. 152 Addison route caught the attention of Ms. Lisa Small, of Addison street. She explained: "He is one of the most courteous and considerate drivers I have ever seen in all the years I've

ridden CTA. He was very polite, and I observed him going out of his way several times for people who were running to get on the bus."

Dougan: Warmer Upper

Clarence R. Dougan (Beverly Garage), driving the No. 112 Vincennes/111 route, showed special consideration for his riders on an especially cold morning, according to Charles W. Pederson, of St. Louis avenue. Pederson explained: "I was several hundred feet from the corner when I saw the bus go past the empty stop. I dreaded having to wait for another bus in the near zero weather. The driver must have recognized me as a regular rider because he stopped the bus and waited for me. I am very grateful."

Clay: Warns Of Bumps

Consideration for the safety and comfort of his riders was the tribute paid to Moses Clay, Jr. (52nd St. Garage) by Mrs. Betty Spotser, of Cornell avenue. She wrote: "That young man is so polite and concerned about the safety and comfort of his passengers. He handles his bus on the No. 6 Jeffery route superbly, and warns his riders of unavoidable potholes that make for a rough ride. The tone of his voice is sincere and kind."

Reynolds: Distinct

Mrs. Niki A. Reynolds (Forest Glen Garage) was cited by Mrs. LaVonne L. Roos, of Goodman street, for being a bus driver who performs "far above her regular duties." The rider explained: "She is a capable driver who is courteous to everyone and who calls every street name distinctly. Passengers board with a smile and, upon leaving, receive a word in keeping with the occasion. I commend her for being such a real human being."

Marren: Helps Seniors

Michael J. Marren (North Park Garage), driver of the No. 151 Sheridan route, attracted the attention of Mrs. May Hurley, of Evanston, for his patience and courtesy. Mrs. Hurley wrote: "It so happened there were a number of confused senior citizens waiting to board the bus on State street, and in each instance he tried very hard to straighten out their problems and give them the advice and directions they needed."

Bus District Heads Named

Three new bus district superintendents have been named by the manager of Transportation. All three were appointed assistant superintendents, Service, last year. Albert C. Rohl, now superintendent, District A, joined the Chicago Surface Lines as a conductor in 1942. He became a supervisor in 1952, a traffic supervisor in 1960, and a district supervisor in 1970. In 1973 he was named district superintendent, and the following year, assistant superintendent. James E. Ohse, superintendent, District B, is a 30-year veteran who served as a streetcar conductor before becoming a bus driver in 1955. He was named traffic supervisor in 1961 and district supervisor in 1973. Lawson L. Matthews, superintendent, District C, joined CTA in 1949, also as a streetcar conductor, becoming a bus driver in 1952. In 1962 he was appointed traffic supervisor; in 1970, instructor, and, in 1974, district supervisor.

In the Maintenance Department, Robert J. Stavinga, former unit supervisor, track

construction, has been appointed supervisor, track and roadway maintenance. Thomas J. Staunton, former unit supervisor, track maintenance, has become unit supervisor, track construction, and Charles Dunks, former track foreman, is now unit supervisor, track maintenance.

John Holcomb, former architectural designer, Engineering, has been named supervisor, architectural drafting, in the same department. In Accounting, Garth Dill has moved from accounting specialist to supervisor, accounts receivable. Now methods & procedures analyst, Accounting, is Maynard Ellis, former bus service supervisor, District D.

Also new in Accounting, as accounts payable clerks, are Arnetta Driver, former ticket agent, South Section, and Sharon Love, former calculating machine operator in the same section. Stenographer Priscilla Kamradt has been reassigned from Claims Law & Real Estate to Engineering.

In Materials Management, Santina Field

has moved from stenographer, specifications, to material claim clerk, Purchasing. Former South Section ticket agent Kay Smith is now medical technician, Medical Department. Dorothy Etscheid, former typist, Operations Planning, has been named retirement record clerk, Insurance & Pensions.

Three former bus operators have been appointed service truck chauffeurs in Transportation. They are Freddie Daniels (North Ave), Rufus Platt (77th St.), and Charles Riley (Limits).

Now in Maintenance at Skokie Shop are shop tractor operator Ronald Garner, former janitor, Limits, and Michael Bartolai, carpenter apprentice who was formerly blacksmith and welder apprentice, Plant Maintenance. Also at Skokie, Chester Seymour, Jr., former shopman, has been reassigned as electrical worker. At South Shops, Edward Shields, Jr., has moved from production record clerk to production clerk.



trude and Alfred Benbow celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary Feb. 17 at the Royal Inn. Mr. Benbow started with Chicago Surface Lines in 1929 at the Cottage Grove barn. Their son, daughter-in-law and daughter celebrated with them. Mr. Benbow will be 84 in May. Congratulations!

NEW PENSIONERS

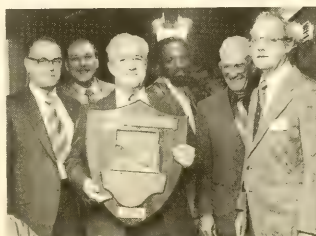
SAM BAKER, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 3-06-44
GEORGE R. BATTERSON, Supervisor,
District A, Emp. 12-10-40
ERNEST F. FELTZ, Collector,
Archer, Emp. 5-09-42
HAROLD W. FELTZ, Chauffeur,
Utility, Emp. 4-15-42
ALLEN GILES, Ticket Agent,
South Section, Emp. 2-01-54

THOMAS J. GREENE, Conductor,
North Section, Emp. 2-18-42
CONRAD A. JOHNSON, Collector,
Limits, Emp. 11-08-45
ARTHUR H. JOOST, Conductor,
North Section, Emp. 2-15-46
NATALIE KACZKOWSKI, Record Clerk,
Insurance & Pensions, Emp. 11-01-43
EDWARD J. KENNEDY, Chauffeur,
Utility, Emp. 9-08-41
JOHN MARECEK, Janitor,
Kedzie, Emp. 2-16-48
AUGUST F. MERCURIO, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 5-21-46
KENNETH C. METTLER, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 8-08-42
RUDOLPH E. NEURAUTER, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 9-07-67
EVAN E. OLMSTEAD, Manager,
Maintenance, Emp. 7-07-36
JESSE OVERALL, Trackman II,
Maintenance, Emp. 1-29-47
WILLIAM C. PANTLE, Traffic Checker,
Schedules, Emp. 8-11-41
ALBERT A. PAVLIK, Collector,
77th Street, Emp. 11-24-41
JAMES F. RADLOFF, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 3-03-43
JOSEPH L. SOJKA, Rail Janitor,
Maintenance, Emp. 9-28-40
THEODORE STANEK, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 2-02-45
JOHN TOUSSAS, Laborer,
Stores, Emp. 2-05-65
WILLIAM J. ZIMOS, Machinist,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 9-08-42

Three - Time Safety Winners

The safety performance which earned North Ave. the fourth quarter 1976 Public Safety Award was the lowest quarterly accident rate in its history--4.73 per 100,000 miles of operation. It also was the third safety contest North Ave. won during the year. At the award ceremonies (upper right), drivers Arthur Wike (left) and Iris Barnes were presented with special recognition certificates by Harry Reddick, director of personnel. In the background is Arthur Hubacz, accident analyst clerk, Public Safety.

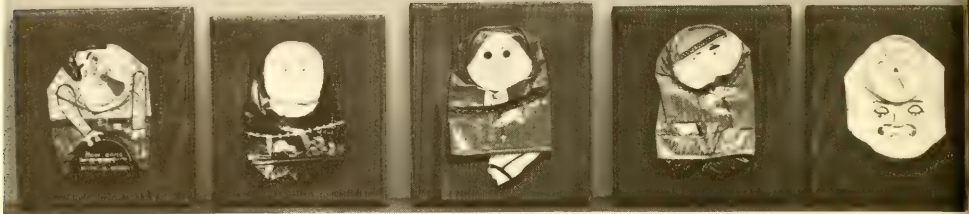
Another three-time winner in 1976 was Congress terminal, which had only one on-board passenger fall during the entire fourth quarter. With 0.10 accidents per 100,000 car miles operated, Congress had its lowest quarterly rate ever. Accepting the award for the terminal (bottom right) is Jim Roberts, superintendent (center). From left to right are Jim Walsh and Harold Thurbush, assistant superintendents; Robert Forte, clerk; John Flynn, assistant superintendent, Douglas, and Ed Henry, supervisor, Public Safety.



DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

EDWARD M. KEY, Conductor,
South Section, Emp. 11-02-53
ANDREW W. SEGAR, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 9-12-57
GEORGE M. STEPTOE, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 2-15-45

West Shops Has Versatile Artist In Residence



Robert R. (Bob) Booth is the CTA West Shops' unofficial "artist in residence." His works are proudly displayed in several offices there -- and he has commissions to do more.

Booth is the jovial materials assignment dispatcher in the office of Ronald O. Swindell, superintendent, electrical maintenance section.

"The boss asked me to do a work symbolic of public transportation in Chicago," Booth says. He came through with a 3 x 4 1/2 foot wood panel collage which now hangs in Swindell's outer office. Booth named it "Progress."

The collage includes objects and logos connected with transit, ranging from a horseshoe to the RTA. These are mounted in a wood frame darkened with a propane torch.

Booth's southwest side home is his studio. He practices an unusual art form he calls "tin can art."

"I use beverage cans which have been flattened with the tops facing forward," he explains. "I use the tops for faces and the rest of the cans for the figures."

Booth displays a flower made from a twig and a number of pencil sharpener shavings he meticulously applied with glue and tweezers to form the blossom and leaves. Artificial moss forms the base.

Booth has also turned his talents to metal sculpting. He created "Sea Gulls," two small figures in flight mounted on long metal wires attached to a wood base for support.

He recently started painting in oils and his collection shows that he favors landscapes with streams. He also has done seascapes.

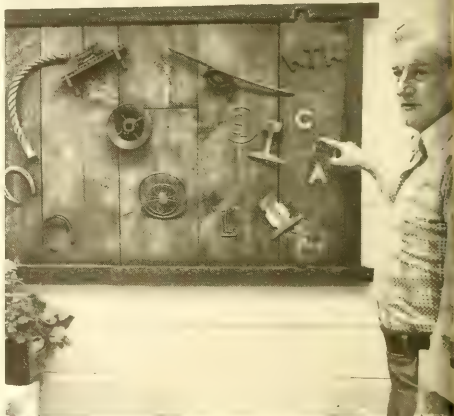
"As a kid I liked to draw," Booth says. "As a young man, I studied at the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts. When I joined the CTA 29 years ago as an electrical department laborer, I put aside my art work."

"My wife, Delores, and I took up art a couple of years ago when we got bored staring at the 'boob tube' night after

night. She specializes in ceramics, crocheting and sewing. Mrs. Jean Redd, Swindell's secretary, said she has as much to do a small landscape for her office, too."

"I think his work is great. He shows great sensitivity," she says.

(CTA photos by Rich Stan)



CTA Ring To Famous Car

There's a bit of the CTA in the U.S. Presidential Pullman and lounge car now housed in the Gold Coast Railroad Museum in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

This specially built bullet-proof car, named the Ferdinand Magellan, was used by Presidents Roosevelt, Truman and Eisenhower before the federal government retired it. President Truman used this car to make his successful 1948 "whistle stop" campaign tour of the nation -- given much credit for Truman's defeat of Thomas E. Dewey.

The Gold Coast Railroad, Inc., a nonprofit organization of rail fans, bought the Magellan from the federal government as surplus in 1959. Over the years the rail fans have made a complete restoration of the car -- except for the lack of four ceiling light fixture rings.

H. E. Price, a former Oak Park resident and now chairman of the Ferdinand Magellan Committee, asked the CTA if it could supply such light rings. He recalled the light fixtures on the CTA's "L" cars as being similar to those of the Magellan.

William C. Roman, superintendent, Stores Operations, Materials Management Department, located four of the requested light fixture rings and sent them to Price.

"Who would have thought," Price said in a letter to the CTA, "that one day Harry Truman's 1948 Campaign Car would have parts supplied from a Chicago subway car? The CTA is still the greatest!"



Pictured above is an interior view of the former U.S. Presidential Pullman and lounge car to which the CTA contributed four items.

Postman Brings Your Benefacts this Month

Assured Pension and Benefits Reported For Each Individual Employee

Your Personal Statement of Benefits 1976
Chicago Transit Authority



The Benefacts Statement, a personalized annual report for employees, will be delivered to each employee's home by first class mail during the month of March, according to William A. Ashley, manager of the insurance and pensions department.

Your Benefacts Statement will show you the computed value of your medical, disability, and death benefits on the basis of your age, salary, and length of service as of December 31, 1976.

It will also show your personalized record of contributions and estimated benefits under the CTA retirement plan.

The calculation of retirement benefits, covered under the Benefacts Statement entitled "Your Security Tomorrow," is based on the assumption that an employee will retire on his or her "normal retirement date" - the first of the month after the 65th birthday.

The estimated average pension plan annual compensation in the next five completed plan years (within the 10 years immediately preceding the normal retirement date) as used in Benefacts is calculated as follows:

EMPLOYEE'S BIRTH YEAR	ESTIMATED AVERAGE PENSION PLAN ANNUAL COMPENSATION
1912	1 X 1976 Pension Plan Annual Compensation + 4 highest Plan Years of Annual Compensation in the last 9 Plan Years prior to 1976. = Total ÷ 5 = Estimated Average Pension Plan Annual Com- pensation
1913	2 X 1976 Pension Plan Annual Compensation + 3 highest Plan Years of Annual Compensation in the last 8 Plan Years prior to 1976. = Total ÷ 5 = Estimated Average Pension Plan Annual Com- pensation
1914	3 X 1976 Pension Plan Annual Compensation + 2 highest Plan Years of Annual Compensation in the last 7 Plan Years prior to 1976. = Total ÷ 5 = Estimated Average Pension Plan Annual Com- pensation
1915	4 X 1976 Pension Plan Annual Compensation + 1 highest Plan Year of Annual Compensation in the last 6 Plan Years prior to 1976. = Total ÷ 5 = Estimated Average Pension Plan Annual Com- pensation
1916 or later	5 X 1976 Pension Plan Annual Compensation = Total ÷ 5 = Estimated Average Pension Plan Annual Com- pensation

For employees with less than one year of service, the benefit is calculated using the individual's base rate.

Retirement Plan Facts

The CTA Retirement Plan has been in effect for more than 27 years. During that time, more than 16,000 employees have retired and all have received the pension checks due them under the plan.

As required by the Retirement Plan (which became effective on June 1, 1949), the committee appointed as trustee a national bank located in the City of Chicago having specified financial qualifications. The Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago, appointed in 1949, was one of the few Chicago banks that met the stringent financial requirements specified by the plan.

The Direct contributions to the Retirement Fund starting in 1949 have come to \$168,067,464 from the Authority and \$119,653,555.49 from employees (adjusted for refunds to employees leaving the CTA before retirement.)

The amount of money paid out in pensions under the plan, starting in 1949, has been \$214,640,575.25. In addition, the assets of the Fund on December 31, 1976 amounted to \$222,375,969.36.

The trustee bank has the obligation of prudently investing the fund. Section 18 of the Plan specified that the fund may be invested in real or personal property including, but not limited to "common and preferred stocks, corporate and governmental obligations, trust and participation certificates, leaseholds, mortgages and other interests in realty." Like all similar retirement funds, the value fluctuates somewhat with the market for such securities.

Administration Of Plan

Pursuant to the written provisions of the plan, the Retirement Allowance Committee has 10 members. The present committee consists of the following:

P. J. Kole	- Chairman - CTA
W. A. Ashley	- Secretary - CTA
J. R. Blaa	- CTA
E. F. Brabec	- CTA
J. E. Hastings	- CTA
E. Barley	- Union
E. Langosch	- Union
W. Spears	- Union
J. F. Tiffy	- Union
J. E. Touhy	- Union

Each committee member has an alternate who attends in his absence.

The committee administers the plan, including the determination of eligibility of an employee for retirement or disability allowance, certification of the names of employees entitled to benefits and the amounts thereof, and similar administrative duties.

Important activities concerning the retirement fund are documented in writing each year. The trustee files a comprehensive written report along with a written report by an outside independent accounting firm and a written report by an actuarial firm. In addition, the Retirement Allowance Committee makes a written annual report which includes the foregoing reports.

Such annual reports, which have been issued regularly since the inception of the plan in 1949, are available for inspection by any CTA employee - in the Harold S. Anthon Memorial Library of CTA on the fourth floor of the Merchandise Mart; from officials of your union; from your department head; from the office of Secretary of the Retirement Allowance Committee.

It is suggested that you take a few minutes, after receiving your Benefacts Statement, to discuss your benefits with your family. Then save the Benefacts report in your household file for easy reference.



Time out

The Art Of Today In A Wonderful Showcase

Things to do in the Chicago area

with Anit Leppik



The Museum of Contemporary Art is like no other museum.

It is a place that sets trends, brings new ideas. The museum, housed in a cleanly designed warehouse structure among dozens of private art galleries at 237 E. Ontario, serves as a canvas for new artists, new talents - a place where Chicagoans can see and be in on new schools of expression as they begin, not after critics have mulled over them for years and years.

You have a chance to view such contemporary artwork at least seven times a year, with the opening every seven weeks of a new exhibition. Or, you might visit more often if your interests include poetry, films, concerts, and other means of continuing education.

The museum offers a sampling of each in the current spring calendar. Two major exhibitions are introduced, to run through May 1. They are "Antoni Tàpies, thirty-three years of his work," and the "Robert B. Mayer Memorial Loan." Tàpies, whose early work has been described as "magical surrealist" and who now has turned to abstract art, is considered the most important Spanish painter to emerge on the international art scene after World War II.

The Mayer Loan is one of the most comprehensive collections of post-World-War-II art in the nation. Among notable works on exhibit with the collection are "Troy Donahue" (1962) by Andy Warhol and George Segal's life-cast sculpture, "The Girl on the Flying Trapeze," (1969).

In addition, A History of the American Avant-Garde Cinema is scheduled in April and May, with seven film programs consisting of 39 now-classic films by 25 major artists to be shown. Selections include Willard Maas, "Geography of the Body," (1943); Ian Hugo, "The Bells of Atlantis," (1952); Marie Menken, "Notebook," (1963); and Stan Brakhage, "Fire of Waters," (1965).

A Philip Glass concert of Indian inspired compositions is planned for March 21 at 2000 hours. Laurie Anderson will perform with film-

quadrophonic soundsongs for the electronic crossbow-talking rhythm four-track overdub blue band April 6 at 2000. John Ashbury will give a poetry reading April 15 at 2000. There are other programs. A complete listing is available from the museum.

Although you can tour the contemporary art museum in less than an hour, the experience is not one to miss. You may see the realistic or photos of Chicago, sculpture that is organic or modernistic, water colors - even a tie-dyed exhibition has been featured.

But be warned. When you are working with the exhibits, you'll more likely than not, spend another hour touring the museum still if you have a mind for the original and varied. Volunteers travel the country to find work of craftsmen and artisans to complement a gift giving. A recent purchase included porcelain objects which included paper products, by ceramicist Charlotte Potok and goldsmith Noma Copley. You might find hand woven baskets, modeling clay, colorful stuffed animals, silver jewelry, ivory.

The museum was organized just 10 years ago by a group of people who wanted to establish a forum on contemporary arts, and and performing. That they were successful is seen in a current membership of 4,500 members, and plans to develop a permanent collection housed in a new wing, recently purchased and to be completed in the museum's 10th anniversary this October. But do not wait till then for a visit when a stopover this spring can introduce you to sights and sounds of the Twentieth Century now, as they happen.

The Museum of Contemporary Art sponsors such projects as Chicago CTA tours to view Chicago architecture (last fall). A visit is a nice way to repay the favor and so many CTA bus routes are convenient there ask you to consult your map rather than our listing them here. Museum is open Monday-Saturday 1000-1700, Thursday to 2000, Sunday 1200 to 1700. Adults \$1, children 50¢, members free.



Sports Stars In CTA Families

Ann Kilcullen Honored For Bowling Achievements

Having a ball is having a bowl for Ann Kilcullen of Evergreen Park. Ann, the daughter of Joe Kilcullen, Materials Management, electrical division, was recently honored in The Chicago Tribune in its "Prep athletes of the week" section. Ann attends Evergreen Park Community High School and is on the school's bowling team. She presently is carrying a 157 average but really scored high in a recent two game match against Hillcrest High School at a practice meet. Her golden bowling ball got her a 195 average. Ann, a junior, scored 199 and 208, which had Evergreen sailing past Hillcrest with flying colors. As a matter of fact, the school finished seventh in the 1975 state meet. Ann's coach, Marilyn Wax, is proud indeed, and hopes that magic golden ball of Ann's will roll in another winning position in the next state meet.

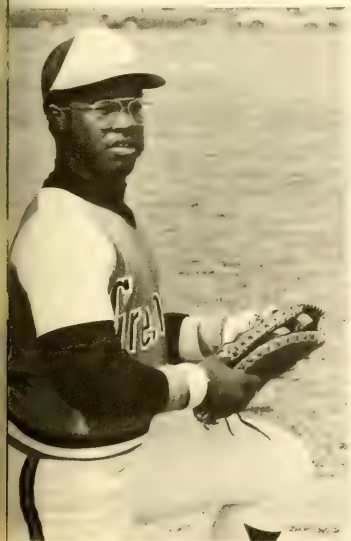


Tina Billis Wins Basketball Honors

Two hundred points and 175 rebounds for the season are good in anyone's book as far as basketball is concerned. Especially from a 5-foot 7-inch center-forward. The star is Tina Billis, the daughter of Joseph Billis, Schedule Department. More than that, Tina also co-captained her team and was chosen by her teammates as most valuable player. She attends Lakewood High School and was recently named to the ten-girl All Conference Team by the coaches of the Tri-River Conference. But Tina doesn't stop at basketball. She is in Ski Club, Pep Club, Varsity Club, G.A.A., Student Council, and is vice-president of her senior class. She also participates in track, plays volleyball and is a member of the National Honor Society. Her brother, John, also works for CTA in the Accounting Department and is just as proud of his little sister as dad is.



Tony Hubbard— A 'Good-Will' Baseballer



A proud papa -- yes! Frank Hubbard of Office Services had a grin from ear to ear when he presented this picture of his son, Tony, to us. Tony is a senior at Greenville College in Greenville, Illinois, majoring in physical education. Not only that. He was chosen as a member of the Sports Ambassadors Baseball Team, a "good-will" team comprised of 17 players picked from five nationwide colleges and universities. The team toured Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic from Dec. 26 thru Jan. 15. We can see why Tony made the team. He was an All-Conference Selection at Greenville twice, and was selected All-District first baseman (during his sophomore year) and All-American in the NAIA Illinois District 20. As a sophomore Tony was home-run leader and Greenville's AMVP two consecutive years. The Ambassadors' 18-day tour had them running bases in approximately 38 games between university and town teams. A proud papa indeed.

TO ALL OUR EMPLOYEES: These three articles were submitted by CTA personnel. If you have any interesting stories to tell about your children, or any other articles which you think would be of interest to our other readers, please feel free to send them in to CTA Transit News, Chicago Transit Authority, P.O. Box 3555, Chicago, Illinois 60654, or to Room 742 through company mail.

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Charley Berry:
"Perfect Man In Blue"

By W. B. Wolfan



(Photo by Rich Stanton)

A famous baseball man said it: "A good umpire is an umpire you don't notice. He's in the game all afternoon (this was before night baseball) and when the game is over, you can't remember his name."

Often described as the "perfect man in blue" was the late Charley Berry, who was an American League umpire for 20 years and a football official as well.

"My husband did everything he wanted to do," says Helen Berry, the sprightly effervescent widow of the famous umpire, who now resides in Evanston with her daughter and son-in-law, Robert Strotz, president of Northwestern University.

And she is right about that. Charley Berry did it all as an athlete, coach, manager and umpire. He was one of the colorful figures of baseball's Golden Age, the era of Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, Tris Speaker and many others.

Charley and Helen Berry were married for 46 years, and Helen, herself an ex-physical education teacher, shared a great love of sports with her husband.

Mrs. Berry recalls that she participated

in girls basketball in those early years and "I set a few records in both high school and at Trenton (N.J.) State College." She also was a swimmer and diver.

Her husband achieved All-American football honors at Lafayette College, where he captained both football and baseball teams. He was named on the last All-American team that was selected by Walter Camp, known as the father of football.

Berry, who was 6 feet 1 inch and weighed 212 pounds, was described by Camp in his 1924 All-American selection as follows:

"Berry of Lafayette fits in on account of his remarkable ability to work his way through interference - to sense the play and speed downfield - and he seems to grow stronger as the game goes on."

After graduation, he played one season of professional football with the pro Pottsville Maroons. He later became a head linesman in the National Football league.

But it was baseball that lured him to the big leagues as a catcher and he was a good one.

He was with Connie Mack's Philadelphia

Athletics, the Boston Red Sox and our Chicago White Sox. Berry caught I. Grove and George Earnshaw, two of the greatest pitchers who ever took the mound. Later with the Red Sox, he was the catcher of record for Charley (Red) Ruffing who was to become the ace of the champion New York Yankees' pitching staff.

Handling such pitchers as Grove, Earnshaw and Ruffing obviously qualified Berry to become an umpire, and he was one of the best, as White Sox fans will remember. Timers may also recall his catching career with the White Sox in the late 1930's.

Mrs. Berry tells a fascinating story about an experience Charley had while catching for Boston. It seems that the Boston pitcher, bespectacled Danny MacFayden, was wilder than a March hare on that particular afternoon in Fenway Park.

Berry went to the mound to try to catch his pitcher as best he could.

Sitting in the stands Mrs. Berry wondered why Charley was laughing so hard as he returned to the plate after a brief conference with MacFayden.

That night she asked him what was funny about MacFayden's wildness.

Her husband said when he had asked a Boston pitcher why he couldn't find the plate MacFayden answered in his best Bostonian

"I cawn't, I just cawn't."

Mrs. Berry remembers the many times they had with their many friends "Mr. and Mrs. Babe Ruth, the Connie Mack the Will Harridges (president of the American League) and a host of others."

"Charley always said there was no one like 'the Babe'", she recalls.

Charley Berry was an unusually versatile man. He was an umpire in seven world series, and holds the distinction of being the only man to umpire in a world series and also officiate in a National Football League playoff game.

One time, Berry umpired a baseball doubleheader at Comiskey Park in the afternoon, and served as a head linesman in the College All-Star football game that night.

Charley Berry's name is enshrined in the Halls of Fame in the States of Pennsylvania and New Jersey and at his alma mater Lafayette College. He was a native son of Phillipsburg, N.J.

Mrs. Berry says that even though Charley spent so many years in baseball, he found most rewarding his five years coaching football at Grove City College, Pa. where his team lost only two games in five years.

"He was happiest working with young people, teaching them the value of sports in motivation and incentive for the game of life, says Mrs. Berry.

To say that Charley Berry did it all is an understatement.

Not alone did he do it all in sports, but he established a reputation for fairness as an arbiter. He was a man of utmost integrity, patience and understanding who was inspiring to all who came in contact with him. His friends were legion. He was the "perfect man in blue."

A Salute To The Irish



"The only place I like next best to Chicago," say many of CTA's Irish, "is Ireland itself." These pictures illustrate a couple of the reasons why -- thatched cottages such as this one at Bunratty near Shannon Airport where returning travelers land, and lovely lakes such as Glengarriff in County Cork. Irish have long been prominent in the transit industry -- as far back as the early days of the streetcar. About eight percent of CTA employees are Irish by birth or extraction -- or have an Irish name by marriage. (Photos by Aer Lingus)



How Mary Berry And Dagmar McNamara Kissed The Blarney Stone



Mary Berry

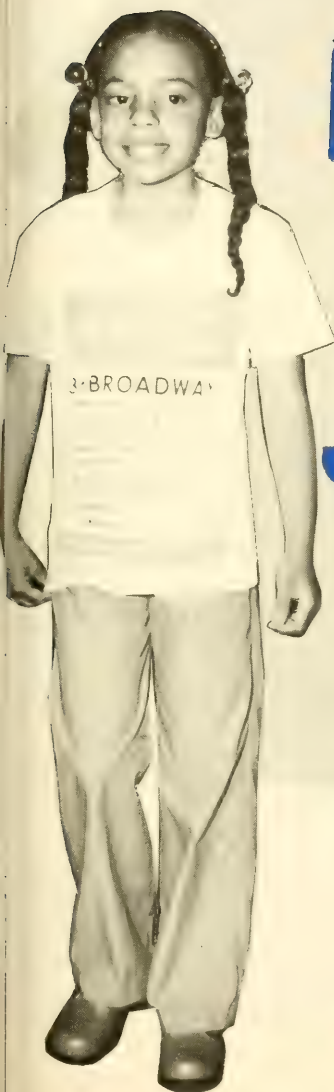
It was raining. Windy. A long, long way to go. All the way up to the castle. To kiss a stone -- the Blarney Stone. But it was worth it for Mary Berry, cashier in the Treasury Department. Mary points out that you have to be healthy to do this. It's a long way up. Mary feels she did get the gift of gab -- she's been talking ever since -- she just doesn't know what she's saying. To be quite honest, when interviewed, Mary was at a loss for words to describe the event. She does remember the sign telling you to remove all loose valuables. She had to remove her wig. The gentleman holding her didn't know what to hold -- her or the wig. "Can you imagine," says Mary, "how many girls that man gets to hold every day!" Now that's magic!

Her friends knew it was coming as soon as Dagmar McNamara, secretary to the manager of Materials Management, kissed the stone. The Blarney Stone, that is. It was on Sept. 20, 1976, that fateful day. They already knew she talked a lot. But, wow! Just one kiss. And a stone at that. "Heaven help us, the chatter will shatter us!" they said. Dagmar's own opinion: "I don't know if there is any real magic attached to kissing the stone, but I do know one thing. All the people, young and old alike, pushing and shoving to reach the fabled stone of Ireland -- and suddenly there was giggling, laughter, merriment. Yes, I do believe there definitely is some magic there."



Dagmar McNamara

cta t-shirts reach market



cta bus stop

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Clark(1600W.)-Arthur(6500N.)
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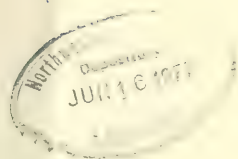
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Division-State-Polk

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24 Hour Operation

30 Minute Owl Service

People moving people call 836-7000



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TRANSIT NEWS

FOR EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES

MAY, 1977



CTA's new T-shirts with colorful designs of the rapid transit map and a variety of bus stop signs are now on sale at major retail outlets in Chicago and suburbs.

Three well known State street stores--Marshall Field & Co., Carson Pirie Scott & Co. and Lytton and their branches and eight specialty retailers have the new shirts on their display racks and counters.

The specialty retailers are Uno's in Old Town, a Pair of Shoes, Carol & Co., 5-7-9 Shops, Larimer Ltd., The Gap, Atlantis Arisen Boutique, and Peter Bluster's.

The new CTA T-shirts are made of high quality 100 per cent interlock cotton, and come in women's, men's and children's sizes.

The initial production includes 15 bus stop designs and the rapid transit maps in four and eight colors.

One of the T-shirts features the O'Hare express bus sign in red with black lettering. The other bus stop designs bear the CTA's blue with the black letters.

The firm of Laven, Fuller & Perkins, 2002 Ontario st., is producing and marketing the T-shirts under contract with the CTA. The contract provides for exclusive use of copyrighted CTA graphics with a royalty return to the CTA of 5 per cent of the wholesale return.

For the most part, the copyrighted designs are replicas of original CTA graphics developed by the Graphics-Passenger Controls Section of the Operations Planning Department.

In addition to the original graphics, most of the T-shirts with the bus stop designs also feature the CTA's public service theme--"People Moving People."

The purpose of the T-shirts is to enhance the CTA's image as a vital public service. In effect, they will serve as walking advertisements.

OUR COVER: Pictured is Juanito Blaino, the daughter of Diana and Junius Blaino, modeling CTA's new bus stop T-shirt. Diana works in the General Manager's office, and Junius is assistant superintendent at the Assignment Office. At left is John Gaul of Operations Planning, wearing a system map T-shirt. A list of stores marketing the new T-shirts is on page 19.

King Tut culture bus



cta
stop

Direct service to
Field Museum

126 Jackson

Mon-Sat 07 00-22 00 (10 00PM)
Sun 08 15-22 00 (10 00PM)

travel information: call 836-7000

149 Stateliners Now Tut Culture Buses

Special Bus Stop Signs Posted Downtown

Designation of a popular downtown shuttle route as a culture bus service has capped an all-out effort by the CTA to promote transit as the best way to get to and from the Field Museum for the King Tut exhibit.

"King Tut Culture Bus" is the sign now carried below the windshields of buses of the 149 Stateliner route, which is one of two bus lines providing direct service to the Field Museum.

Even if there were no King Tut exhibit, it still would be especially appropriate to give the 149 Stateliner the added name of culture bus; for not only do these buses serve the cultural area of the Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium and Adler Planetarium, but they also run within a stone's throw of the Chicago Art Institute.

New "King Tut Bus" signs also are being carried in front by the 126 Jackson buses, the other major bus route which provides service at all times to the Field Museum.

As another important aid for persons going to the exhibit, the CTA has posted special King Tut bus stop signs in the museum-bound directions of both the Stateliner and Jackson routes in the downtown area.

Many at CTA Involved

Many persons at CTA have been involved in the King Tut promotion, for which one of the most important on-going assignments until the close of the exhibit Aug. 15 is making certain that good service is provided to meet the demand.

In charge of supervision of the service by the 126 Jackson and 149 Stateliner buses are Superintendents Gordon Balazs (Central District) and Walter Prosen (District B).

Among others helping to supervise the service at the Museum and also at Michigan avenue and Van Buren street are Leslie Baughn, Robert Bravi, Edward Johnson, Adolphus Martin, Joseph Rossie and John Woodson.

Overall direction for the King Tut service promotion has been given by General Manager Krambles. In the General Operations Division, Manager Harold H. Geissenheimer coordinated many activities. Also participating has been the Public Affairs Department.

E. Leland Webber, president and executive director of the Field Museum, and his staff (including Ms. Audrey Sullivan in charge of public information) extended their full cooperation.

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Tut Culture Buses (continued)

Some weeks in advance of the April 15 opening of the King Tut exhibit, Frank Barker, superintendent, Street Traffic, was a key CTAer who worked with the Field Museum staff. One important change for the King Tut exhibit was the creation of a new stop for outgoing Stateliner buses in the driveway serving the south entrance of the Museum.

Harold Hirsch, manager, Operations Planning, arranged for extending the hours of operation of the Jackson buses to conform with the Museum's 10 p.m. closing Thursdays through Sundays and for making other changes, such as reducing mid-day bus headways to 8 minutes. Working with Hirsch were William Worcester, director of Schedules, and Walter J. Thomas, superintendent of Schedule Preparation.

John O'Connor, superintendent, Passenger Controls-Graphics, and his staff designed the special King Tut bus stop signs, the signs for the front of buses, and directional signs for inside entrances at the Museum. Working on this assignment were Bob Aldworth, supervisor, Graphics Design, and Dennis Radatz, designer.

At South Shops, among those who produced the stop signs were Vernon Howe, foreman, and painters Lee Wilkins, Joseph Hull, John Seay, Jeff Jankus and Jim Cervenka.

The King Tut bus stop signs were put up at 35 spots downtown by crews from West Shops under the direction of Bob Grady, traffic planning technician, Street Traffic. Supervised by Foreman Jasper Pollizze, the crews included service truck chauffeurs Bill Brandon and Hank Mosley and sign hangers Al Guadagno, Larry Girlich, Jim Person and Larry Heise.

Art Green, director of Advertising and Promotion, coordinated the development and posting of 400 posters and 4,000 car cards promoting the exhibit. The posters and car cards were designed by Ms. Elizabeth Sheppard, of the Museum staff.

Green also worked with Weber Cohn & Riley, the CTA's advertising agency, on a radio commercial urging people to take the CTA to see the King Tut exhibit. The commercial is one of six spot announcements being aired now by the CTA.



Shown installing special King Tut bus stop signs along the No. 126 Jackson route are, left to right, Bob Grady, planning technician; Bill Brandon, service truck driver; Al Guadagno and Larry Girlich. Pictures were made at Jackson and Wagner drive.

Meet Tom King—A Real Pro

By W. B. Wolfan



Tom King could easily have made professional sports a successful career, in which case, however, the CTA and more than 2,000 other tenants of the Merchandise Mart—and of the new Apparel Center—would have been denied the pleasure of having him as a genial landlord.

Sports surely must have been the main subject of talk at the family table when Tom was growing up in East Lansing, Mich.

For his father, the late Tom King Sr., was a football coach at Michigan State University. His father had played end and guard for Notre Dame in the Harper-Rockne era, and then went on to coach at Louisville University before coming to Michigan State. At State, he served as an assistant to Jimmy Crowley (of Four Horsemen fame) and Charley Bachman who took the Spartans to the Orange Bowl in 1938. From gridiron coaching, the senior Tom King went on to become dean of students at Michigan State.

In such an inspiring athletic environment, young Tom King, lithe and tall, became a superstar in three sports at the East Lansing high school. He won state high school honors in football, basketball and baseball.

Then, as a student at Michigan State, he earned a letter in baseball. With the Spartans, he played in the outfield; and he will never forget one of the games Michigan State played with Notre Dame.

"The Irish had a big fellow named John Feevey pitching for them that day who had tremendous fast ball," recalls Tom while scratching his head.

"I was the lead-off man and his very first pitch bounced off my head. I saw John Kobs (the Michigan State baseball coach) looking at me from the dugout rather strangely as I went to first. I think he was speculating whether I would get there or not.

"Well, right after that, I took a short lead off first base. I should have known better. That big guy pitching for the Irish, rifled the ball to the first baseman trying to pickle me off. Would you believe that his throw hit me in the head for the second time? I was two for two that day against his fast ball, but not with my bat. Fortunately, I wasn't seriously hurt, just a bit shaken up.

"Incidentally, Notre Dame won that game, 10-0. A fellow named Angelo Bertelli hit a home run for the Irish to give them the victory."

Joining the Marine Corps early in World War II, Tom played with a service team at the University of Michigan before becoming a drill instructor at the Marine Training base at Parris Island, S.C. He completed four years of duty as a captain.

In professional basketball, King played a year with the Detroit Falcons. He also was scouted for baseball, but he explains he did not have a "very good throwing arm."

King believes that sports is good training for almost anything one does.

"There is a great deal of similarity, for instance, between my responsibilities and the management of a large sports program such as Don Canham has at Michigan," says King, who is the general manager of the Mart Center.

King is married to Barbara Ann Scott, who was a world famous figure skater. She won the Olympic crown in 1948 and captured three world championships and a European title. The name of Barbara Ann is enshrined in the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame.

They have two children, Shelley Jean and Thomas V. King.

King has never lost his interest in sports, being active now as a golfer and horseman.

He is past president of the Western Golf Association and the Evanston Golf Club, and is a member of the Sectional Affairs Committee of the U.S. Golf Association.

The former Michigander also is a member of the Illinois Sports Council and the National Football Foundation. He also is active in civic affairs. Among many such activities he is past chairman of the Better Business Bureau and the Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau. He also is a trustee of the Evans Scholars Foundation, founded by Chick Evans, the golfer, to help to fund college education for youth.

King moved to Chicago in 1947 to go to work as a publicist for Arthur Wirtz Enterprises. While working for the Wirtz organization, he met Barbara Ann, who then was starring in ice show reviews.

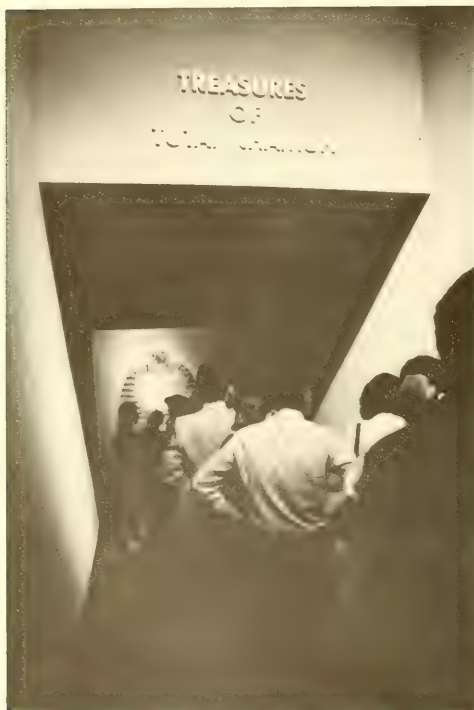
He loves to talk about those big title fights at the Chicago Stadium; the introduction of boxing to television with Chuck Davey, a fellow Michigan Stater; the hockey games, and other highlights of the flourishing fifties in sports in Chicago.

This reporter was a friend of both Tom's father and head coach Charley Bachman at Michigan State in the 1930s, before the school was in the Big Ten. I knew senior King as an inspirational individual, who not only taught his football players the fundamentals, but instilled in them the meaning of fair play and sportsmanship that would stand them in good stead all their lives.

His son is indeed a chip off the old block.

Plan in Advance for—

King Tut Adventure At Field Museum



Entrance to the King Tut exhibit on the second floor of the Field Museum is a doorway to enchantment.

A visit to the King Tut exhibit at the Field Museum is more rewarding when it is properly planned—like an exploration which, after all, it is.

Probably the best time to go is now -- before school is out and summer tourism begins. Since the long lines of opening day, the attendance has been smaller and the waiting much less. If you do have to wait for entry into the King Tut exhibit, your waiting will be inside the Museum, where there are many fascinating exhibits to see. Meanwhile, you can keep an eye on TV screens which will show your reservation number when it is your time to go to the King Tut exhibit.

If you want to know before you leave home how long the King Tut waiting time is likely to be for the day, you can call one of the special telephone numbers the Field Museum has for answering inquiries: 922-5910, 922-5911, 922-5912, 922-5913 or 922-5914.

It might be well to select a weekday in preference to a Saturday or Sunday. You might count on spending a half day for your trip to the Museum. You probably will want to spend an hour in the King Tut exhibit.

If you are there over lunch hour, there is a cafeteria in the basement.

The best way to go to the museum is via CTA, thus avoiding parking problems and extra walking. No. 126 Jackson buses (daily) and the No. 149 State Street buses (Mon-Fri) go directly to the museum.

There is a sense of awe one feels upon entering specially-constructed exhibit chambers on the second floor of the museum.

You begin to feel as if you are stepping back in time when you enter the orientation room. Striking photomurals by Howard Carter, made at the time of discovery in 1922, give an impression of actually being at the scene. But, do not overlook the legends on the photomurals, which provide much interesting information on the remarkable culture of these times in ancient Egypt.

You then embark upon your own discovery through a long walkway that seems to be descending to the burial chambers. The floor seems to slope because of the unusual architectural and lighting effect.

There are four rooms representing the antechamber, burial chamber, treasury, and annex of Tut's tomb. On display in glass cases are 55 of the treasures, each exquisitely spotlighted. The highpoint of the exhibit is the hammered gold mask of King Tut.



Many who view King Tut's mask say it is even more exquisite than any colored picture can portray. Each object in the exhibit is individually lighted to bring out its unique qualities.



is the orientation room where a pause to learn about ancient Egyptian culture will add much enjoyment to your examination of the contents of the tomb. The photo of the Valley of the Kings on back wall is spectacularly three-dimensional. You almost feel as though you are there.

From the exhibit, you move into the gift shop which offers for sale many items, including jewelry, sculpture, reproductions, books, slides and posters.

Supplementing the Field Museum is an exhibit of "The Magic of Egyptian Art" at the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago. Included are examples of ancient Egyptian writing, religious objects and portraiture, and objects used in the embalming of Tutankhamun. The Oriental Institute, which is at 1155 East 58th st. on the University of Chicago campus, also contains art and artifacts from other cultures contemporary to Tut's Egypt.

The King Tut exhibit at the Field Museum is free. Museum admission is: family, \$3.50; adults, \$1.50; children, 50¢. Friday free. E. Roosevelt rd. at Lake Shore dr. 663-0450.

Oriental Institute exhibit is free. Tues-Sat from 10-4, Sun from 12-4, 1155 E. 58th st.



Time out

Things to do in the Chicago area

with Anit Leppiks

While Waiting—

Among the newer exhibits you can enjoy while waiting for your reservation time at the King Tut exhibit, the Field Museum suggests:

Indians of the Americas in Halls 6-7-8-9 on the main floor. Indian games, in which visitors can participate, are staged on weekends.

The Place for Wonder on the ground floor near the cafeteria. Explore examples of the natural world first-hand--the odor of dried eucalyptus leaves, the feel of lizard skin, the wonder of a seashell under a magnifying glass, etc.

Man In His Environment in Hall 18, main floor. A close-up view of some of the environmental problems confronting us and a chance to analyze how you would solve them.

Then, of course, there are the traditional exhibits well worth seeing again and again--the halls of birds, realistic stuffed animals in their natural habitats, and such activities as weaving demonstrations every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 to noon.

cta engineering department projects in progress

Spring Renewal

(CTA Photos by Eric Blakely)

CTA's continuing program of renewing public transportation facilities gets new emphasis as spring arrives. Here are some spring 1977 examples:

Aluminum clad third rail, an innovation developed by the CTA in conjunction with H.K. Porter Company, Inc., the manufacturer, is being installed with federal and local government funding. The rail increases voltage for train operations and reduces power losses. The photo shows installation of the new third rail on the Douglas Park line in the vicinity of the California station. The aluminum clad rail first was installed several years ago when the Evanston-Wilmette branch was switched from trolley to third rail operation.





At Central Park on the Douglas rapid transit route, a new station is under construction. The masonry wall enclosure around the entrance has been completed, the entrance canopy framing and deck have been installed, new stairways have been erected, and the railings and ornamental iron screen enclosure have been completed.

(Photo by Mike Hoffert)



Final stage of track renewal and right-of-way reconstruction is under way on North 'L' route between Lawrence avenue and Howard terminal. Complete replacement of ballast, ties, rail and fastenings is being done on Track No. 2. Similar work on Track No. 1 was completed last autumn and previously Tracks 3 and 4 were done. This year's phase of the large project began on a Saturday night in March with erection of a temporary platform extension at the Bryn Mawr station, affording riders access to the temporarily rerouted trains from Track No. 2. (Photo by Rich Stanton)



At Cicero on the Douglas line, another new station is under construction. The contractor has been moving ahead on schedule, favored by good weather. Installation of footings for the platform is complicated by the nearness of tracks. The contractor cannot leave any trenches open over night. Each day he must excavate anew, form and pour concrete. The new station will be in service by next February. (Photo by Rich Stanton)

What Charter Sales Does



Members of the department in conference: standing left to right, Rosanne Currire, Debra Mimms, Kay Killeen, Barbara Hill, Rick Dickieson, Allan Pfeiffer, and Ed O'Rourke. Seated: Dave Kruger, director. (Alan Glickman, Ed Kodish, and Kay Speers were not available when photo was taken)

Mrs. Beard, teacher, inquires:



The productivity of CTA's fleet of public transit vehicles is continuously increased through chartering of buses and trains to various groups during off-peak hours. Last year charter revenues totaled nearly \$1 million.

The chartering of buses and trains is handled by the Group Sales Section of the Claims Law and Real Estate Department.

The Group Sales Section is headed by David Kruger, director. Assisting him are Rosanne Currire, Rick Dickieson, Alan Glickman, Barbara Hill, Kay Killeen, Ed Kodish, Debra Mimms, Ed O'Rourke, Allan Pfeiffer, and Kay Speers.

At the April meeting of the Chicago Transit Board, Kruger made a slide-illustrated presentation on charter operations which is summarized in Transit News as a matter of interest to all CTA employees. The script began with the dramatization of an inquiry from a Chicago school teacher:

AGENT:

Good morning, Charter Sales. May I help you?

TEACHER:

Hello, I'd like to charter a bus to the Historical Society. Can you tell me how much it would cost?

AGENT:

The charge is based on an hourly rate. Can you tell me where the pick-up point is?

TEACHER:

Sure, O'Toole School, 65th and Seeley.

AGENT:

That's fine! By the way, were you aware that we have a tour especially for school groups that goes to the Historical Society?

TEACHER:

No, I didn't even know you had tours. Where else do they go?

AGENT:

Well, let's see. We have tours to the Forest Preserve Nature Centers, the Lincoln Park Zoo, the Chicago Academy of Sciences, the Lincoln Park Conservatory, Brookfield Zoo which includes the Porpoise Show, the University of Chicago and the Museum of Contemporary Art. We also have a tour called "Travel On" which combines an 'L' ride with a boat ride and a tour combining the Chicago Horticultural Society's Botanical Gardens and the Baha'i Temple on the North Shore. Other tours feature the Field Museum, the Shedd Aquarium, and the Adler Planetarium, which can be booked separately or together. Finally, we have our most popular tour, "Chicago Past and Present" which stops at the Sears Tower, Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers, the Chicago Odyssey Theatre, and the Chicago Historical Society. We take care of all arrangements for you. All you have to do is provide the children.

TEACHER:

Sounds great. How much does the "Chicago Past and Present" trip cost?

AGENT:

The price varies depending on the size of your group. If you fill up the bus, it's only \$6.40 per person.

TEACHER:

I'll take it.

Illustrating a charter tour:

Kruger then continued as follows:

Once we have the order, we must make all the necessary arrangements for the group. This includes making their reservations, typing and mailing their tour confirmation and information kit and preparing the charter order. The charter order not only includes the name of the group and the price of the bus, but also the group's itinerary and the routing the driver should follow.

Since the beginning of this program in the spring of 1975, to "Learning is Experiencing" tour program has grown from 6,000 students to 16,000 students. The students originate from Chicago, the surrounding suburbs and from all over the country. The out of town groups were the result of a joint promotion with CTA/Amtrak and the Illinois Department of Transportation in distributing a special edition of our student brochure to 1,200 downstate schools. This program highlights special student rail fares sold in conjunction with our educational tour programs which generated 300 students.

Because of the magnitude of interest in this program, we also have booked groups from Cincinnati, Detroit, Lansing, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, and St. Louis.

One of our other major areas of business is providing transportation for convention and trade shows. We work very closely with the Chicago Convention Bureau. We begin by contacting the groups by letter and then following up with a personal call during which our sales coordinator discusses the transportation requirements of the show so that a specialized plan can be devised.

All this work results in us getting the business so that we can operate the show as only we know how. The example illustrated represents arrangements for the National Restaurant Association Convention. Some of the other conventions that we have handled are the International Sanitary Supply Association, National Association of Music Merchants, National Swimming Pool Association, Rotary Clubs of America, Chicago Commerce and Industry Expo, American College of Pediatrics, Marine Trade Show, and Chicago Boat and Sport Show.

In order to get more business from the commercial customer market, we developed a special program with the Chicago Bulls, making it easier for groups to get to this popular Chicago attraction. We sell this ticket and transportation package both in person and over the phone. One call from a customer puts our staff in action reserving the tickets and arranging for the bus so that the group gets to the stadium for an exciting evening.

In the past year, we have chartered buses to groups going to rock concerts and to the opera, to museums and to amusement parks. Our groups are young and old. We take people to their church and to the race track, to baseball games and football games, to catch a plane or take a train.

Our community involvement ranges from the State Street Soppers Special to a downtown shuttle for Harbor Point and fund raising projects involving the chartering of a rapid transit train and an employee bus for Continental Bank.

We also operate special packages such as the recent senior citizen trip to the Chicago Flower and Garden Show. This package generated 28 charters transporting 1,400 senior citizens.



The school group on the bus . . .



at the Chicago Historical Society, viewing the Admiral Dewey loving cup made from dimes contributed by the public . . .



viewing through the telescope at the John Hancock observatory.

Promotions In Control Center; Other Departments



WALTER J. PAVONI, left, a 40-year veteran of CTA and the former Chicago Rapid Transit Company, has been named superintendent of the Control Center. Pavoni started as a station watchman in 1936 and later served as agent, conductor and motorman. He became a supervisor in 1953, a line supervisor in 1961, relief district superintendent in the Control Center in 1971, and an assistant superintendent last September.



They are GEORGE BELL and LAURA FONTANA, both former junior computer operators, and KATHY McDERMOTT, former clerk-typist.

In the Maintenance Department, HECTOR DURAN has been reassigned from electrical worker to junior testing engineer, and DANIEL PROZANSKI has moved from production clerk to shopman, Skokie Shop. CHARLES SMALL, former bus repairer, Archer, has become an electrical worker, while OLIVER RIDGELL Jr., former motorman, South Section, is now a painter.

New as terminal combination clerks, Maintenance, are GAYE E. HUBBARD, former relief assignment agent, Transportation; KENNETH BRUCKER, former clerk, Personnel Administration; LEONARD JOYCE, former bus driver, Kedzie, and ANTHONY PARRILLO, former file clerk, Claims Law and Real Estate.

PERCY HARRELL, former conductor, West Section, and GLENNIS BUFORD, former janitor, Plant Maintenance, have been selected carpenter apprentices, Vehicle Maintenance. Joining Vehicle Maintenance as laborers are former bus drivers CLARENCE WORKS (North Park) and JERRY HOUSTON (77th St.). New as laborers in Materials Management are UJEAN BURNETT, former conductor, and EUGENE EASON, former motorman, both from North

McCLINTON PORTER Jr. and JOHN P. EVILLY, left and right, former assistant garage superintendents, have been promoted to superintendent at new locations. McIlly, assistant at North Av. for the last two years, is now superintendent at Limits. He joined the Chicago Surface Lines as a streetcar conductor in 1947, became a bus driver in 1952 and supervisor in 1959. He was named instructor in 1965 and relief station superintendent in 1971. Porter, former assistant superintendent at Archer, is now superintendent at 52nd St. garage. He began his CTA career as a motorman at North Av. garage in 1950, and later drove trolley and gas buses. He became supervisor in 1966, instructor in 1970, and assistant superintendent in 1974. Both were honored at the April CTA Board meeting.

The Control Center also has three new assistant superintendents. They are HARRY H. HORN and BENJAMIN C. MORRIS, both former controllers, and JERRY JOHNSON, former assistant superintendent, Service, Rail District North.

THOMAS PRENDERGAST, former senior transit planner, Operations Planning, has been named planning analyst. Now serving as management-professional interns are former instructors JOHN HOFF Jr. and JOHN W. BURNS and former bus service supervisors JOHN JARECKI Jr. and SYLVESTER HORNBACH.

FREDERICK MEAD, former signal helper, Plant Maintenance, and RICHARD PYTLEWICZ, former bus driver, North Av., have been appointed system safety monitors-inspectors, Safety. Also in Safety, NORBERT KOSCIENSKI, former bus repairer, Maintenance, has been named industrial safety and fire prevention inspector.

ROBERT OWENS, former bus driver, 77th St., is now traffic checker, Operations Planning. Others moving into Operations Planning are SOPHIE REYNOLDS, administrative secretary, formerly clerk, Maintenance, and JUDY JOHNSON, typist, who held a similar position in Insurance and Pensions.

Three Datacenter employees have been named systems analysts in the same section.

Section.

Former bus drivers DAVID HOBBS (Kedzie) and LUIGI LOMBARDI (North Park) have been named trackmen in Plant Maintenance. In the same section LUIS VELAZQUEZ has moved from laborer to sheet metal worker apprentice, and ANTHONY SEDGWICK has been reassigned from trackman to torch welder.

The Treasury Department has appointed four new money handlers: former bus drivers JOHN NOGA (Archer), LONNIE VOSS Jr. (77th St.) and RILEY HOLMES (69th St.), and former collector JOHN MORNAR (Archer).

GEORGETTA GRIFFIN, former stenographer, Operations Planning, and SHARLENE WILKINS, who held the same position in Engineering, have been named utility clerks in Claims Law and Real Estate. MARTHA HALLOCK, stenographer, has moved from Public Affairs to Engineering.

DANIEL REEL, former bus driver, Forest Glen, is now balance clerk, Controller, while MARCELO REYES, former bus driver, North Park, has become financial audit clerk, Internal Auditing. ALEX WARD has been reassigned from clerk to custodian of stored records in Management Services.



Long-timers at CTA and its predecessor companies will remember Warren Logelin, who has just retired as corporate vice president of AMSTED Industries after a career as one of Chicago industry's public relations leaders. Logelin's first job was in 1929 as office boy in the public relations department of the Chicago Rapid Transit Company. In a few years, he advanced to the management of public relations and advertising and, when the CTA was formed in 1947, he continued as advertising head. He joined the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry as director of public relations in 1952.

Sok-Pong Paek has been appointed by the Chicago Transit Authority as community news representative to the Oriental news media and communities. Paek, who is 39, is a native of Seoul, South Korea, and is fluent in the Japanese language as well as Korean. He also speaks Chinese. Paek studied political science at Kook-Hak University, Seoul. From 1966 to 1975, he served as a Korean press liaison officer for the 2nd Division of the U.S. Army. He joined the CTA's Public Affairs Department two years ago. He and his wife, Oksim, and their three children live in the Uptown Community.





(CTA photos by Mike Hoffert)

daily rider on a Lake-Dan Ryan train which has Arthur Johnson (South Section) as conductor writes: "In the 10 years I have been riding CTA, I have never come across such a polite and courteous conductor." Ms. Carol Shaw, of Forest Park, says that when Johnson calls the stops, "it is nice and loud and clear. I hope you will give him a pat on the back for being such a nice person."

The grandmother of a six-year-old boy who became lost with a companion in the Hyde Park area March 14, and made his way to the Loop on foot, wrote to thank CTA for helping the boys return home safely late that night. The grandmother, Mrs. Colleen Cherco, an employee of the University of Chicago Hospitals, said that after apparently wandering around the Loop for some time without any money, the boys got on a bus, said they were lost, and told the driver where they lived. "I have no idea who those drivers were, or even what route they sent the boys on, but your drivers, God bless them, passed those boys from bus to bus until they finally arrived--unharmed--at my daughter's house near Western and Marquette. From the bottom of our hearts, my daughter and I want to thank them."

The consideration shown by Arthur Jordan (Kedzie garage) for riders leaving McCormick Place on his Ermak Road bus prompted a letter of commendation from Mrs. Jean Hussey, of South Wood street. "He took time to tell some confused people how far he could take them on his bus and where to transfer," she writes. "He caught up with another bus and honked so the driver could wait for some of the people. It's drivers like him that make riding buses more enjoyable."



A holiday visitor from New Jersey writes to commend Joseph Zuckerman (North Park garage) for a "guided tour" of Chicago on his Sheridan Road bus. Mrs. Eve Nelson was on her way west with her daughter and had a layover between trains. "I asked this driver outside Union Station what to do. He invited us to board his bus and said his route would give us a good tour of the city. A professional guide could not have done better. He spoke with an assuredness that reflected his expertise. His remarks about his city reflected something else, too--an obvious pride in his town and his work."

Edward Alexander (North Park garage) drives the 97 Skokie bus with "outstanding courtesy and diplomacy," writes Ms. L. Marti, of Evanston. "He waited patiently for an elderly lady who was not standing at the bus stop at the time. He instructed a youth who was waiting on the wrong side of the intersection as to where he should have been--again courteously. He also showed unusual patience in explaining fare and transfer rules to a patron who spoke very rudimentary English. This driver really stands out."

Frank Poznanski (Archer garage), a driver who retired recently after 35 years of service, received a parting word of praise from Mrs. Pearl Vyborny, of South Springfield avenue. She said he should be given recognition "for his good service to the riders of his South Pulaski bus. He is a driver who can be counted on to be on time. Also, he is very courteous and helpful. During the cold winter days, waiting at the corner for an extended period of time could be a very painful experience, but when I went to catch his bus, I was never disappointed. We shall miss him and his dependability. Good luck to him in years to come."

commendation corner

Larry Pianto Jr. New Manager Of Materials Management



Appointment of Larry Pianto Jr. as CTA manager of materials management was announced by George Kraml, general manager, at the May Board meeting. Pianto, who has been deputy purchasing agent for the Chicago government, succeeds John T. Harty who will retire Aug. 1. Harty will serve until then as special assistant for the Materials Management department.

Pianto, who is 34, joined the city's Department of Purchases, Contracts and Supplies in 1968, and served as specification engineer and chief specification engineer before becoming the Deputy Purchasing Agent. Previously, he was associated with the A.C. Nielsen Company as an electrical engineer and with the System Equipment Engineering department of the Western Electric Company.

He is active with the National Institute of Government Purchasing Agents, and is president of that organization's local chapter.

A native Chicagoan, Pianto was graduated in 1970 with a B.S. degree in electrical engineering from Chicago Technical College. He has taken advanced work in a number of fields, including applied science, financial analysis, business computer techniques, and public purchasing techniques.

Pianto and his wife, Joan, have three children, Kathleen, 11, Larry, 9, and Jerry, 7.

Historic Bell Tolls For Smallest System Of 1890s

Mrs. Mildred Workman, a former Chicagoan, is shown ringing the bell she presented to the Chicago Transit Board at its May meeting. The bell was originally worn on the neck of the horse that pulled the streetcar of the late 1890s, shown below, over the 2½ mile system of the Southwest Chicago Rapid Transit Company. Mrs. Workman inherited the bell from her father, John Talbot, who was a conductor on the horse-car line.



A little known account of the smallest transit system ever to be operated in Chicago was brought to light by a visit from a former Chicagoan at the May Transit Board meeting.

The smallest transit system, organized under the picturesque name of the Southwest Chicago Rapid Transit Company, had a total asset consisting of the following: 2½ miles of track in 63rd street from Ashland to Central Park avenue in the Chicago Lawn community; a second-hand horse-drawn streetcar; four horses -- with harness and accessories, including bells worn around the horses' necks to signal approach of the car.

At night, the bells on the horses' necks also served the purpose of later-day headlights; for the only lights on the cars were kerosene lanterns for riders to scan the evening newspapers.

Today, one of those bells from the Southwest Chicago Rapid Transit Company was presented to the CTA Board. It was last used on a horse when the horsecar on the Chicago Lawn line gave way in 1899 to electric streetcars. It was presented by Mrs. Mildred Workman, now of Baldwin Park, California, whose visit at the Board meeting was prompted by her desire that this historic relic be preserved.

Mrs. Workman inherited the bell from her father, John Talbot, who served as conductor on the Chicago Lawn horsecar in the 1890s.

Historical records show that a Mr. Foley took the leadership among his neighbors in Chicago Lawn to organize the Southwest Chicago Rapid Transit Company as a cooperative venture in 1892. On March 20, 1893, the Chicago City Council authorized the community-organized company to lay the 2½ miles of rail in 63rd street. A five cent fare was charged and no transfers were issued to other routes. Ticket fares (a total of 10 cents) were required for a trip to Loop.

The first improvement to transit service in the area came on March 4, 1896, when Chicago's largest streetcar operated at that time agreed to absorb the route and add more horse cars. Then, on September 3, 1899, electric streetcars were substituted for horsecars on the 63rd street line. Talbot continued to serve as a streetcar conductor until his death in 1915.

Mrs. Workman recalls that the bell which her father brought home was used for many years by her mother to call her home for dinner. It could be heard for quite so distance, and there was no mistaking its distinctive peal according to Mrs. Workman.

As a resident of the Chicago Lawn community, Mrs. Workman was employed as a secretary for the former National Gas & Oil company and Doyle Freight lines. She moved to California in 1956.



Bus Driver Top Student Achiever

Top achiever among junior college students in the state of Illinois is Giles B. Liddell, CTA bus driver out of Limits garage.

The annual competition is sponsored by Continental Illinois National Bank and is based on student leadership qualities as well as academic achievements. In winning the top state honor, Liddell first won the Truman College and the northern Illinois district competitions.

Liddell has a straight A average in his social studies at Truman College. He plans to major in transportation when he goes on for a four year degree.

A high school drop-out, Liddell decided to resume his education after becoming a CTA bus driver four years ago. He is married and has three children.

In his spare time, Liddell teaches karate at Truman College and at the Clarendon Park gymnasium.



CTA Apprentice Honored



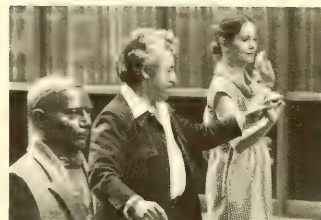
Anthony Cracco, center, apprentice sheet metal worker, West Shops, was among 32 outstanding Washburne Trade School graduates recently honored at an awards dinner in the Conrad Hilton Hotel. Presenting a certificate of achievement to Cracco are George E. Tapling, left, president and business manager, Local 115, Sheet Metal Workers' Union, and Philip A. Visco, director, Washburne Trade School. The 9th annual dinner was sponsored by the Chicago Board of Education, Chicago Building Trades Council and the Building Construction Employers' Association. Besides a certificate, each honoree received a watch.

Oss Named CTA's Top Suggester



Oliver L. Ross, second from left, blacksmith-welder at South Shops, has been honored by the Chicago chapter, National Association of Suggestion Systems, as CTA's "Best Suggester of the Year" for 1976. Ross, a CTA employee for 16 years, received a \$2,190 cash award last year for designing and constructing a die to convert to usable condition damaged stainless steel bus bumpers that had previously been scrapped. Accompanying Ross to the association's luncheon were Leon Berry, left, who heads CTA's suggestion system, Joseph J. Repplinger, manager of Maintenance, and George Haenisch, supervisor of bus shops.

CTAers Take Part In Pan-Am Day



CTA dancers: Abeldardo Govea and Laurie Cloonan. CTA members of the Hispanic community were prominent in a program honoring Pan American Day, April 14, representing the 151st anniversary of the founding of the International Union of American Republics. During a noontime program in the open air Plaza of the Americas, 430 North Michigan av., Latin American songs and dances were performed. A featured number was the cha-cha, danced by Abeldardo Govea, design draftsman in Engineering, and Laurie Cloonan, stenographer in the Office Procedures and Budget section. The program was arranged by Elda Leal, news representative for the Latin American community in the Public Affairs department. The bust of Benito Juarez, a hero of Mexican independence, which can be seen between the dancers, was presented as a gift of the Mexican government to the City of Chicago by Francisco Acevedo-Morga, consul general of Mexico in Chicago.



CTA program arranger: Elda Leal with Pablo Aceby, consul of Bolivia, right, and Bernard Lew, consul of Panama, rear.

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 DAVID WILLIAMS, 55, 77th Street, Emp. 11-15-51, Died 4-1-77

Service anniversaries in May

40 years



V. Zastera
Electrical



V. J. Racanelli
Electrical

35 years

F. Crouse, Skokie Shop
 F. F. Gendusa, Archer
 M. Honring, North Park
 J. H. Karel, Schedules
 S. J. Kazak, North Park
 T. W. Kill, Rail Dist. South
 L. B. Kincanon, Schedules
 J. G. Koclanis, Skokie Shop
 J. F. Kubicki, Archer
 S. J. Mazeika, Archer
 F. J. Olsen, Archer
 A. Pala, North Avenue
 R. H. Schneider, Security
 J. E. Sirvid, South Shops
 J. E. Touhy, Accounting
 D. J. Waters, Electrical

30 years

A. F. Andrulis, South Shops
 J. A. Baldassari, Skokie Shop
 N. A. Cinquepalmi, Maintenance
 V. F. Donohue, Street Traffic
 D. Drislane, Stores, Central
 E. M. Dwyer, Kedzie
 D. J. Griffin, Electrical
 W. J. Joyce, 77th Street
 J. J. Kaliszewski, Archer
 J. Lacy, Maintenance
 R. J. Leonhart, North Park
 W. C. Liddell, Forest Glen
 J. P. McEvilly, Limits
 J. J. Meyer, North Avenue
 A. Pfeiffer, Charter Sales
 D. P. Raffin, North Avenue
 C. J. Schultz, Skokie Shop
 P. F. Szafranski, 69th Street
 T. Szymanski, Skokie Shop
 W. H. Webb, South Shops
 I. Wilkins, South Shops
 J. Willem, Transportation

25 years

A. W. Brown, North Park
 S. Charles, Ashland/95th
 W. A. Dalton, Beverly
 E. J. Freeman, Maintenance
 S. J. Graziano, North Avenue
 G. P. Jacob, North Park
 E. B. Kramble, Agents, South
 N. Swopes, Kedzie

NEW PENSIONERS

JOINING THE ranks of the retired on May 1 were the two employees pictured here who had 40 or more years of transit service each with CTA and its predecessor companies.



A. V. RACKY
41 Years



J. R. WEXELBERG
40 Years

JOHN V. BARRETT, Janitor,
Forest Glen, Emp. 3-18-52
 DOLORES A. BERO, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 1-04-64
 LEONARD J. CALUS, Asst. Supt.,
Special Investigations, Emp. 4-11-46

EDWARD P. DEVITT, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 11-11-44
 WILLARD ELLIS, Rail Janitor,
Maintenance, Emp. 10-16-45
 DANNY V. GORSKI, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 2-08-46
 ALBERT J. HYMEL, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 3-08-51
 ZIGMUNT S. KOPCZYNSKI, Switchman,
Forest Park, Emp. 8-03-50
 ALYCE K. MAY, Clerk II,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 11-16-66
 HENRY C. PETERSON, Bus & Truck Ldr.,
South Shops, Emp. 4-23-53
 ARTHUR V. RACKY, Para Legal,
Claims Law, Emp. 2-18-36
 ARTHUR P. SCHALK, Collector,
Kedzie, Emp. 9-26-40
 EDWARD W. SMITH, Audit Clerk IV,
Comptroller, Emp. 11-27-44
 ARTHUR A. THIEL, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 8-19-41
 JOHN R. WEXELBERG, Dir. Internal Audit,
Comptroller, Emp. 10-28-36

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

STEPHEN C. ALLEN, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 1-24-55
 VIRGINIA R. HAMILTON, Switchboard Oper.,
Management Services, Emp. 5-05-62
 PETER G. SAGRIS, Rail Janitor,
Maintenance, Emp. 11-01-65
 THEODORE SUTKOWSKI, Bus & Truck Mech.,
South Shops, Emp. 8-13-47

Yard Foreman Lines Up Cars For Daily Rush



Charlie Moore directs car movements from platform, left, and from office by phone.

by Anita Leppik

(CTA Photos by Eric Blakely)

In some respects, the job of Charlie Moore, CTA yard foreman, is like working puzzles.

The puzzles are everyday ones--and big, involving the fitting of as many as 86 cars onto three tracks, in specified order, at the Jefferson Park terminal.

All the cars must be ready to run the east-northwest rapid transit route at five minute intervals.

Moore is one of 16 yard foremen on Chicago's northwest side who makes sure that CTA trains, with all cars in good order, are ready to take people to and from work during the rush hour.

The analogy used above is Moore's. "To me, this job is like a puzzle in which every car is a piece," he says. "Figuring out where every car should go--and when--is pretty important to keeping the system working."

It is a recurring challenge to Moore--who has held operating jobs for 26 years at CTA, including those of conductor, motorman and as driver.

One has to know special language in Charlie's job.

When Moore gives an order for "three car surgery," for instance, his switchmen know they will have to send the head car to the track, the middle car to another track, and the end cars to the third track.

When Moore starts his day at 0700 hours, he is already thinking about cars to 'lay up' (store) for the afternoon rush.

He stacks trains on three tracks in the yard in the order they should come out, planning which others to use as they come off the northbound line.

Some of his moves he cannot see, but must rely on switchmen to complete the movement of the cars in the yard. Other trains are split in front of Moore's eyes as he sits watching from a cubicle sized booth at the north end of the Jefferson Park platform.

Moore watches for bad order cars--those with a defect, splitting them from the rest of the train as they come into the terminal. He intercepts the crew of such trains to learn about the problem, alerts the shop, then stores the bad order cars until they can be scheduled for work.

"An experienced yard foreman is thinking about the next shift from the moment he starts laying up cars eight hours earlier," says Moore. "They don't necessarily stay in the order he plans, however, because bad orders might conflict. You are constantly laying it out and breaking it up," he says.

Moore has worked in each of the west side's four yards since qualifying as a yard foreman in 1969. He says Jefferson Park demands the most of the yard foreman because the layout is narrow due to the walls bordering the Kennedy Expressway.

Foremen at Jefferson Park can choose from only three tracks; there is no such thing as a storage track. Consequently,

every train goes in on top of the last one, which can cause confusion unless the yard foreman stay on top of the situation.

Other problems include cold weather, when the weight of the train is not enough to automatically throw switches packed with snow and ice. Sometimes it becomes a manual push and shove match with the cars.

Moore, usually warm and dry in his foreman's booth, is not immune to the outside yard work, for he is the person switchmen call when they have difficulty moving a train. Moore says he spends considerable time in the yard himself, usually on weekends, helping switchmen when there is less traffic and the work force is lower.

Yardwork includes climbing onto the 3½-foot-high car platform from ground level, sidestepping the electrical third rail.

In addition to his regular duties, Moore has trained other yard foremen, including CTA's first woman yard foreman, Gurtha McDonald. For these trainees, Moore says the p.m. rush period is the hardest to work.

"If they can handle the pressures then, they can do the job," he says.

Moore gets relief from the pressures by keeping up his interest in landscaping at home.

Since landscaping involves planning the placement of shrub and tree, it may not seem much of a change from the planning he does in the CTA yard. However, Moore says "at least the flowers stay put!"



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spring-summer, 1977

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 149 Stateliner buses
 to King Tut exhibit at
 Field Museum**
 April 15-Aug 15

**take rapid transit
 to Cubs, Sox games
 home schedules inside**

New Map Encourages CTA Ridership To Spring-Summer Events

Latest edition of the CTA system map, recently issued, focuses special public attention on the King Tut exhibit and on Cubs and White Sox home baseball schedules, emphasizing the convenience of CTA service to the Field Museum and to Wrigley Field and Comiskey Park. The map is being distributed widely through rapid transit stations, bus garages, and through the mail by the Public Affairs department as a result of requests generated by publicity. Distribution has also been arranged through hotels,

banks, savings and loan offices, and 78 Chicago public library locations. A new feature of the map is a numerical listing bus routes which simplified recognition individual services in relation to the numbers now used as the dominant identification on bus signs and bus stop signs. Individuals may obtain a free copy of the map by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to CTA Route Map, P.O. Box 3555, Chicago, IL 60654, or by stopping by Room 734 the Merchandise Mart.

Key CTA mappers in action: left to right, Adele Monson, Management Services, who sets the type; Bob Heinlein, Public Affairs, who handles the planning and layout, and Bob Schageman, Operations Graphics, who does the drafting work.



Board Member Urges Women's Conference Attendance

An invitation to attend the Illinois International Women's Year Conference on the campus of Illinois State University at Normal, June 10-12, has been extended by Matilda Jakubowski, CTA Board member. Mrs. Jakubowski, who is a member of the coordinating committee for the conference, says that participants will be entitled to choose from workshops covering such subjects as finance and credit, racial and ethnic minorities, equal employment opportunities, child care and aging. Special events include a presentation on women in Illinois history; a keynote address by Bella Abzug, former U.S. representative from New York, and a film on International Women's Year. Registration is only \$2 and a pre-conference training institute for leadership may be attended for \$5. Women can obtain a special accommodation package, including meals, for \$30 by registering before May 27 with the Illinois IWY Office, P.O. Box 404, Normal IL 61761.

British Parliament Group Studies CTA System

A field tour of part of the CTA transit system was conducted last month for the Parliamentary Roads Study Group, an unofficial body from both Labour and Conservative sides of the British House of Commons interested in transportation matters. CTA guides for the party of 16 were Harold Hirsch, manager of operations planning; Edward Heatter, area superintendent, rail; and William Baxa, public affairs. George Krambles, general manager, spoke to the group in the morning, emphasizing how CTA coordinates bus and rail transit. Krambles also hosted a luncheon for the group at the Lake Shore Holiday Inn. A trip to Jefferson Park enabled the party to inspect the rapid transit median strip operation, which was of special interest to the British MPs.

Public Service Honors

Joseph J. Repplinger, manager of maintenance; Donald H. Werdell, superintendent of claims operations, and Bruce Beck, driver of Forest Glen, were honored finalists and certificate winners in the ninth annual Superior Public Service Awards Program. The program, climaxed by an awards luncheon May 5 in the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel, is sponsored by eight major local governments (including the CTA) in cooperation with the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry.

CTA Salutes Polish In Parade

A CTA bus bearing the "Spirit of Chicago" destination sign and another sign hailed Chicago's Polish-Americans took part in the 96th annual Polish Constitution Day parade May 7 in the Loop.

The bus carried a group of Polish American senior citizens over the State street parade route from Wacker drive to Van Buren street. The parade also included bands, marching units in colorful Polish costumes and 159 floats. Organizer of the parade was the Polish National Alliance.

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The O'Hareexpress T-shirt is printed in a colorful red and carries attractive pictures of a CTA bus and a jet plane. Mary Moss Buck, shown at right, introduced the O'Hareexpress T-shirt at the April CTA Board meeting.



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Geri Roslonski, Edmund Wilson and Vanessa Brown, sales representatives of Lytton's, introduce CTA's new T-shirts at Merchandise Mart Plaza on Board meeting day.

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Culture Bus Provides Special Service To Seven Museums

Edward F. Brabec, center, presided at the May 27 Art Institute press conference to announce the new Culture Bus. Also participating were RTA Chairman Milton Pikarsky and Heather Morgan, executive director of the Chicago Council on Fine Arts.

CTA launched a new Sunday and holiday transportation link to Chicago's great cultural attractions over the Memorial Day weekend.

The service was instituted in conjunction with the Regional Transportation Authority and the Chicago Council on Fine Arts.

The RTA/CTA Culture Buses carried large numbers of riders over a new loop from the Art Institute to the Jackson Park-University of Chicago area and back--covering the seven museums shown in the map en route.

Driving the three special buses, which will operate every Sunday through Labor Day--and on both Labor Day and the Fourth of July--were David Eggersdorf, Robert Williams, and Donald McKinley.

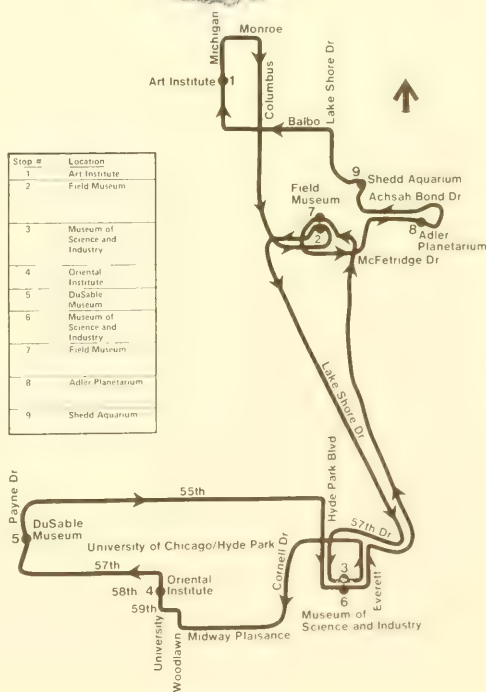
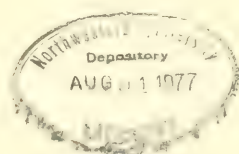
Many of the holiday passengers were out-of-town visitors to Chicago, some from foreign countries. CTA was praised by many of these tourists for making museum-going so convenient, comfortable, and economical.

The fare for the Culture Bus is the CTA Super Transferpass which permits unlimited riding.

The Culture Buses also give CTA employees and families a new opportunity to enjoy an entire afternoon of Chicago's cultural attractions, including the King Tut exhibit, on one easy-riding circuit.

In addressing an announcement press conference in the North Garden of the Art Institute, Miss Heather Morgan, executive director of the Fine Arts Council, emphasized the importance of CTA's new service in making Chicago's rich culture opportunities so easy for the average person to enjoy.

George Krambles, CTA general manager, described the new route.



CTA Scholars Get Degrees

Seven CTA employees are earning college degrees this year with the help of the CTA's Tuition Aid Plan. More than 150 other employees are receiving tuition aid for studies in a variety of fields.

CLAUDE R. STEVENS Jr., motorman, North Section, is getting a bachelor's degree in psychology from Chicago State University. Stevens, who operates a night run on the Howard-Jackson Park route, has been a CTA employee for 11 years. He plans to go on to graduate school for a degree in industrial relations.

SUSAN THIEME, management development coordinator, Personnel Development, has earned a master's degree in education from the National College of Education's downtown branch. A CTA employee since 1974, Sue now hopes to start work on a master's degree in business administration.

PAUL WALLACE, sergeant in the Patrol Section, Security, is the recipient of a master's degree in the administration of criminal justice from the University of Illinois Chicago Circle campus. Wallace, a 14-year CTA veteran, selected urban mass transit security for his area of concentration. During 10 years of part-time study, he has also received degrees in political science and criminal justice.

PETER RAGO, ticket agent, North Section, has been awarded a bachelor of science degree in physics from DePaul University. Rago, who works at both Fullerton and Jarvis avenue stations, started as a CTA employee in 1968, and has been using much of his leisure time since to pursue a college degree.

FRED RIDLEY, clerk in the Library, is receiving a master's degree in occupational education from Chicago State University. Early in his 10-year CTA career, Ridley taught business subjects at Chicago Vocational High School while working nights. He would now like to teach business courses again on a part-time basis at the college level.

CHESTER VENESKEY, senior systems analyst and project leader in the Data-center, has been awarded a master of science degree in accounting by DePaul University. Veneskey, who has been with CTA since 1974, says his degree requirements included the study of accounting systems, marketing organization and behavioral theory.

ROBERT J. CASSIDY, material handling specialist, Materials Management, has received an associate's degree in material management from William Rainey Harper College in Palatine. Cassidy, a CTA employee for two years, has been attending school the last seven years. Two of his children are also in college. He is working toward a bachelor's degree in business administration.



Susan Thieme



Fred Ridley



Peter Rago



Paul Wallace



Chester Veneskey



Claude R. Stevens Jr.



Robert J. Cassidy

Others Can Do It, Too

The Tuition Aid Plan was established in 1964 to give CTA employees the opportunity to further their education and self-development at minimum cost. All full-time employees with at least three months of service are eligible to apply for tuition aid, which provides reimbursement at different levels, depending on the category of courses taken.

Level I courses are those directly related to the employee's present position. These qualify for the highest level of reimbursement according to a formula that also considers grade averages.

Level II courses are those that, while not related to the employee's current position, are required for an associate's, bachelor's or master's degree program related to some phase of CTA operations.

Level III includes academic or technical courses taken for self-improvement, but

which are related to the employee's career objectives.

The employee's supervisor will assist determining the category of courses selected for Tuition Aid Plan reimbursement.

Verification of enrollment is necessary at the time the employee puts in an application for aid for Level II courses. The statement from the school must be written on the institution's stationery and must indicate the degree or course of studies involved.

For further information on the Tuition Aid Plan and Chicago-area schools, call Norine Stratton in the Personnel Development Section, Merchandise Mart, Room 752, Extension 1283, or consult a copy of the employee brochure entitled CTA Tuition Aid Plan. This is available through your supervisor.

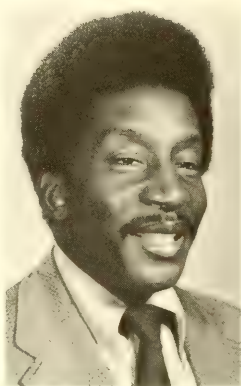
CTA Buses Carry Messages For Nation, City All Over Town

CTA buses are serving as billboards-on-wheels for important public education objectives of the nation and the city this month. In line with the President's energy conservation program, buses are telling riders (and prospective riders) "Thanks for taking the bus--and saving energy: Jimmy Carter". There are 200 large displays such as the one shown at right as it was reviewed on CTA's inspection bus which was part of the RTA exhibit on Richard J. Daley Plaza for National Transportation Week. In addition, each of CTA's 5,500 buses is carrying a car card bearing the same thank-you message from the White House. At the June 1 "Pitch In For Chicago" summer rally also on Daley Plaza, the CTA introduced the specially-painted green and white bus below. In cooperation with the city government's year-round effort which has won Chicago a reputation as one of the cleanest cities in the country, the Pitch In bus is running in regular service on the Lake Street route into the Loop all summer long, reminding thousands of viewers of their responsibility to keep Chicago clean and litter free.



Mitchell Promoted To Training Chief

Edward Mitchell, superintendent, Methods/Standards, Support Services, since 1974, has been named area superintendent, Instruction, with responsibility for instruction of all operating personnel. Mitchell, 45, joined CTA in 1959 and served as conductor, motorman, towerman and operator before becoming an instructor in 1967. He later was appointed line supervisor, superintendent, Agents and Janitors, relief and assistant station superintendent, Transportation training coordinator and special assistant to the manager, Transportation. Mitchell was the first motorman to drive the Skokie Swift. He has been very active in the CTA sports program. He and his wife, Sandra, have a home on the far South Side.



RICHARD J. GROSS has been appointed assistant superintendent, Service, District B; he had been general planning supervisor, Support Services, Transportation. HELMUT L. SCHWEITZER has moved to supervisor, Signal Design, in Engineering from junior signal design engineer. In Claims Law and Real Estate, ALAN E. NEUMANN has been reassigned to supervisor, Research and Education, from claims law education coordinator.

Five management-professional interns have been named by the Transportation Department. They are JAMES MARSHALL and HAYWARD BORDERS, both former bus service supervisors; ALFRED T. THOMAS, former rail service supervisor; CLARK CARTER, former station clerk, Archer, and JAMES PAYNE, former driver, 69th St. Also in Transportation, CAROL BOWMAN, former ticket agent, West Section, has been appointed manpower planning-budget analyst.

Four Datacenter employees have been named senior systems designers: MICHAEL FARINA, former systems designer; RICHARD TURGEON and GERALD GRIFFIN, both former senior applications designers, and GARY GUMBINER, former applications analyst. In other Datacenter changes, former applications designers ELLYN M. BRAGLIA and ALTHEA DRISCOLL have become senior applications designers.

New as bus and truck mechanic apprentices in Maintenance are RICHARD MURRAY, former bus serviceman, 77th St.; WILLIAM KOCLANIS, former ticket agent, North Section, and former bus repairers AARON

W. MORRIS (77th St.), WILBERT SUTTON and DENNIS MURPHY (both 52nd St.). JAMES P. RILEY Jr., former bus repairer, Limits, has been appointed machinist apprentice, and SCOTT R. STONE, former combination clerk, South Shops, has become carpenter apprentice.

In other South Shops changes, RICHARD J. MCCREA, former laborer, is now steamfitter helper, and ATLA J. HORN has moved from sheet metal worker helper to sheet metal worker. RICHARD MCALLISTER, former motorman, West Section, and LOUIS J. BUBAN, former electrical worker apprentice, South Shops have been named helpers. Reassigned as laborers are DELMAR MORTON, former bus driver, 77th St.; NATHANIEL THOMAS, former bus serviceman, 77th St. and LEONIDES RIOS, former janitor.

In Accounting, MARY G. PACYNA, formerly Personnel Administration, has been named account payable clerk, and LOIS LITTLETON, former ticket agent, South Section, has become payroll clerk. DEBRA A. BUSSIE, former clerk-typist, Datacenter, has been reassigned as utility clerk, Claims Law and Real Estate. FRANCES CALPIN, former typist, General Administration, is now call directory operator, Personnel Administration.

New stock clerks in Materials Management include JOSEPH JAMISON, former bus driver, Kedzie; LESLIE SPEIGHTS, former laborer, Stores, and OTHO BARNES Jr., former clerk, Stores. Reassigned to Security as secretarial stenographer is CATHERINE SPEER, former clerk-stenographer, Claims Law and Real Estate, and as clerk, MARGARET A. POKATILOFF, former typist, Stores.

Plant Maintenance Promotions



W. F. Gaedtko



R. O. Swindell

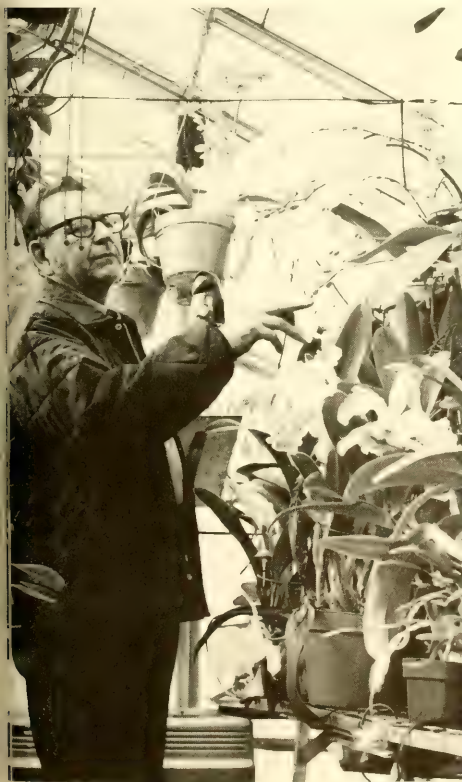
Walter F. Gaedtko, superintendent, Track and Structures since 1974, has been named superintendent, Buildings and Grounds Maintenance. Gaedtko, 39, has a degree in civil engineering from Purdue University. CTA employee since 1960, he started out as a graduate trainee and later held positions as assistant engineer, draftsman, track design engineer and superintendent Structures.

Ronald O. Swindell, superintendent, Electrical Maintenance for the past three years, is the new superintendent, Power and Way. (Continued on page 14)

Who Put The Orchids On Bill Nichols' Desk?



Bill Did!



The materials coordinator at the South Shops keeps fresh orchids on his desk every day.

He grows orchids as a hobby.

William Nichols is nurturing 500 orchid plants in a 12 by 20-foot greenhouse behind his home on the southwest side.

"Orchids are surprisingly hardy plants, if you treat them right," Nichols remarked as he showed off his greenhouse where the temperature is kept at a humid 90-plus degrees, utilizing a gas heater and a humidifier.

The greenhouse was aglow in petals of white, red, blue, green, orange, yellow, pink and combinations -- up to four different colors on some blossoms.

"These plants constantly produce new blooms," Nichols said.

He took a multi-colored blossom in his hands and gently pressed open its interior petals to show how the blossoms are self-pollinating.

"As long as the environment is kept warm and moist, with a gentle movement of air, they respond beautifully," he said.

Besides dry or cold air, orchids have another unseen enemy -- viruses.

"Each time I cut a blossom or do some surgery on a plant, I use a sterilized razor blade to avoid spreading a virus from one plant to another. I never use the same blade on different plants. That could be fatal," he explained.

Nichols said he also periodically sprays each plant and the greenhouse with various chemicals to ward off viruses.

Orchids are planted in pots filled with redwood bark chips and get their nourishment from special plant foods Nichols uses. While the blooms are stunning in their beauty, the plants themselves leave something to be desired.

The ungainly leaves and pods of the plants are stiff and feel waxy; the roots, resembling gnarled macaroni, entwine the wood chips to support the plant and snake over the sides of the pots.

Although Nichols is only 54, he already has his second career planned after he retires.

"I'm going to move back to my hometown of Mauston, Wisconsin, near the Wisconsin Dells, and become a commercial orchid grower," he said.

The hobby came to him by way of a gift from a friend.

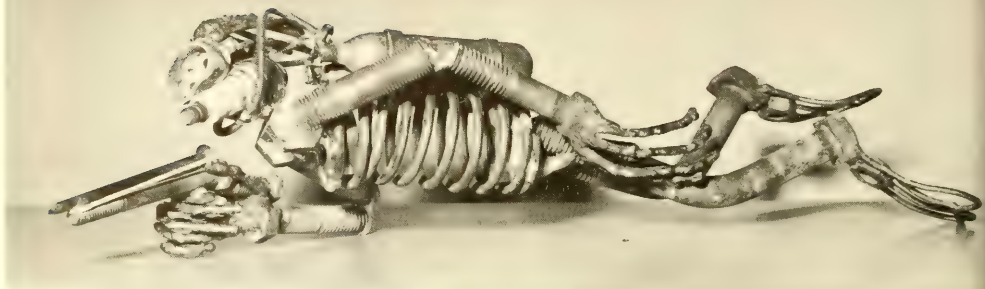
"At the time, I didn't think much about orchids. I had 125 rose bushes in my back yard to constantly care for. They were the pride of the neighborhood. People used to line my back fence to admire them. But roses take more time and trouble than orchids, I discovered. Besides, roses only bloom in the summer."

Nichols has won awards in shows held in the Lincoln Park conservatory by the Illinois and the American Orchid Societies. He is a member of both organizations.

Although he brings orchids to work nearly every day, he never takes them back home. Many of the South Shops' women employees know about Nichols' orchids. They take them home. (CTA Photos by Rich Stanton)

Ken Blocker Turns Junk Into Art

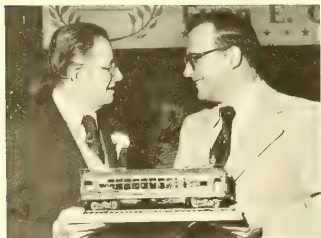
By Don Yabush



Blocker's skin diver (4x14): it is fashioned from 55 metal parts.

(Top and two bottom right CTA Photos by Mike Hoffert)

One of the most admired CTA new cars of the year was a model of 'L' car No. 4271 of the 4000 series built to be presented to Evan E. Olmstead, former manager of Maintenance, at his retirement party.



Blocker's model 4000 car: made especially for retiree Evan Olmstead, left. (CTA Photo by Rich Stanton)

The metal-sculptured model, made from a three-foot-long piece of galvanized downspout and 708 other pieces of waste material, was another shining production by Kenneth Blocker, 38, the Skokie Shop's artistic blacksmith-welder who has become noted for his scrap metal flowers, figures, and jewelry.

It took him 93½ hours of hobby homework, but Blocker enjoyed the challenge.

His main problem was finding a sheet of metal to make the model car's body. He tried and discarded baking pans, meat loaf pans and the like. His wife, Polly, found the answer. As they walked down the street in their hometown of McHenry, she saw a piece of downspout in a gutter. She urged him to buy a piece of the material and try it.

Blocker then assembled an assortment of scrap parts including pipe nipples, hair pin curler clips, bottle caps, ball bearings, welding rods, washers, nails, nuts and

other sundry materials to round out the parts supply in his home workshop.

Blocker started his CTA career 16 years ago as a bus driver. In his off-duty time, he began working with metal sculpting at home.

"I learned to work with metals in high school and was an aviation structural mechanic during my four years in the Marine Corps," he says.

Among Blocker's works is a bronze-colored flower (about 15 inches high and 8 inches across) made from lathe shavings taken from rapid transit car wheels.

He silver-soldered the shavings together to form the blossom, stem and leaves of the stylized flower.

He spray painted the flower with bronze paint and mounted it on a framed velvet covered board.

"It takes me about five days and 75 welds to make such a flower," he says. It is one of 12 flowers he has made from scrap material and has given away.

Discarded nuts, bolts, ball bearings, screws and washers proved a ready source for Blocker's ingenuity—he turned them into a chess set.

Blocker completed the set this past

March 3 in time to play his first challenge. Blocker won handily in nine deft moves.

From the contents of the scrap bin Blocker also fashioned one of his most innovative efforts—a skin diver.

The figure's facemask is made from spark plug; its body is a spring; its streamer hair, oversized hands and flippers were formed from welding rods. The skin diver carries a dart gun made from a nail.

One of Blocker's most popular items which he has made and given away by the score, is what he calls "balancing dolls"—two-inch-high figures balanced on one foot atop a miniature bottle while holding a curved balance rod with an inch-thick bar bearing on each end. A slight push on one of the ball bearings sends the figures whirling around.

"I've made about 100 of these from scrap for friends at the shop," Blocker says. "The figures only take a couple of hours to make in my workshop and it gives people a kick to see them twirling around."

He has made a couple of ball point pen desk sets featuring his balancing doll for the Skokie Shop.



As It Was —

Architectural Gem Can Be Revisited

(Photographs: Courtesy of The Art Institute of Chicago)

Art and architecture converge at the Art Institute's newest permanent exhibit.

This unique work of art is an entire room, skillfully moved from the original Stock Exchange building at LaSalle and Washington and restored inside the new east wing of the Art Institute on Columbus Drive. It was originally the Trading Room, which for 15 years echoed with the excited shouts of traders before it was converted, first for the Foreman Bros. Bank (1908), later for Bell Savings and Loan (1940), and finally for the wartime United Service Organizations to serve as a social center for military personnel.

Its distinction flows from its creators—Louis Sullivan and Dankmar Adler, who were among the greatest of American architects, and are recognized worldwide as leaders of the Chicago school. While some of their landmark efforts have fallen before the wrecking ball, others have been rallying points for Chicagoans with a strong sense of history and preservation.

The Auditorium building on Congress is such a structure, as is the Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co. State Street store. The Charnley House on Astor is another Sullivan-Adler landmark.

When the picturesque Stock Exchange building had to be sacrificed to expansion of Loop office space in 1972, the Art Institute was given first choice of selecting artifacts from the building.

Rather than pick out bits and pieces, the institute chose to recreate and relocate the second floor Trading Room in its entirety. The work was undertaken by the architectural firm of Vinci-Kenney, and underwritten by a major contribution, reportedly of \$1 million, by the Walter E. Heller Fund.

It required exacting research. Some sections of the room had to be reproduced from photographs. Others, such as the red oak floor, were the result of deduction, since no records existed of the original material.

The craftsmanship of the room is just as exacting as the planning. One can scarcely distinguish the original from restored sections of the room.

At 64 by 81 feet, with a 30 foot ceiling, the room demonstrates Sullivan's dictum that "form follows function." The room had no intermediate supports, leaving an unobstructed space for stock trading, but had steel framing system to support 11 floors above. The weight of these floors is carried by just four columns in the room. These are ornately decorated and adorned at the top by tiny carbon filament light bulbs.

Almost 75 per cent of the original colored glass skylights and 90 per cent of the cast-iron mullions holding them in place have been retained.

The room contains the slate blackboards that were used to list daily market quotations. The paneled walls are Honduras mahogany. A visitor's gallery overlooks the room.

Outside, the Art Institute has also reinstalled the original entrance to the Stock Exchange building, an elegant terra cotta archway, which was a gift from the City of Chicago.

Adler's construction assured that even a whisper could be heard distinctly in the room. And Sullivan, famous for his orna-

mentation, designed 52-color stencils which were reproduced on canvas for the interior faces of the four main trusses.

In its day, the Trading Room was hailed as "unexcelled in the magnificence of its appointments and decoration by any room used for like purpose in the country." It still is.

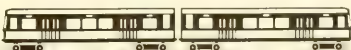
And, if this room whets your appetite for Sullivan and Adler architecture, you can take a convenient tour of their landmark works, all within reach by CTA. Roosevelt University, for instance, has restored the Auditorium Theatre and has a special display set up in the Michigan Avenue lobby which explains how the Auditorium building was constructed.



This view of the reconstructed Chicago Stock Exchange Trading Room only begins to indicate the ornateness of the ceiling and walls.



How it was back in 1894 when it was the daily scene of stock trading.

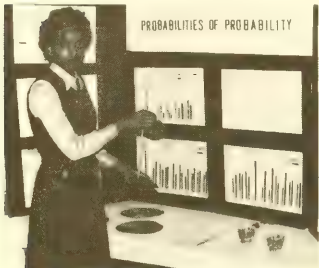

Time out

Things to do in
the Chicago area

with Anit Leppiks

cta people

Would knowing the probabilities of probability help you at the tables in Las Vegas? Probably, according to DENISE McLANE, the 14-year-old daughter of assistant station superintendent and Mrs. JAMES McLANE (South Section). Denise, an 8th grade student at Enrico Fermi Elementary School on Chicago's south side, is well acquainted with the odds thanks to her prize-winning science project entitled--what else?--"Probabilities of Probability." Denise,



pictured above with her project, demonstrated the probabilities of chance as it relates to known incidence, such as life insurance tables, actuarial and mortality tables, and the gambling tables of Vegas. She used dice, pennies, cards, marbles and various gadgets to represent the many factors affecting probability. Denise won first place in her district, and placed third in the city-wide science fair at the Museum of Science and Industry in the math category. Denise received an additional "prize"--she met author Alex Haley and Operation PUSH director Jesse Jackson. Post Script: Den-

ise is also on the honor roll--naturally! Congratulations! A proud grandfather is

MARVIN B. HILDBOLD, rail traffic supervisor, North District, shown here with his new grandson, GARY W. HILDBOLD Jr. Gary, the son of GARY and PATRICIA HILDBOLD, was born on Feb. 4, weighing in at 7 pounds 14 ounces. Congratulations to all! Sitting pretty on her mother's lap for her first candle day March 5 is little LUCIANA HUDSON, the daughter of MAY and GEORGE HUDSON Jr. Luciana has a lot of company at home: ANNETTE, 17; ALISHA, 14; and IRVING, 10. George, who works out of Kedzie, has been with the CTA for 12 years...Our sincere condolences are extended to Pensioner WILLIAM J. FAHEY in the recent loss of his beloved wife, CATHERINE. Mr. and Mrs. Fahey had been married for 55 wonderful years. Mr. Fahey started with the Chicago Surface Lines in 1922 as a conductor out of the Archer and Rockwell barn. He had 37 years of service before his retirement in 1959...Because ZAVIE ARTIS, former trackman II, couldn't come to the coffee and rolls, they came to him, along with his retirement packet and friends from the track and roadway group at West Shops. Mr. Artis, who went on disability pension Jan. 1 of this year, is



currently receiving physical therapy and is in good spirits. He has already told o of his visitors he plans to have a foot ra with him in the near future--so everyon take heed. Mr. Artis and his wife, CORN LIA, who live at 7749 S. Green in Chica (60620), would appreciate hearing fr former co-workers; everyone is welco to stop by and see them. Shown in pictu



is Zavie (seated), and Track Section For man JIMMIE STANFORD at his left. back row are, left to right: BOB STAVIN GA, supervisor, track and roadway; HEI MAN JOHNSON, trackman II--assistant foreman; CHARLIE DUNKINS, unit supervisor, track maintenance; ED SHAW, track construction gang foreman, and JIM SMITH trackman II.

Elizabeth Hallahan Appointed To Annapolis



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21402

10 May 1977

Ms. Elizabeth Hallahan
302 S. Sycamore St.
Genoa, IL 60135

Dear Ms. Hallahan,

...the letter said it all. ELIZABETH HALLAHAN is a proud new midshipman appointed to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. Elizabeth, known to family and friends as Lisa, is the ninth child of Mr. and Mrs. PAT HALLAHAN, area superintendent, far north. She has eight sisters and seven brothers. Four of her brothers also served in the Navy. Lisa was graduated from Genoa-Kington High School this June where she was a straight "A" student and on the Dean's List. The 18-year-old is very athletic, too. She participated in volleyball, basketball, baseball, track, and was on the gymnastics team. Lisa was appointed to the Academy by Sen. Charles Percy three months ago and received her official letter of acceptance from the Academy on May 10. She will be a member of the class of 1981 and will be sworn in on July 1. Congratulations and best of luck to you, Lisa!

Pioneer Portraits

CTA Photos by Mike Hoffert

Mike Hoffert of CTA Photo was on hand when the CTA Pioneers honored mothers of all ages at their May meeting at the Golden Flame, 6417 W. Higgins Road. Here are a few of the participants who might be remembered by CTA employees and retirees. Lunch-on meetings will be held at the same restaurant right through the summer on the second Tuesday of each month, according to Maynard "Pinky" Moran, who heads up arrangements. Lunch is \$3. Reservations may be made by calling Moran at RO 3-6379.



Frank Laske with Mary Stomner.



Mr. and Mrs. John Barrett with Frank Norton, center.

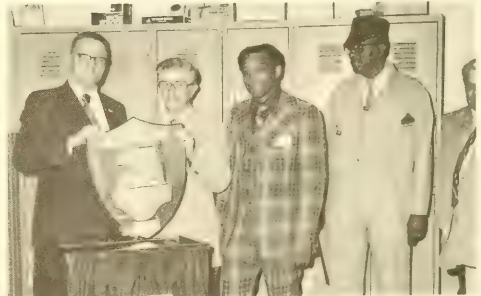


Mike Kopanowski who serves as club correspondent.

Forest Glen, 61st Street Terminal Safety Award Winners



Holding the public safety contest award won by Forest Glen garage are outstanding drivers Vidal Fuentes (left) and Earl Terry. Also taking part in the presentation ceremony are (left to right) Tom Boyle, manager, Safety; Jim Blaa, manager, Transportation, and George W. Laubs, superintendent, Forest Glen. Forest Glen has won at least one quarterly contest a year since 1973.



Stanley C. Christ, superintendent, (second from left) accepts the quarterly public safety contest award for rapid transit from Harold H. Geissenheimer, General Operations Manager, on behalf of 61st Street terminal. Chosen outstanding employees for the first quarter of 1977 were Charles Spears, motorman (right) and Samuel Pollack, conductor. Ardis Morris, assistant superintendent, stands second from right.



ERLINDA L. BROWN
Academy of Our Lady
Bobbie & Curly Brown
Limits



VANESSA BROWN
Chicago Vocational H.S.
Hosie L. Brown
West Section



FELICIA BRUTON
South Shore H.S.
Riley Ford
West Section



SANDRA CHAMERLIK
Elk Grove H.S.
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Matthew Cioffe
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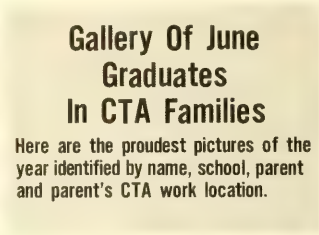
EUGENE CORKER
Leo High School
Eugene Corker
South Shops



BRENDA CURRAN
Morton West H.S.
John P. Curran
North Avenue



JERI ANN FALLEST
Queen of Peace H.S.
Peter Fallest
South Shops



VICKI L. FREIWALD
Oak Forest H.S.
Harold Friewald
Beverly



CYNTHIA FRIERSON
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Olivia Thompson
Duplicating



JAMES A. GUEDEL
Lane Technical H.S.
Ernest Guedel Jr.
Forest Glen



CYNTHIA E. GUTHRIE
Spelman College
Willie Guthrie
69th Street



PATRICIA HESTER
Resurrection H.S.
John J. Hester
Asst. Supt. Near North



CATHERINE KMAN
Reavis High School
Thomas Kman
South Shops



DEBBIE KUJAWA
St. Ann's Hospital
Norman Kujawa
South Shops



JANET LAUBINGER
Schurz High School
Jack Laubinger
South Shops



LYNNE M. LAZZARA
Maine South H.S.
Joseph Lazzara
Capital Development



VIVIAN LONG
Michael Central H.S.
Richard Long
North Avenue



DARLA K. LYLES
U of I, Circle Campus
Orvan L. Lyles
Archer



KEVIN L. LYLES
St. Francis DeSales H.S.
Orvan L. Lyles
Archer



SPRING A. MARBLE
Unity High School
Charles E. Marble
Claims/Law



LINDA McCURTIS
Immaculate Heart of M.
James McCurtis
Forest Park



ATRICIA G. AVALOS
Mother Guerin H.S.
Felix Avalos
Limits



GEORGE R. BARBER
Harlan H.S.
George R. Barber
Archer



PENNI ANN BRAZEAU
Glenbard North H.S.
Paul Brazeau
North Avenue



CRAIG C. BROOKINS
Hales Franciscan H.S.
Vernon Brookins
Howard



CYNTHIA S. CHERNAK
George Williams Coll
Raymond Cherna
Archer



LINDA GRABOWICH
DePaul University
Ken Grabowich
Forest Glen



ROBERT A. GREEN
Notre Dame H.S.
Rina Green
Claims/Law



DIANE HINTON
Westinghouse H.S.
Stewart Hinton
North Avenue



JOHN JOYCE JR.
St. Patrick H.S.
John Joyce
Forest Glen



LARRY MCCAIN
Quigley South
Willie McCain
District A



DENNIS MCKINSTRY
Weber H.S.
Robert McKinstry
Howard



PAMELA MORRISON
Elizabeth Seton H.S.
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ELLIOTT NORMAN
Dunbar Vocational
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South Shops



SHARON A. NYCZAK
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Payroll



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Niles East H.S.
Pat O'Malley
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KARREN PAOLI
National Coll. of Educ.
Eugene Paoli
North Park



NANCY PERKINS
Larkin H.S.
John Perkins
Training Center



DANNE M. QUILL
Proviso West H.S.
Dennis Quill
West Shops



MARY REYNOLDS
St. Benedict H.S.
Martin Reynolds
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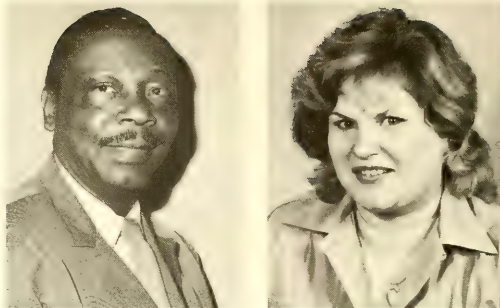


ANTHONY D. WALKER
Mt. Carmel H.S.
Harrell Walker
52nd Street



NANCY WILLIAMS
York Community H.S.
Roy E. Williams
West Shops

Six riders of a Kedzie-California bus driven by ERNEST C. CARTER (Kedzie garage) signed a letter which refers to him as "one of your excellent employees." Gloria Cain, of south Trumbull avenue, writes: "He waits for passengers rushing to catch his bus. He is alert and cheerful, and yet he does his job well. During the time he has been 'our driver' he has always been on time. We have never seen him angry or belligerent with passengers."



Driver DIANNE L. KELLER (Forest Glen garage) is described as the "very tops" by Edward S. Mika, of Ainslie street, a veteran rider of the 81 Lawrence route. He adds: "She is pleasant, calls out all the stops, and says 'Thank you' to every customer, even when receiving a transfer. I also noticed that she lets you out at the curb. The ride is gentle and smooth, and she makes connections for the people. This is important because missing a bus in the wee hours really hurts."

commendation corner

As a passenger of a Cottage Grove bus driven by BARBARA J. GLENN (77th St. garage), Mrs. Anna C. Robinson, of South LaSalle street, says, "In more than 60 years of using public transportation, I have never had a ride with such a driver. It was a joy. She just coasted to each stop and had that 'Big Bertha' under her control at all times. If you had more drivers like her, you would soon have more smiling faces."

adds: "We would like to praise him for his courteous manners and the way he smiles to all who board. To sum it up, he truly serves the public devotedly."

is very clear and distinct."

ISMAIL J. SALEH, recently reassigned from Forest Glen to North Park garage, received a thank-you from 84-year-old Ms. Marie Webb, of Belle Plaine avenue, for helping her board his Irving Park bus. Ms. Webb says: "I was pretty tired and was having a hard time getting on the bus, but your very kind driver held out his hand and helped me. He was very pleasant to me and everybody. It sure made me feel warm inside."

ILDA CASTELLANOS (North Park garage), driver of an Outer Drive bus, was thanked by Mrs. Philip Claster, of Pratt boulevard, "for a very enjoyable and safe trip." Mrs. Claster writes: "As I dropped my fare in the box, a bright-looking and well-groomed young lady smiled at me and said 'Hi.' I was pleasantly surprised by her sincerity and gracious welcome. She handled the bus superbly, drove smoothly, and I can honestly say the ride was a delight."

Praise for ROBERT E. O'NEAL (Kedzie garage) comes from a daily rider of his Madison street bus. Mrs. Helen Malmquist, of Oak Park, explains: "He is the ideal bus driver, in my estimation, because he is conscientiously trying to do a really good job. He calls all the stops in a clear, intelligible voice. He stops the smokers from smoking, and prevents rear-door boarding."

WILLIE ROCHELLE (69th Street garage) won the admiration of Mrs. Charmaine Ford, of South Paulina street, for "his character and thoughtfulness on a most enjoyable ride" on his Ashland avenue bus. Mrs. Ford says: "It was rewarding to see this young man's concern for his passengers by making sure they were safely inside his vehicle before proceeding. He made sure a blind passenger reached her transferring bus safely and helped a young student locate her fare that had dropped on the floor."

Maintenance Promotions (Continued from Page 4)

"I had the pleasure to ride on the Dan Ryan train with conductor #22776 (JAMES E. DAVIS, South Section)," writes Mrs. Geneva Johnson, of West 100th street. "I don't have words to compliment him the way he deserves. He said 'Good Morning' and 'Have a good day' several times between 95th and Adams, where I got off. He let you know you were on a 'B' train and where you should get off if you wanted 47th street. He was terrific, period."

JOHN W. CRAYTON (West Section) is the conductor of a Lake Dan Ryan train that Lenise E. Brown, of South Kolin avenue, takes to work each morning in the Loop. "Numerous times I have heard this conductor call the stops in such a pleasant manner," says Brown. "He points out the places of interest in the downtown area, which is very helpful to those who are new in the city. He has a pleasant personality, and his voice

Swindell, 41, joined CTA in 1959 as a graduate trainee after receiving a degree in electrical engineering from Purdue University. He later served as design draftsman, project engineer, design engineer and distribution engineer.

Other Plant Maintenance reassignments include Walter C. Hallford, former supervisor, Escalator Maintenance, who is now supervisor, Electrical/Mechanical Maintenance. Patrick O. McCarthy, former supervisor, Bridges & Structures, has become supervisor, Track and Structures. Warren G. Taylor, civil engineer, has been appointed unit supervisor, Structure Maintenance.

"DEWITT COLEMAN (Archer garage) is a most unusual guy," says Miss Cecelia Schiff, of South Leavitt street, "because rain or shine, snow or sleet, his disposition is always sunny." Writing for herself and other riders on Coleman's 62 Archer bus, she

NOTE: Additional graduate pictures will be printed in the July issue of Transit News. Watch for them!

When 'Sure, Coach' Is 'Yes, Ma'am'

By W. B. Wolfan



The way basketball is being played these days in both professional and college circles, it seems that the brutal art of physical mayhem is not alone confined to hockey and football.

Well, it seems that there is a solution to violence on the hardwood court and the bitter battling with officials that has changed the game completely.

Just put a lady coach on the bench. That would calm everybody. Perhaps even the athletes would be halfway civil in responding to a bad call by the referee.

During the recently completed CTA basketball season, there actually was a lady coach on the bench. Her name is Georgetta Griffin, a comely lass from the CTA's Claims Department who served as the head coach of the 52nd Street Flyers of the CTA league.

Make no mistakes about it. Georgetta knows her basketball from A to Z. She was a three-sport athlete herself at Harlan High School and Jones Commercial. She led intramural teams to championships in basketball, softball, and volleyball.

This reporter was curious. How did she happen to become a coach? And thereby hangs an interesting tale.

Miss Griffin says that she was always an avid fan of CTA basketball. One day while waiting for a bus, she was talking to Coach Mike Shelton of the 52nd Street Flyers. She gave him her unbiased opinion of his team, the pluses and minuses. He said to her, "Why don't you come out and help me coach?"

At first she refused but later on she decided to come out to the Washington Park fieldhouse and assist Shelton in his coaching duties. She says: "I didn't attract very much attention at the beginning. I guess they (the players) thought I was a mascot for the team. Later

on they began to take me seriously!"

Then during the 1976-77 season, Miss Griffin assumed the duties of head coach after a year of "apprenticeship," as she puts it.

Things suddenly were different. She was now calling the shots on strategy and substitutions from the players' bench. She was in complete charge.

"This past season we had lost most of the players who had put the team into the playoffs the previous year, and we had a shortage of manpower. But the fellows gave it everything they had."

This reporter asked how the players reacted to her guidance. Were there any problems?

"My entire squad was very respectful and highly protective. I talked to them as a member of the team. When I pulled a player out of the game, I would explain why I did it. I tried to communicate on an individual basis, but always emphasizing 'the good of the team' angle. And it seemed to work very well.

"I had no arguments with either players or referees and I don't recall a single technical being called against our bench all season."

Miss Griffin says she doesn't believe in arguing with the referee because "you hurt yourself more than you help your team."

She prides herself on analyzing the weaknesses of an opposing team, much of the information she gains as a spectator. In the big leagues, they call this scouting. She explains: "I'd call time out and tell my players to force the opponents to shoot from the outside by tying up the zone. This came from having studied the opponent's game carefully. If the opposition depended upon an inside shooter, we would tighten the zone and force them outside so we could control the rebounds."

Incidentally, one of the former 52nd Street Flyers players was Miss Griffin's fiancé, Reginald Williams, who played forward and guard. Apparently he listened to Georgetown's coaching instructions the same as everyone else did.

For quite awhile, the spectators would gape when they saw a woman sitting on the players' bench. But she never heard a single boo during her two seasons of coaching.

She recalls as her most memorable experience the night one of her players was injured. Out dashed Miss Griffin to administer first aid to his injured leg. She says the large crowd didn't know whether to cheer or remain silent. The sight of a lady to the rescue was a bit too much for the audience.

Miss Griffin describes her coaching stint as a great experience with a fine group of young men, one she will always remember. But she isn't sure she will do it again next year.

She concludes: "I just wish that the men didn't take the sport so seriously. They should get more actual fun out of playing the game."

And perhaps this is why the CTA basketballers at season's end presented the trophy as "Coach of the Year" to Georgetta Griffin, a true sportswoman if there ever was one.

77th Streakerettes Take Volleyball Title

The 77th Street Streakerettes, by taking two out of three games from the 69th Street Raiderettes, became the 1977 volleyball champs of the CTA sports program volleyball league.

In the first game the Streakerettes were easy winners as they beat the Raiderettes 15 to 5. Not to be outdone, the Raiderettes won the second game 15 to 11, only to go down in defeat in the final game 15 to 5.

Members of the champion Streakerettes are: P. Lankin, L. Murry, C. Jones, D. Doyle, V. Austin and J. Joseph.

In the consolation game for third and fourth place, Archer beat Kedzie in two straight, 15 to 6 and 15 to 8.



J. Finger of the Raiderettes swings and misses as D. Martin, left, and V. Martin watch in dismay.



D. Doyle of the Streakerettes reaches high to tip ball back over net as V. Austin moves in to assist.

The One That Didn't Get Away

When John Seay, South Shops, tells his friends how big a fish he caught, it won't be a tall tale.

John has proof since his 13 pound, 1 ounce chinook was chosen as an entry in the Chicago Park District Coho '77 fishing contest.

John landed his prize chinook while fishing for perch off the point at Jackson Park.

The Coho '77 fishing contest was co-sponsored by the Chicago Tribune and Pepsi-Cola General Bottler of Chicago Inc., in cooperation with the Chicago Sports-fishing Association.



John Seay, left, holds his prize chinook with the assistance of his fishing partner Charles Carroll.

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Division 241 Golf Tournament

Plans have been completed for the eleventh annual Division 241 golf tournament and banquet at the Cog Hill Country Club, Lemont, Ill., Saturday, July 9.

Since the tourney will be held on Saturday, later tee-off times will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Peoria handicap system will be used this year in the awarding of golf prizes.

The cost of the tournament this year will be \$17 for golf and banquet; \$10 for golf or banquet only.

All golf buffs who are interested in playing can contact Warren Scholl at 341-1733 for reservations and tee-off time.

cta engineering department projects in progress

PLATFORM WORK: The new surface-level station at Cicero on the Douglas rapid transit route is being equipped with a long concrete platform which, for the first time, will accommodate eight-car trains. When completed, the facility will replace two existing stations at Cicero and 50th avenue. A morning rush period entrance will be provided at 47th court.



Forty-Four New Bus Service Supervisors Graduate

Forty-four new bus service supervisors were honored recently during graduation ceremonies marking the completion of the Bus Service Supervisor Training Program. The ceremony was conducted by General Operations Manager H. H. Geissenheimer and Manager of Transportation J. R. Blaa. The new supervisors are: W. L. BURCH, L. MILANETTO, M. JACKSON, L. GILBERT, D. ALLEN, D. WILSON, B. JEFFRIES, E. GIPSON, N. RUIZ, E. GREER Jr., J. WASHINGTON, W. E. FRANKLIN, W. L. PRINCE, M. MOORE, E. McBRIDE, W. KOPPING, J. DUQUENE, E. ALLEN, R. NOBLE, A. JACOBS, A. COLYETTE, J. HAFORD, C. JOHNSON, J. MANUS, N. ROUDEZ, L. TYSON, F. DIAZ, W. MARTIN, J. GONZALES, W. HARRINGTON, R. GARCIA, J. JONES, R. THOMAS, J. WHITE, L. PRITCHARD, L. RAMOS, P. WASHINGTON, F. LEWIS, W. JONES, T. CHRISTIAN, L. ADAMES, W. MOBLEY, J. O'CONNOR, and J. PAYNE. K. MORIARTY of Transportation and D. PHILLIPS of Operations Planning also received certificates for their participation in the class instructed by M. KOCAR and J. PERKINS of Transportation, and administered by M. LESNIAK of the Personnel Development Section of Administrative Services.



CTA Selects First Woman Bus Inspector



Ruby Hitchcock checks bus motors and bus interiors



The CTA has wooed Ruby Hitchcock away from General Motors and her home town of Pontiac, Michigan, to become our first woman bus inspector, assigned to the Engineering department.

As a group leader in GM's new coach section, Mrs. Hitchcock had been assigned to looking over each of CTA's newest buses (the 9600 series) before it started its delivery journey to Chicago.

Now she is on our team, checking new parts and systems at the delivery end of the line and travelling to GM and other supplier plants to make sure buses and parts are 100 per cent in accord with specifications.

The young-looking grandmother entered the business world after her husband (also a General Motors employee) died, leaving her with seven children to support.

Her first venture was a business of her own--a service shop for automotive generators in the basement of her home.

Working in conjunction with gasoline stations, Mrs. Hitchcock purchased discarded generators from junk yards, rebuilt them, and labeled them by model of car and engine. Gas station attendants would refer customers to her.

After changing the customer's generator, Mrs. Hitchcock would keep the old generator, restore it, if at all possible, and label it to replace the one sold.

She next ventured into a larger business known as "Ruby's Car Cleanup."

The major tools used in this business were a tooth brush, bottle brush and percolator brush. With these instruments, she and her two employees completely cleaned automobile upholstery, motors, generators, spark plugs and anything else under the automobile's hood.

Mrs. Hitchcock joined General Motors in Pontiac as an assembler 12 years ago. She took a GM course in welding and learned to use the ultra-sonic machine employed to check the welds.

A resident of Elmwood Park, Mrs. Hitchcock says she is looking forward to a successful and enjoyable tenure at CTA. "I am not a woman's libber," says Mrs. Hitchcock. "I believe in working hard to get ahead and I'm not placing advancement in my job area on the fact that I am a woman."

Farewell, Shirani



Shirani Gunawardane is returning to Sri Lanka (Ceylon) after four years as a dictaphone typist in the CTA's Stenographic section. Reason: her husband, a Fulbright scholar, has completed his graduate work at the University of Chicago and earned his doctorate degree in business administration. He is returning to his teaching position at the University of Ceylon. Shirani, who had completed two years at Ceylon Technical College before coming to the U.S., will go back to school and pursue a degree in law.

The Gunawardanes are taking the long way home--stops in St. Louis, Denver and Los Angeles--a visit to Disneyland for their nursery school aged son--a visit to a brother in Japan whom Shirani has not seen for ten years--and a stay in Singapore.

Shirani will miss us. "My four years at CTA have been very happy," she remarks, "and I am proud that I could work for such a company as this."

IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAM BARKER, 59, 69th Street,
Emp. 12-08-69, Died 4-25-77
RICHARD R. BARTELS, 85, North Section,
Emp. 1-20-15, Died 4-25-77
RICHARD G. BATTLES, 76, Engineering,
Emp. 11-24-19, Died 4-09-77
CATHERINE A. BLUDAU, 89, West Section,
Emp. 12-10-28, Died 4-30-77
CARL BODENSTEDT, 92, Law,
Emp. 9- -99, Died 3-29-77
GEORGE BOTICA, 91, Way & Structures,
Emp. 4-21-34, Died 4-24-77
JOHN W. BURKS, Jr., 54, Beverly,
Emp. 2-27-47, Died 5-03-77
FRED J. DIEBOLD, 66, Forest Glen,
Emp. 12-15-55, Died 4-24-77
DANIEL FINNEGAN, 86, South Section,
Emp. 7-02-27, Died 4-28-77
LULU O. HAMANN, 87, South Section,
Emp. 1-29-13, Died 4-25-77
JOHN F. JOYCE, 71, West Section,
Emp. 9-04-40, Died 4-11-77
JOHN J. KISSANE, 92, Limits,
Emp. 9-01-09, Died 4-21-77
ANDRIJA KROKAR, 82, Way & Structures,
Emp. 9-29-20, Died 4-06-77
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Emp. 12-05-42, Died 4-15-77
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Emp. 7-24-23, Died 4-14-77
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Emp. 1-28-26, Died 3-30-77
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Emp. 8-21-23, Died 4-02-77
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Emp. 1-07-20, Died 4-18-77
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Emp. 9-07-67, Died 4-29-77
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Emp. 11-18-46, Died 4-19-77
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Emp. 9-14-26, Died 4-14-77
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Emp. 9-01-27, Died 4-17-77
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Emp. 5-02-27, Died 4-23-77
NICHOL M. REITER, 90, Kedzie,
Emp. 10-20-21, Died 4-23-77
ARTHUR J. RIBOT, 77, South Section,
Emp. 11-20-23, Died 4-09-77
NICHOLAS SCHAEFER, 82, North Avenue,
Emp. 8-01-18, Died 4-17-77
ALEX H. SCHNEIDER, 72, West Section,
Emp. 11-30-43, Died 4-02-77
JOSEPH N. SKIRIS, 71, Electrical,
Emp. 11-17-44, Died 4-20-77
ROSE E. STRITESKY, 85, West Section,
Emp. 9-06-46, Died 3-28-77
ALFRED VANDERMECHE, 90, Cott. Grove,
Emp. 3-22-17, Died 4-08-77
ROGER W. WARD, 74, Limits,
Emp. 2-05-20, Died 4-27-77
THOMAS WIXTED, 33, Forest Glen,
Emp. 3-06-72, Died 5-11-77

Service anniversaries in June

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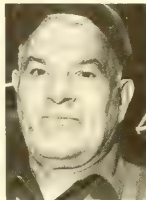
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South Shops



J. S. Sumner
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NEW PENSIONERS

WALTER H. BOTH, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 10-07-46
SAMUEL HARDY, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 12-17-53
WILLIAM HOLLAND, Bus & Truck Helper,
South Shops, Emp. 12-01-48
ABEL KASPER, Car Serviceman,
South Shops, Emp. 8-20-56
EDWARD L. MACHEN, Supervisor,
District B., Emp. 11-18-41
VERNE L. MAHR, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 5-27-57
JULIUS W. MARTIN, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 8-24-53
EARL McLAUGHLIN, Sales Coordinator,
Claims/Law Real Estate, Emp. 2-10-43
HARRY S. MOCARSKI, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 12-19-42
ISAAC WOODS, Bus & Truck Helper,
South Shops, Emp. 1-26-45

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

THOMAS A. FILIPIAK, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 11-03-48

35 years

J. D. Riordan, Ashland/95th

30 years

P. F. Anderson, Limits
L. W. Craig, 77th Street
H. M. Doherty, Off. Proc. & Budget
J. F. Fabits, Skokie Shop
D. S. Guereca, Skokie Shop
H. J. Halverson, North Park
G. W. Isaac, Central Counting
R. Laskowski, Skokie Shop
L. Malicki, Forest Glen
R. Mosk, Forest Glen
J. L. Nechanicki, Archer
M. A. Pfeiffer, Jefferson Park
F. R. Wisniewski, North Avenue

25 years

R. Bruce, Kedzie
A. L. Cooper, Beverly
F. E. Fuqua, Ashland/95th
B. A. Kizior, Engineering
W. J. Marszalek, Maintenance
R. Smith, 52nd Street
W. G. Strozewski, Maintenance
L. B. Taylor, Beverly
P. D. Tully, North Park
S. G. Vaughn, Off. Proc. & Budget
M. J. Ziocchi, Skokie Shop

WESLEY HAYNES Jr., Collector,
North Avenue, Emp. 6-26-58
CHARLES E. JOHNSON, Motorman,
Jefferson Park, Emp. 11-03-70
LEON F. JONES, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 1-10-52
THADDEUS J. KOLMAN, Conductor,
West Section, Emp. 7-28-47
BRUNO J. TRUTTY, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 7-29-46

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Senior Prom:

CTA Retiree Style

When the CTA Senior Citizens Retirement Organization held its annual dinner dance meeting in Cicero in May, Bert Cadney of CTA Photo was on hand to make pictures for this album feature. Retirees from around the country may spot a familiar face or two here.

CTA Photos by Bert Cadney

Joe Nolan, manager of the club, was emcee.



At ease: Ed Goettert, Joe Famera, Isabel Goettert, Ann Famera, Mildred and Harold Burda.



Together again: Les Keag, Tom Hildebrant, Ray Dowdle.



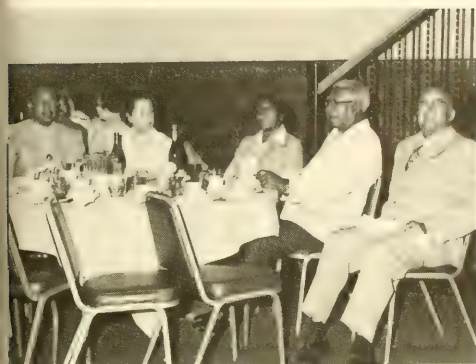
Should retirees argue over money? Adeline Shabino, Bill Klecka, Pete Dowdall wincing at table, and Clarence Lind enjoying it all.



Reunion table: John and Bernice Caciato, Art and Blanche Satzke, George Crofoot, Frank Rund, Lorraine Crofoot, Gerry and Roy Egbert.



Dancing: Herb and Bernice Matthes.



Relaxing: James Hardy Sr., Carolyn Hardy, Lilly and Ernie Hill, Parker Nelson.



Reunion between Dolores Bero, left, and Dorothy Parker, who broke each other in on their CTA jobs. Dorothy, ticket agent at Belmont and Kennedy, retrained her original trainer, Dolores, when she returned after having a baby.



With not-yet-retired John Gritis of Duplicating and wife Rosemary, extreme left: Grace and Pat Gill, Frances Qualter, Art Newman, Tom Qualter, Henrietta Newman, Jim and Bea Kain.



Linking past-present: Clara and Agis Bray, Bill Platt of Employee Relations, Craig Heatter, superintendent of Pensions, and fiancée Patti-Jo Jacobs, Stenographic.

Nuevo Autobus Cultural disfrute chicago



viaje por CTA

Guía en Español. "Lo que el pasajero debe saber
acerca del transporte urbano"

CTA - Gente movilizando a la gente.

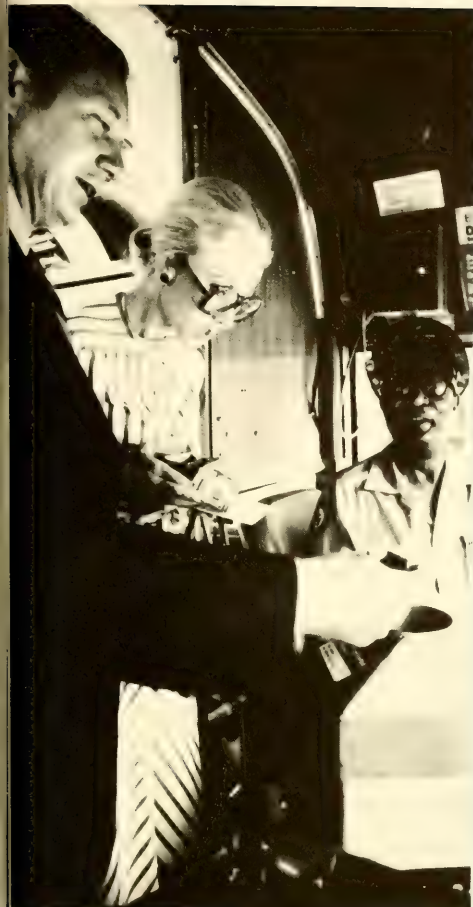


The large Spanish speaking community is being encouraged to ride CTA and enjoy the many attractions of Chicago in this new travel brochure written by Elda Leal and designed by Robert Ryan, both of the Public Affairs Department. The Spanish brochure contains a schedule of fares, information on how to use the CTA, and directions on how to get to attractions that have proved particularly popular. First line on the brochure salutes the CTA's new Culture Bus. Translation from there on: "Enjoy Chicago--travel by CTA--Spanish language guide. What the passenger must know about public transportation. CTA--People Moving People."

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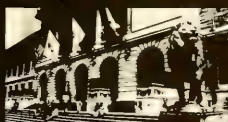
RTA/CTA Culture Bus: Latest Success In Transit



(See also pages 2 & 3)



Van Gogh van



Get on or off the RTA/CTA Culture Bus at the Art Institute and six of Chicago's other museums with one Supertransfer Pass.

Sundays and holidays.

For more information call 836-7000.

The RTA/CTA Culture Bus



Ridership Zooms!

Culture Bus riding, which has been constantly increasing, reached a record of more than 1,100 originating riders on both Sunday, July 3, and Monday the Fourth. That was more than double the riding on May 29 and Memorial Day when the Culture Bus service was introduced by the CTA in conjunction with the Regional Transportation Authority and the Chicago Council on Fine Arts. Many riders have been from out of town, including visitors from both the East and West Coasts and other countries such as Israel, New Zealand, Australia, Canada, Germany, Japan, England, Switzerland and Sweden.



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1. Marvin Kocar, bus instructor and member of the Culture Bus staff, is on hand with brochures for boarding passengers.
2. John Perkins, bus instructor and also a regular member of the Culture Bus team, greets Mayor Bilandic and Heather Morgan. Also extending greetings are Bill Baxa (to the left) and Eileen Neurauder, both of Public Affairs.
3. Walter Prosen, Dist. B superintendent, catches his breath in supervising the bus operations.
4. Roscoe Wilson, supervisor and a Culture Bus staffer, solicits riders on the west side of Michigan avenue at Adams Street.
5. On Fourth of July, the lines of Culture Bus boarders looked like this.

Cover: On June 5, the second Culture Bus Sunday, Mayor Bilandic and Heather Morgan, then Executive Director of the Chicago Council on Fine Arts, arrived unannounced for a ride. They are shown looking for the exact Super Transferpass fare of 80 cents.

- 3 Cover: On Sunday after the Old Timers' baseball game, Ernie Banks, CTA Board member and Hall of Fame member, welcomed six former Cub Stars and their families for a ride. Left to right, Larry French, pitcher, 1935-41; Bob Scheffing, catcher, 1941-50; Jerry Kindall, infielder, 1956-61; Riggs Stephenson, outfielder, 1926-34; and Phil Regan, pitcher, 1969-72. Moe Drabowsky, former Cub pitcher, arrived later.

Cover: Back-lighted car cards by CTA's ad agency -- Weber, Cohn & Riley -- are attracting riders. Each card in series has a catch headline featuring one of the museums as shown in "Van Gogh Van" for the Art Institute. The others: "Tut Tut" for the Field Museum; "Your bus to the U-boat" for the Science Museum; "Oriental Express" for the Oriental Institute; "Root's Route" for the Du Sable Museum; "Star Trek" for the Planetarium; and "Go fish" for the Aquarium.

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Culture Driven Home To Chicagoans By CTA

Local Chicagoans or city visitors expecting to take a quiet stroll on Michigan avenue past the Art Institute any Sunday this summer are in for a surprise.

"Step right up, ride the Culture Bus. All you need is a Supertransfer," a voice booms. "The next Culture Bus leaves in five minutes and you can board right here. You can take it to the Field Museum, you can take it to the Museum of Science and Industry."

The voice is more mellow this time as you are handed a Culture Bus schedule stating departure times and regular stops. The voice, which seems as if it should belong to a dynamic auctioneer, in reality belongs to Eileen Neurauter, otherwise known as "Murph," a CTA Customer Service representative.

She could be termed a Culture Bus pusher. She walks up and down along Michigan avenue promoting the Culture Bus and convincing people to ride it. She is filled with an enthusiasm which not even a cloudy sky can dim.

Murph (nicknamed for her maiden name, Murphy) approaches passers-by with a warm Chicago smile and asks if they've heard about the RTA/CTA Culture Bus. If they say no, she tells them what it's all about.

In particular, she looks for people who might be from out of town. Because as Murph says, "Oh, this is a great way to see Chicago. We'll take you to seven of our best museums. You can visit all of them for a little while. You'll love 'em. Have you been to the Museum of Science and Industry? It's fabulous."

One Sunday a couple walked by, holding pamphlets with King Tut's picture on them. They asked Murph the best way to get to the Field Museum and other places of interest.

Our Culture Bus will take you right to it. You're from out of town? Where? St. Louis? I was born there. Oh, how wonderful. Oh, you'll just love King Tut. It's great," she said, as she escorted them onto the bus.

Some of the people who get on the bus say they didn't know about the service, but are so convinced by Murph's spiel and her bubblyness that they couldn't resist. Murph's love of Chicago and her enthusiasm for CTA shines clearly through in her efforts. She wants people to see her city, she wants them to ride her bus.

She has lived in Chicago since she was even years old. And during that time she has lived in several neighborhoods. So she really knows Chicago. She has been in all the museums along the route, and keeps herself informed on what is being exhibited so she can advise riders what to see. She also lets them know that they can ride the bus for a scenic view of Chicago, taking in Michigan avenue, Grant Park, Lake Shore drive and the skyline, Hyde Park, Jackson Park and the

University of Chicago campus. Murph has worked for CTA for 34 years. She started as a ticket agent in 1943, then worked as a "gal Friday" in the rapid transit office. She went to school and studied business machines, then worked in the Payroll Department for 25 years. And, eight years ago she came to the Customer Service Department.

Among her many loves in life are travelling and roller skating. She was a professional skater, and gave up skating only eight years ago. She has been in every state except Alaska ("But I'll get there some day."). And she has been to Europe. Her future travel plans include China and Egypt.

One of her favorite tourist spots is Disneyland in California. And her favorite ride? "Dumbo the Elephant in the little kids section. It's like a merry-go-round, with all the Disney characters, and I always sit on Dumbo," she says with a child-like sparkle in her eyes.

It would be senseless to ask Murph where



Murph: heads the crew

she gets her vitality and pep. Anyone who knows Murph knows that it's just there, and it's something that she doesn't think twice about.

It's this unbounded energy that helps fill the Culture Buses every 20 minutes between 11 A.M. and 5 P.M. every Sunday and holiday.

As the coordinator of on-the-spot promotion and public relations for the Culture Bus service, Murph is responsible for assigning and training tour guides. She also extends the realm of her persuasiveness to the other side of Michigan avenue where Supervisors Roscoe Wilson and John Perkins employ her tested selling techniques in passing out literature and inviting passers-by to ride the Culture Bus. Murph sells the Culture Bus ride to anyone who will buy it, all day long, and then acts as a tour guide on the last bus. She uses a prepared script, which was written by Jeff Stern, Public Affairs, as do the other guides who are also from Public Affairs.

One day Murph got a little help with her commentary. Just as she was loading the group onto the Culture Bus, a shiny black

limousine pulled up in front of the Art Institute and Mayor Michael Bilandic and his then-fiancee, Heather Morgan, got out. Murph was delighted and ushered them on, ready to do her thing. Miyor Bilandic knew a lot about Chicago too, and he added pieces of information to Murph's talk, making it a doubly good tour for those aboard.

If Murph could arrange it, she would have everyone in Chicago (and probably in the country) come down and ride the Culture Bus.

The next time you're faced with another ho-hum Sunday, come to the Art Institute for some fun and excitement, history and "culture."

We guarantee that Murph will be there directing the flow of Culture Bus riders in a loud clear voice: "All aboard. The Culture Bus is leaving. Don't run, we'll wait. Last call for the Culture Bus."

Culture Crew

The energy of enthusiastic CTA people has been the basic fuel for the RTA/CTA Culture Bus success. This feature story is a tribute to the many CTA workers who have supplied the momentum. In addition to project manager "Murph" Neurauter (see main story), John Perkins, instructor from Limits, and Roscoe Wilson, supervisor, Central district, have been every-Sunday sales agents for the seven-museum ride, covering both sides of Michigan avenue in front of the Art Institute. Walter Prosen, superintendent, district B, has been on the scene handling the dispatching of Culture Buses. The six regular drivers of the buses—all from the 52nd St. garage—are Moses Clay, Walter Falls Jr., Shirley L. Hobbs Jr., Herman Lloyd, Walter Sanders, and James R. Walls. Marvin Kocar, instructor, Limits; Kenneth Peterson, superintendent, district B; William Thompson, superintendent, 52nd St.; Hugh Short, assistant superintendent, district C; Cleven Brogdon and Leo Armstrong, Central district supervisors, are others who have been involved in Culture Bus operations. Recognition should also be given to those from Operations, Operations Planning, Routes/Systems, and Operations Graphics who planned and programmed the Culture Bus itinerary—and those from Public Affairs who have served as tour guides, pointing out scenic and historic attractions along the route.

Schedule Maker Is Top Suggestion System Winner

WILLIE B. SCOTT, schedule maker, Schedules, has been awarded a cash prize of \$195 by the Employee Suggestion Plan for suggesting the re-use of running time block sheets when new bus schedules are made. The schedules are drawn up about four times a year in connection with new picks, and since running times remain much the same from one pick to the next, Scott's suggestion will save considerable time and effort for the Schedule office.



Willie B. Scott

Scott, a 25-year CTA veteran, served as bus driver, traffic checker, traffic clerk, and schedule clerk before becoming a schedule maker in 1974.

FRANK CROUSE, carpenter at Skokie Shop, received \$65 for recommending that special steel support brackets be made and installed in fiberglass battery boxes on 2200 series rapid transit cars to prevent the boxes from cracking and the battery compartment doors from sagging.

MICHAEL F. AKAI, money handler, Central Counting Operation, received \$50 for suggesting and designing a new cart for transporting and storing cash pouches in the expanded operations there.

THOMAS O'CONNOR, bus repairer at Kedzie garage, won \$45 for designing a device which removes the gasket from the oil filter housing located under the engine on 9000 series buses.

A \$60 supplemental cash award went to **DONALD PRENDERGAST**, shopman at Skokie Shop, for his idea of using a support bar for installing and removing Budd Pioneer frames on rapid transit car axles.

A \$50 supplemental cash award was given to **MATTHEW G. SPATZEK**, machinist at Skokie, for suggesting that a two-piece fixture be used to prevent damage

to impact wrenches during work with G.E. Quill assemblies when taking them apart.

Also winning a \$50 supplemental cash award was **ROBERT J. BARRETT**, a carpenter at Skokie, who suggested that a standard "bumper" be made for conductors' drop sash windows.

Second honorable mention merchandise certificates and \$25 were awarded to **CARL A. LIDZBINSKI**, retired bus and truck mechanic; **MARIA T. LOPEZ**, cler Employee Relations; **JOHN SARA**, signal helper, Plant Maintenance; **TIMOTHY O'MAHONY**, security; **JAMES SCHUMPP**, helper, West Shops, and **DAN BADO**, draftsman, Engineering.

Other cash award winners include: **MICHAEL SMITH**, bus repairer, Beverly garage, \$20; **ERNEST GUEDEL Jr.**, bus repairer, Forest Glen garage, a **THOMAS DUERR**, electrical worker, Skokie Shop, both \$15.

Ten dollar cash awards were given to **EDWARD LEVANDOWSKI**, instructor, Vehicle Maintenance; **TABEC**, and Claims Law clerks **MICHELLE VITALE** and **KAREN MUNYER**.

Both **MALCOLM SIMPSON**, escalator inspector, Plant Maintenance, and **RILEY JANUARY**, machinist, South Shops, received \$20 supplemental cash awards for their suggestions.

KEITH KLEIN, bus repairer, Limits, was awarded \$25 and an honorable mention. **PATRICK D. SMITH**, driver, Forest Glen, was awarded \$10 and an honorable mention. **VITO PONTRELLI** received a \$10 cash award and a \$10 supplemental cash award. Each of these employees offered two suggestions which were adopted.

Ten dollar supplemental cash awards were given to **WINSCOTT STOKES**, supervisor, Methods and Standards; **GRANT GREENE**, shopman, Skokie Shop, and **ARTHUR MARTINEZ** and **ELMER FISCHER**, both blacksmith-welders at Skokie, for a joint suggestion.

Honorable mention certificates were awarded to **WILLIAM REYNOLDS**, transit technician, Street Traffic; **DONALD LIBERKO**, janitor, Maintenance; **JAMES LYONS**, stock clerk, Stores; **CASIMER PISZCZEK**, conductor, North Section; **RICHARD STENZEL**, bus repairer, Forest Glen, and **WILLIAM LEWIS**, travel information clerk, Transit Information Center.

Employees from Skokie Shop receiving honorable mention certificates are: **LAWRENCE VANDERHORST**, leader; **TERRY BERNERO** and **WILLIAM PIRNEJAD**, electrical workers; **CHESTER JAGEL** and **WALTER ONYSIO**, shopmen, and **KENNETH BLOCKE** and **MICHAEL HEALY**, blacksmith-welders.

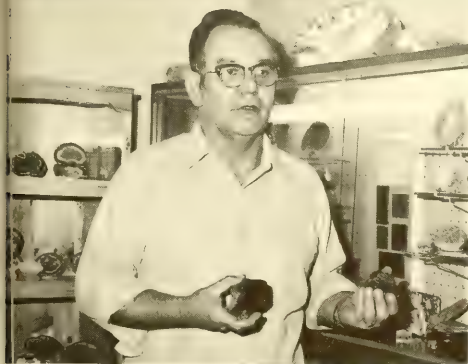
South Shops winners include: **LOUIS ALLEVA**, sheet metal worker; **CASIMIR STRYZINSKI**, machinist; **F. E. MAY** and **TOM BOWMAN**, mechanics; **JOHN KALINOWSKI** and **STANLEY ROMANOSKY**, bus-truck specialists; **THOMAS TADEVIC**, painter-finisher, and **ALOYSIUS ZIELINSKI**, carpenter.

The Kurgans Leave No Stone Unturned

by Don Yabush



ictures of a lapidarian: John Kurgan polishes rocks into gems and assembles a collection (Now you know what a lapidarian is.)
CTA Photos by Richard Stanton)



"A rock show is not always a musical extravaganza," says John Kurgan, foreman of the South Shops' upholstery section.

The reason Kurgan knows this is that he is a long-time lapidarian.

But what, exactly, is a lapidarian?

A lapidarian, Kurgan explains, works in the cutting, shaping, and polishing of precious and semi-precious stones. And a rock show is a display of the lapidarian's art.

Kurgan, 49, and his wife, Grace, have been lapi-

darians for about 20 years. Together, they have produced hundreds of "gems" revealing the beauty that lies beneath the sometimes mundane surfaces of rocks. Some have won awards in rock shows held by the Chicago Lapidary Club and the Midwest Federation of Lapidary Clubs.

"We stopped calling our events rock shows a couple of years ago when rock 'n' roll musicians and fans started showing up. Now we call our events lapidary or gem and jewelry shows," he says.

The Kurgans' lapidary workshop in their South Holland home has all the equipment needed. Waiting to be turned into jewels and beautiful artifacts are pieces of obsidian, various colored jades, rhodonite, howlite, heliotrope, turquoise, and petrified woods.

To change the rocks into gems, the Kurgans use various electric powered saws, one with a diamond edge, plus several polishing wheels that rotate grinding tumblers. These tumblers, or cans, contain granulated polishing materials.

"Show judges use power magnifying glasses to detect the slightest flaws or scratches in judging entries," Kurgan says.

"There are two ways of doing this," says Kurgan. "The easy way is to buy the stones from rock dealers. The hard way, and it's much more fun, is to become a rock hound and go out and find your own."

The Kurgans use their vacations to visit sites in Arizona, British Columbia, Nevada, New Mexico or Wyoming and dig for the kind of rocks they want.

"Not long ago we realized we had accumulated more than a ton of rocks in our workshop," Kurgan admits, "so we stopped hunting for a while and started trading."

The Kurgans' basement contains a number of display cases where they show their exotic rocks. Their most prized pieces appear—at least to the unskilled eye—to be the least interesting.

"These two pieces of unpolished green jade," he says, holding two palm-size flat rocks, "are our most valued pieces. We found them near Casper, Wyoming."

"We learned they had been used by Indians, for who knows how many generations, to scrape flesh from animal skins."

"We found them in an area infested with rattlesnakes, so we took these two and got out."

Kurgan says he became interested in lapidary work from his late father-in-law who had been collecting and polishing rocks for years.

"He talked me into trying my hand at polishing a stone. From that time on, I was hooked," Kurgan says.

Kurgan's expertise has grown to the point where he is now called upon to be a judge at rock shows and to evaluate other people's rock polishing through his powerful magnifying glass.

The big annual Chicagoland Gem and Mineral Show was held over the Memorial Day weekend at the Dodge County Fairgrounds in Wheaton.

Key Appointments Made In Auditing



RUSSELL JUHRE has been appointed director, Internal Auditing, Financial Services Department. Juhre formerly was director of financial services for the American Medical Association. He is a CPA, has an extensive background in auditing, and also holds a real estate broker's license. Juhre received a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Wisconsin and an MBA in financial management from Loyola University. He and his wife, Trudy, are the parents of two sons.

Legal



ROCCO ZAZZARA, former director, Central Counting Operations, has been named director, Legal Investigation. Zazzara joined the Chicago Surface Lines in 1947 in the Claim Department. He later became an investigator, superintendent and then director of Special Investigations. He and his wife, Varga, have a daughter and son.

Central Counting



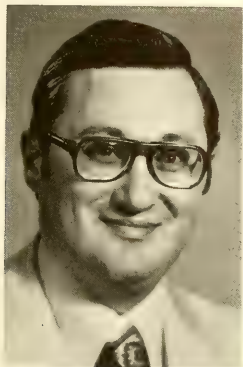
JOHN J. O'CONNOR is now director, Central Counting Operations. He had been in charge of Fare Box Services. O'Connor, a 34-year employee, previously served as interviewer; coordinator, Employment Procedures; assistant superintendent and superintendent, Employment and Placement, and director, Personnel Administration. O'Connor and his wife, Delores, have two sons and two daughters.

Methods-Standards



ROBERT M. JULUN has been promoted to superintendent, Methods-Standards. Julun started with CTA as a bus driver in 1960, later becoming a bus service supervisor, instructor, instructor trainee in General Operations, and Methods-Standards analyst. He and his wife, Margo, a clerk-typist in the Insurance Department, have a son and daughter.

Personnel Development



RAYMOND A. FLEMING, a CTA employee since 1969, has been named superintendent, Administrative Training-Training Services, Personnel Development. Fleming, former supervisor, Office Operations, Treasury, holds a bachelor of arts degree in English and an MBA from DePaul University. He previously served as a graduate trainee and a training assistant in Personnel Development. He and his wife, Phyllis, have a son and daughter.

Other Reassignments

In other job reassignments, WALTER MOORE, former supervisor, Distribution and Building Wiring, Electrical Maintenance, has been named supervisor, Power Distribution Group. MARGARET A. STEVENS, former executive secretary, General Operations, has been appointed supervisor, Law File Administration. FRANK O'DOWD, former unit supervisor, Service Planning Group, Operations Planning, is now unit supervisor, Production-Supply Control, Plant Maintenance.

ANDREW SCHMIDT has moved from labor research analyst to labor relations specialist, Labor Relations. LAWRENCE A. OOMENS has been reassigned from instructor to planning analyst, Transportation, and CLER WILLIAMS, former bus serviceman supervisor, District A, has been selected as management-professional intern in the same department.

Transportation Department has also named seven new security officers. They include former bus drivers BOBBY EDWARDS (77th St.), LEROY HILL, and JAMES D. INGRAM (Beverly); bus servicemen ARY M. BEYER (Forest Glen) and RONALD REKOSH (Archer); former conductor MICHAEL HOGAN (North Section), and former trackman RICHARD G. RUSINAK, Maintenance.

RONALD PEEL, former driver, 77th St., is now a traffic checker, Operations Planning. ROGER TOUS-SAINT, former driver, Limits, has become a clerk in the Library, and JOHN P. CURRAN, former bus serviceman, Archer, has been selected service truck chauffeur, Transportation.

Newly appointed as travel information representatives, Management Services, are WILLIE L. YOUNG, former driver, Kedzie; WILLY C. TURNER, former cash box puller, Kedzie, and former South Section ticket agents JOSEPH COLLYMORE and BESSOLA JAMES. Assigned as bilingual travel information representative is ANGEL DE LA TORRE, former driver, Limits. Now serving as varitypist, Management Services, is DIANNE L. WEIER, former clerk, General Operations.

In the Datacenter, LOUIS BUCKINGHAM has moved from junior computer operator to systems analyst, and ROSLYN STEINBERG has been reassigned from typist to project documentation clerk. RINA GREEN, former utility clerk, Claims Law and Real Estate, is now secretarial stenographer, Grant Programming and Administration. ROSEMARIE RITROVATO, former typist I, Management Services, has been named typist II, Treasury. ELLA FLEMING, formerly unassigned, has become call director operator, Personnel Administration.

Five new stock clerks have been selected by Materials Management. They are JOHN LAMBERT, who was principal mail clerk, Management Services; LAWRENCE JONES, former janitor, Maintenance; MARTHA MORRIS, former ticket agent, West Section; BILLY MONCRIEF, former conductor, North Section, and EDDIE RICHARDS, former laborer, South Shops. Former bus servicemen STEVEN P. GRAF (North Park) and MICHAEL FITZPATRICK (77th St.) have been assigned as helpers, Plant Maintenance.

Chosen as bus repairers, Maintenance, are JAMES THOMPSON, former cash box puller, 52nd St.; former bus drivers ANDREW DRAIN (North Park) and JOHN FERRARO (Forest Glen), and former bus servicemen GUILLERMO LINA (North Park) and BRIAN GRABOWSKI (North Av.). New as laborers in Maintenance are RICHARD BIEGEL, former laborer, Plant Maintenance; DAVID WEATHERSPOON, former conductor, North Section, and EUGENE SEALS Jr., former motorman, North Section.

Others now in Maintenance include MARY F. GAL-LON, who moved from typist, Transportation, to clerk, South Shops; JOHN M. ZON, former unit exchange clerk, Skokie, now production clerk, and EVELYN E. MARTIN, previously unassigned in Personnel Administration and now typist. KENNETH LACKNER, former unit exchange clerk, South Shops, is reassigned as production record clerk, and VIRGINIA HARRER, former travel information representative, Management Services, is now shop clerk.

commendation corner



JAMES O'CONNOR and WILLIAM ROBERTSON, District B supervisors, were commended by an Andy Frain supervisor at McCormick Place for their "superb job" in coordinating CTA charter bus service for the National Restaurant Association show. John Fahy, of the Frain organization, wrote: "We received compliments on the courtesy of the drivers and on the cleanliness of your buses. I know this couldn't happen without the know-how of the two men. It was a pleasure for me to work with them."



PATRICIA LATHAM (West Section), a conductor on the Lake-Dan Ryan route, receives a citizen's award from Lt. Milton B. Deas, commander of the Police Department's Area 4 burglary unit, for "her willingness to become involved in what she accurately evaluated as a crime-in-progress aboard her train." In a letter of appreciation to CTA, William J. Duffy, commander of the department's burglary division, said, "Her prompt notification and continued observation and guidance, given upon police arrival, are highly commendable. Without her help, this arrest may not have been possible."

Rose Goldman of Escanaba avenue says she forgot her discomfort on a hot windy day immediately upon boarding a Sheridan road bus driven by MAURICE WILLIS (North Park garage). She writes: "Many senior citizens rode this bus and I observed that, almost without exception, each one asked questions that were politely answered. The driver was particularly considerate of older riders who had difficulty boarding the bus and he waited until they were seated before continuing. I complimented this driver when I was getting off the bus and he replied: 'It's part of my job.'"

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TOMMIE GARNER (North Park garage), driver of a Broadway bus, is praised by Anne Hartnett, of North Wayne avenue, who writes to tell of this incident: "We were about to turn from Division into State street when the driver stood up and warned the passengers to watch their wallets and purses. He repeated the warning a second time, before opening the doors. As I left the bus, the driver explained to me that the four men who got on at that stop were known pickpockets. I extend my gratitude for such kindness and consideration."

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LACEY KENNEDY (69th street garage),

a driver on the Ashland avenue route, is thanked by Larry Revers, of south Artesian avenue, and several other riders for the way he handles problems on his bus. On behalf of the group, Revers writes: "He assures comfort to his passengers by enforcing the no smoking rule, quieting disturbances and guarding against rear-door entry on the bus. He also checks to make sure transfers are valid. He is a safe and careful driver. We thank him for his courtesy, consideration, kindness and protection of all his passengers."

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ERNEST TUCKER, driver (77th street garage), recently played off-duty "good samaritan" to Helen Zarr of Blue Island. She writes: "My sister and I were on our way downtown when our car got a flat tire on the Dan Ryan expressway. I pulled off the road and waited, hoping a policeman or someone else would come to the aid of two women in distress. After 25 minutes, a car finally pulled over, and a nice gentleman put the spare on for us, saying he stopped because he knew his wife wouldn't know what to do if she got a flat tire. Thanks to your Mr. Tucker, we got downtown in time for my sister's doctor appointment."

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Mrs. Rose B. Wilke of suburban Oak Park writes to express thanks for the pleasant service given by driver #6708 (JAMES WHITE, 69th street garage) when she was recently in Chicago. She writes: "I was in a neighborhood unfamiliar to me and I needed directions. Not only was the driver helpful within the scope of performing his duty, but he was so pleasant and reassuring, he turned my somewhat anxious ride into a real pleasure ride."

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JESSE W. RICHARDSON (South Section), a motorman on the Lake-Dan Ryan, is applauded by Eleanor E. King of River Forest for being a "safety conscious motorman." She writes: "He was careful to slow down with all the safety beeps, and when we crossed the river he went even slower. He ran the train with good judgment."

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LEVI FUNCHES (North avenue garage), a driver on the Fullerton avenue route, is complimented by Aleta Kowitz of North Lockwood avenue for the way he "manage to avoid the potholes in the street, wait for passengers running to catch his bus and still keeps his schedule without taking chances."

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cta moves ahead in '77

The Chicago Transit Authority, operator of the second largest public transportation system in the United States, has gained more momentum in 1977 than ever before in a continuing program of modernizing and upgrading its equipment and facilities.

Early in the year, delivery began on an order of 200 modern air-conditioned cars being acquired at a cost of \$61 million in federal and state funds for the CTA's rapid transit system.

The first train of the new cars made its inaugural run on Oct. 6, 1976, with late Mayor Richard J. Daley heading a large delegation of passengers for the debut. Delivery of the 200 new cars is to be completed early in 1978.

In the early months also of 1977, the CTA received delivery of 200 more air-conditioned buses, which, with 1,679 buses acquired previously in the last several years, means that 78 per cent of the surface fleet has been modernized. Within the next several years, the CTA expects to have its total operating fleet of 2,400 buses fully modernized.

For 1977 operations, the CTA adopted a hold-the-line budget of \$336,673,000, representing an operating cost increase of 9-1/2 per cent due almost

CTA's 2400 series rapid transit car, newest in the industry, makes its debut against the Chicago skyline. The car was manufactured by Boeing Vertol.

entirely to continuing inflation.

"We are providing essentially the same quantity of service, but of improved quality," explains George Krambles, the CTA General Manager.

"If inflation in some marvelous way were to fall to zero, the total costs of the CTA operations in 1977 under the budget would be essentially unchanged from 1976."

Another overall objective of the CTA, Krambles explains, is to continue to provide comprehensive services as efficiently as possible with the objective of holding down the requirement of public funding assistance through the Regional Transportation Authority to supplement fare box collections.

The Regional Transportation Authority was created in 1974 as an overall governmental organization covering six Illinois counties of the Chicago metropolitan area. One of the major purposes of the new RTA is to provide public assistance to all carriers in the area—the CTA, the commuter railroads, and suburban bus systems.

To cover 1977 operating expenses, the CTA's budget anticipates \$211,469,100 in system-generated revenue (mostly fare collections) and \$125,204,000 in state, federal, city and county funds channeled through the RTA.

This means that 63 per cent of the money for operating costs in 1977 is to come mostly from fare collections and that 37 per cent would be provided through the RTA as a public funding requirement.

The 37 per cent public funding requirement by the CTA ranks at the very bottom on this score among the major cities of the nation and the world.

In sharp contrast to the CTA's 37 per cent, for instance, are public funding percentages of 76 per cent in Atlanta, 68 per cent in Boston and San Francisco, 67 per cent in St. Louis, 62 per cent in Los Angeles, and 50 per cent in Philadelphia. For New York City, the public funding for operations is about the same as the CTA's; but the New York percentage was achieved only after fare increases and reductions in service.

Among the large cities elsewhere in the world the percentages of public funding for transit operations are Amsterdam, 70 per cent; Brussels, 70 per cent; Frankfurt, 55 per cent; London, 40 per cent; Munich, 50 per cent; Paris, 80 per cent; Rome, 84 per cent, and Tokyo, 50 per cent.

The biggest headlines about new transit improvement projects appeared early in 1977 when Mayor Michael A. Bilandic announced that federal officials had



Inspecting control tower at CTA's busiest rapid transit crossroads, Lake and Wells, are George Krambles, left, CTA General Manager, and James J. McDonough, right, Chairman of the Chicago Transit Board. They discuss operations with Robert Perkins, towerman.

authorized grants giving the green light for extending the Kennedy rapid transit route to O'Hare International Airport. The project will cost \$135.7 million.

The city's Public Works Department was granted \$5 million in federal funding to begin engineering work, and there was assurance that the U.S. Department of Transportation will provide the full federal contribution of \$108.5 million which will represent 80 per cent of the project cost. The remaining 20 per cent will be provided by the state and city governments.

The O'Hare rapid transit extension will cover a distance of 7½ miles between the airport and the CTA's Jefferson Park terminal to provide for fast trips to and from Chicago's downtown. It also will serve as a connecting link with O'Hare for the CTA's entire rapid transit and surface systems, serving not only air travelers, but also thousands of airport workers and employees in the hotel, commercial and industrial area near the airport. It is estimated that more than 36,500 riders a day will use the O'Hare rapid transit extension.

The project is expected to be completed within 30 to 36 months, which means that trains can be rolling to and from the airport by 1980.

This two-track extension will be constructed in the median strip of the Kennedy expressway from the present end of the tracks near Foster avenue to a point just west of East River road. There, it will continue westward in the median strip of the Airport access road.

About 500 feet west of the airport taxiway bridge, the line will enter a tunnel, and curve in a southwesterly direction to an O'Hare Airport station beneath the main parking garage.

Intermediate stations are to be built at Harlem avenue, Cumberland road, and River road. Parking facilities for more than 2,500 cars will be provided at these stations.

The running time of the CTA's trains between the airport and the downtown Dearborn subway stations will be about 35 minutes.

Pending construction of the O'Hare extension, the CTA is continuing to promote, through radio advertising and other techniques, the present O'Hare Express bus service from Jefferson Park as a convenient and inexpensive way to get to and from the airport.

Chicago's State street has long been famous for its department stores and shops and also for its public transportation. Beginning in 1859, downtown State street first was served by streetcars pulled by horses, then by cable cars, then by electric streetcars, and in recent years by motor buses.

Now transit will become more prominent than ever with the transformation of State street into a transit mall. The federal government has authorized grants totaling \$9 million in federal highway and transit funds for about 80 per cent of the project cost. The remaining funds will be provided by State street merchants.

The transit mall has two objectives—to

improve transportation and to minimize pedestrian-vehicle conflict. For the next blocks from Wacker drive to Congress street, State street will be reduced from six lanes to two lanes. In addition, there will be boarding bays for the CTA buses. Only buses and emergency vehicles will be allowed in the street. All east-west traffic will continue to cross the mall.

Escalators will be installed from street level to mezzanines of subway stations. Canopies will be built over the bus waiting areas and escalator entrances. The overall appearance of State street will be greatly enhanced. Sidewalks will be extended from the present curb, by as much as 20 feet in some places. There will be trees and other landscaping, benches, fountains, information centers, and small entertainment areas. There also may be outdoor cafes.

Work on the State street mall project was scheduled to begin in the fall of 1977, and the project is expected to be completed by Christmas of 1978.

Meanwhile, the CTA will be pushing forward with its own improvement programs, with funding largely by the state and federal governments.

About 10 years ago, it was recognized here and elsewhere that the fare box could not possibly meet all of the needs of renewing public transportation systems, so the first of the federal aid programs with local matching funds was provided. However, it was not until about five years ago that federal and other public funding was provided in sufficient amounts to enable transit systems, such as the CTA, to begin major programs in a catch-up program of modernization.

Since 1972, the CTA and other systems in Illinois also have benefited from a state bond issue of \$200 million which, for the most part, has provided the local matching funds needed to qualify for the federal capital development grants. At first, the formula for such grants was two-thirds federal funds and one-third local matching, but that has been changed to 80 per cent federal and 20 per cent local.

For the five years of 1972 through 1976, the CTA's capital development grants for new equipment and other improvements totaled approximately \$403 million. The CTA request for such funding for 1977 amounted to \$11 million and, for the five years of 1977 through 1982, the CTA hopes to obtain

a total of approximately \$633 million in grants to accelerate its capital improvement programs.

The highlights of the five-year program for 1978 through 1982 include the replacement of all remaining 30-year-old rapid transit cars, the purchase of 400 more buses, and the modernization of many CTA facilities, such as track and structure and bus and car shops.

The 200 rapid transit cars being delivered in 1977 and the early part of 1978 will give the CTA a total of 530 modern cars. However, this is not quite half of the present fleet of 1,100 cars.

The CTA will need at least 550 more new cars to modernize fully its present fleet. An additional 70 new cars also will be needed for operation in the Kennedy extension to O'Hare airport.

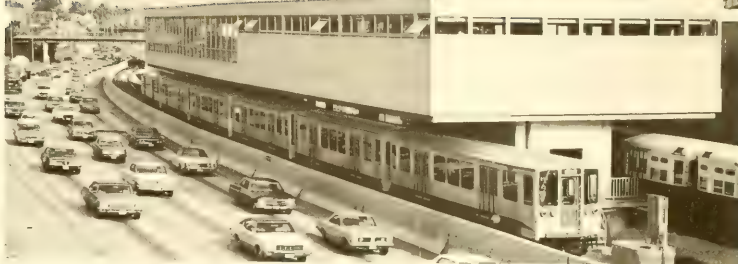
Safety in operations is of paramount importance in public transportation. In 1976 the CTA completed one of the most important projects in the city's 85-year history of rail rapid transit. That was a \$28-million project of installing cab signaling—a modern electronic system for controlling the proper spacing and speed of trains. As a result of this project, the CTA's 200 miles of rapid transit tracks now are protected by safe and reliable signaling.

Communications is another major category in CTA's modernization program—better communication facilities for operating purposes, for working with the police and fire departments in emergencies, and for keeping the riding public informed.

All new buses are equipped with two-way radios for contact with the Control Center, as well as silent alarms for use in emergencies.

For the rapid transit system, capital development grants have been authorized for a two-way radio network costing an estimated \$14 million.

The objectives of this project are three-fold: (1) To achieve still greater efficiency and control in the operation of elevated-subway trains by replacing train telephones with radios; (2) To provide, for the first time also, two-way radio communications in the subways for the Chicago Police Department to enable the police to maximize protection for CTA riders and operating employees, and (3) To provide also two-way radio communications for the Chicago Fire Department for responses in emergencies, such as coming to the aid of persons taken



Chicago's O'Hare extension project will take rapid transit trains now traveling the expressway median strip into Jefferson Park terminal, top, seven and one-half miles beyond to a direct connection with the airport. This service is now provided by the O'Harexpress bus, lower photo.

ill on trains.

Well under way is a \$33-million program for renewing our electrical power distribution system. This includes the construction of 15 substation buildings and the installation of new third rail at various locations.

The elevated structures date to the 1890s and the turn of the century, so a significant part of the continuing improvement program is in the category of track and structure renewal. Welded rail is being installed to make for smoother riding, and roadbeds are being reconstructed with new ballast, ties and rail.

Station modernization is getting high priority. For instance, construction began early in 1977 on a \$5-million modern rapid transit terminal for the Eisenhower rapid transit route at Desplaines avenue, Forest Park.

Most CTA garages are old converted streetcar barns, and another large category in the capital development program is the reconstruction and modernization of these facilities. A model for this important type of improvement is a new large bus service complex—the largest ever built by the CTA—at its South Shops, at 77th street and Vincennes avenue. This new service complex features a service building with 72,000 square feet, the most advanced facility for washing two buses at a time, and a "bus beauty salon" for cleaning buses inside and out. The CTA's five-year program calls for modernization of seven more garages.

There are similar improvements for the rapid transit trains—new inspection and service shops, car washing facilities, and



renewal and expansion of major repair shops.

The CTA has entered the computer age. One major project is the development of an innovative computer system for greater efficiency in bus maintenance. Similar computerization is planned for rapid transit car maintenance, as well as other CTA functions.

For the winter of 1976-77, the CTA completed an initial program of erecting 100 bus stop shelters at the busiest locations. One hundred more shelters are to be erected in the latter part of 1977.

There are many other improvement projects—such as more off-street bus turnarounds, better lighting of stations, the installation of transfer-issuing turnstiles, and new signs with modern graphics at bus stops and stations.

All of these projects are designed to improve the quality of service for the riding public—and to attract more riders. Like other transit systems throughout the nation, transit in Chicago was hit hard by the competition of the automobile after World War II.

At the CTA, riding since 1970 has levelled off; but there are indications that an upturn may be in the making. In 1976, CTA riding showed an increase of nearly 3 per cent, totaling more than 630 million riders for the year.

In addition to improving the quality of service, the CTA also is taking aggres-

sive steps to gain more riders. Wide distribution is being given to two CTA maps—a popular system-wide route map and a special downtown transit map. Most of the texts of the maps are bilingual (English-Spanish). The CTA also publishes a special brochure to inform the Spanish-speaking communities on how to use the bus and rapid transit systems. Other promotional efforts include radio and television advertising based on a theme of "People Moving People." The production of T-shirts, with colorful designs of CTA bus stops and the rapid transit routes, was added in 1977 as a CTA promotional activity.

The CTA's service area is comprised of the 220 square miles of the city of Chicago plus 36 nearby suburbs, with a total population in excess of 4 million persons. In Chicago, 99 per cent of the city's population is within three-eighths of a mile of CTA service.

The CTA's services also are used regularly by many thousands of persons from the far-flung suburbs. It is estimated that some 350,000 persons travel each weekday from Chicago to the suburbs and that an equal number—350,000—come from the suburbs to the city. And it is a certainty that many of these persons, at one time or another during the day, use the CTA, as well as the other public transportation services.

The largest number of nearly 13,000 CTA employees are those immediately involved in providing the service—5,300 bus drivers, more than 2,000 rapid transit operating employees, and more than 3,100 maintenance employees to keep the 2,400 buses and 1,100 rapid transit cars in good operating order.

Another measure of this emphasis on service is the number of manhours of work budgeted for the year. The 1977 budget provides for a total of 24 million manhours. Of that total, 22,650,000 manhours are budgeted for the General Operations Division. And of that total, 16 million manhours are for the Transportation Department; 6 million manhours for the Maintenance Department, and 650,000 manhours for the Operations Planning, Engineering and Plant Security Departments.

The Chicago Police Department and police departments of suburban areas serve directly by the CTA carry out the responsibility of protecting riders and operating employees. At the direction of Superintendent James M. Rochford,

the Chicago Police Department has given top priority to the security of transit riders, and has received national recognition for such innovative measures as a special Mass Transit Unit for the rapid transit system.

The CTA's 2,400 buses make more than 31,000 trips each weekday on 134 routes over 2,000 miles of streets, with 13,400 posted bus stops. Rapid transit trains make more than 2,600 trips a day on seven routes over 200 route miles or 90 miles of right-of-way, with 142 stations.

Persons of all levels of income depend upon the CTA for regular travel needs. The service is an absolute necessity for hundreds of thousands of persons who have no other way to travel, who cannot afford to own or who cannot drive an automobile.

More than half of all CTA routes operate continuously around the clock every day of the year. CTA service at all hours of the day and night is important to a great variety of travelers. For example, service in the "owl" or early morning hours is especially important to the many thousands of persons doing the housekeeping in office buildings, to policemen and firemen going to and from duty, to nurses and other employees going to and from the large medical centers, to employees of industrial plants and service industries, and to the many thousands of employees of the large utility systems.

The CTA is one of only a few large public transportation systems in the world providing such comprehensive services. In 1976, the CTA service in effect became even more comprehensive with the use of the RTA's new universal transfer providing for the interchange of passengers with suburban bus systems.

Chicago's great downtown area is it known today could not exist were it not for public transportation. Each weekday, there is a peak downtown accumulation of more than 280,000 persons. Of this daytime downtown population, 86 per cent travel to and from the downtown area by public transportation—47 per cent by the CTA, 35 per cent by the commuter railroads, and 4 per cent by buses from the suburbs.

Each weekday, the CTA serves approximately 1,200,000 originating riders. Approximately 850,000 of these riders, or more than 70 per cent, also buy the

CTA's one-hour transfer for additional riding. This total of originating ride and transfer passengers means that the CTA accounts for approximately 87 per cent of all public transportation ride taken every weekday throughout the six-county RTA area. Actually, the percentage of CTA riding is higher than that, for many additional rides are taken with the one-hour transfer, which permits transfers for all kinds of trips, even round trips, as long as the last ride begins within one hour after the time punched on the transfer at purchase.

October 1 of 1977 is the CTA's 30th anniversary of operations. The Chicago Transit Authority is a municipal corporation created in 1945 by an act of the Illinois legislature and by referendum as an ordinance of the city of Chicago.

The governing arm of the CTA is the Chicago Transit Board. Four members of the Board are appointed by the mayor of Chicago, subject to approval by the City Council and the governor, and three members are appointed by the governor, subject to approval by the State Senate and the mayor of Chicago.

The CTA began operating on October 1, 1947, after purchasing (with revenue bond proceeds) the properties of the former privately owned Chicago Surface Lines and Chicago Rapid Transit Company. In 1952, the CTA also acquired the properties of the former Chicago Motor Coach Company.

This mini-report on CTA today was originally prepared for a group of international transit executives who were studying our system. It has been reprinted in Transit News with the thought that employees and retirees will find it an interesting and convenient source of reference.

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Memories Of Glory Days

By W. B. Wolfan

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Nostalgia reigned supreme at Wrigley Field on June 25 when Chicago Cub heroes emerged from the past to once more trod the "friendly confines" in uniform.

Names such as Phil Cavarretta, Stan Hack, Andy Pafko, Larry French, Riggs Stephenson, Billy Herman, and other stars of long ago popped up once again for the news headlines.

It was a great day at the ball park (to coin a phrase from Jack Brickhouse), especially when the public address system boomed out the lineup of the old-timers.

The biggest ovation of the entire day greeted No. 14 when he trotted out on the field--Ernie Banks, known to the baseball world as Mr. Cub. Ernie is a member of the Chicago Transit Board.

The ex-Cubs defeated a Hall of Fame all-star team, 5-1, in three innings. They used 10 pitchers--among them Dick Ellsworth, Don Elston, Rich Nye, Moe Drabowsky, Johnny Klippstein, Emil (Dutch) Leonard, Phil Regan, Dick Drott, Larry French, and Bill Hands.

The power hitting was provided by younger ex-Cubs--namely Paul Popovich, Jerry Kindall, Ron Santo, Clyde McCullough, and Bob Will.

The latter contributed a triple off Bob Feiler to lead the old-timers to victory.

And of course, no lineup of Cub old-timers would be complete without Charley Grimm at the helm as manager.

Grimm's career with the Cubs began 52 years ago--in 1925.

Mention of Grimm recalls the 1935 Cubs, a team he managed to a pennant in highly spectacular fashion.

Ten and one-half games behind the league-leading Giants (then based at New York's Polo Grounds), the Cubs won 24 and lost 5 in July to become a contender overnight.

That set the stage for a streak of 21 victories in a row that began on Labor Day and earned the North Siders the National League flag.

Larry French, one of the ex-Cubs here for the old-timers game, launched that winning streak with a win over the Phillies. Lefthander French, asked about that during his visit here, said he pitched and won 5 complete games during that sensational victory string.

The Cubs lost to Detroit in the World Series, 4 games to 2, but 1935 is a year to remember just the same.

Some of the Cub old-timers were accorded an extra treat the day after the game.

CTA board member and Hall of Famer Ernie Banks invited a group to ride the CTA's Culture Bus.

Larry French, Riggs Stephenson, Phil Regan, Jerry Kindall, Bob Scheffing, and Moe Drabowsky took advantage of Ernie's invitation and brought their families along.

The old-timers' consensus was: "We had a great time!"

Mexican Fiesta At Sox Park



Elda Leal of CTA Public Affairs is pictured throwing out the first ball at the White Sox' second annual Mexican Fiesta Day June 5. The special program, arranged by Elda through the Mexican Civic Society of which she is president, featured a colorful parade, folk dances by Mexican groups, and a mock bullfight with Senor Minnie Minoso acting as toreador. Accompanying Elda in the opening ceremonies above were, left to right, Raul Stern, trade commissioner of Mexico for Chicago; Jose Luis Navarro, regional director of the Mexican National Tourist Council, and the Hon. Francisco Acevedo-Morga, consul general of Mexico.

Special Footnote of Interest to Our Readers: As a result of the Mexican Civic Society's contribution to the success of this special pre-game event, the Chicago White Sox have donated the use of Comiskey Park on the evening of Saturday, Sept. 17, for an all-Latino musical program featuring the visiting Ballet Folklorico from Mexico, the folklorico dancers in the Spanish-speaking community of Chicago, and other Latin-American musical artists. This colorfully costumed and lighted gala is available at a bargain admission charge of only \$1 for each and any seat in the park. CTA employees and families are cordially invited. Proceeds will go entirely to fund a new Mexican Cultural Center in Chicago.

Typical Action In CTA Softball



At left, Ivan Rodez, 77th Street Streakers, crosses home plate safely as the ball eludes Kedzie catcher George Reeves. Umpire Frank Canna calls the play. At right, Steve Martin, General Office, scores and is congratulated by teammate Andy Bishop.



Charles Swain, North Park (left), takes a mighty swing as his teammates cheer him on. At right, Limits Coach Raymond Gosha points the way for Elisah Whooper as John Cadenhead, North Park first baseman, waits for the ball.



North Park Coach Walter White directs traffic at first base and tells Roger Noble to keep going as Limits first baseman Art Williams calls for the ball.

CTA SOFTBALL LEAGUE

DIVISION A	W	L	DIVISION B	W	L
Kedzie	5	0	North Park	5	0
Howard "L"	4	1	Limits	5	0
77th Street	4	1	69th St. Raiders	4	1
Archer	4	1	69th St. Diggers	4	1
Lake Street "L"	2	3	Forest Glen	3	2
North Avenue	2	3	South Shops	2	3
52nd Street	2	3	South Shops Repair	1	4
Local 241	1	4	General Office	0	5
West Side T/A	1	4	Central Counting	0	5
North Side T/A	0	5	South Side "L"	0	5

More June Graduates In CTA Families



SYLVIA D. BENNETT
South Shore H. S.
Charles Bennett
Stores - South



MICHAEL J. COOK
Parker H. S.
Josea Cook
Kedzie



BRIDGET COOLEY
Fenger H. S.
Wilbur Cooley
95 - Dan Ryan



CHARLES J. FLORENCE
Malcolm X. College
Charles J. Florence
West Section



MARK H. KADOWAKI
Luther H. S. North
Paul H. Kadowaki
Instruction-North



PATRICIA LEAL
Lourdes H. S.
Elda Leal
Public Affairs



CHRISTOPHER LOPEZ
Lane Technical H. S.
Ismael Lopez
Limits



WILLIAM E. MOORE
Quigley H. S.
William E. Moore
Instruction



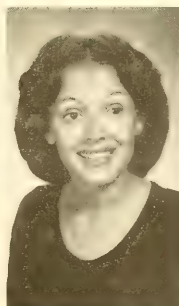
BRADLEY PORTER
Illinois School for Deaf
Mack Porter
52nd Street



BRODERICK PORTER
Illinois School for Deaf
Mack Porter
52nd Street



DAVID PORTER
Chicago Vocational
Mack Porter
52nd Street



BECKY A. SANTOS
Kelvyn Park H. S.
D. L. Santos
North Avenue



STEVENSON SANTOS
Kelvyn Park H. S.
D. L. Santos
North Avenue



JOSE M. SEGURA
Lane Technical H. S.
Manuel R. Segura
Materials Management



PATRICIA WASHINGTON
Luther South H. S.
Leon Washington
77th Street

cta pensioners

Zold: 77 In '77

"Dad does not know I wrote this; we wanted it to be a surprise for him in his 77th year," writes Gloria Gravenhorst, from Anaheim, California.

Dad is retiree George R. Zold who served CTA and the predecessor Chicago Surface Lines for 34 years, first as a street-car motorman and then as a bus driver, winding up his career at Forest Glen in 1962.

He went to live with his daughter and her family while recuperating from a heart attack and moved to California when Gravenhorst was transferred there in 1974.

George has had two cataract operations in recent years, but his daughter says he is recovering well.

His sight is good enough that he can enjoy daily bus rides with his friend, Charlie Astor, to various places in Orange County.

George recently celebrated his birthday. Although he likes California, he misses Chicago and would appreciate hearing from any of his former working associates. His address is 200 S. Calle Diaz, Anaheim, California 92807.



New CTA S.C.R.O. Site

All future dinner meetings of the CTA Senior Citizens Retirement Organization will be held the last Tuesday of each month in the spacious grand ballroom of the elegant Ferrara Manor, Central and North Avenues, Chicago, Illinois. 7-Course Dinner at \$5.00. Convenient CTA transportation to the door. Three parking lots.

The next dinner meeting will be held Tuesday, July 26, 1977, at 4 PM. Music by Frankie Jay and his orchestra. For reservations call: Jack Kalka at 484-6610 or Joe Nolan at 287-9058. Nolan tells Transit News that his organization now has 83 members in 20 states outside of Illinois.

Misses Chicago; Missed Here, Too

Near misses -- some good, some bad -- are highlighted in a Chicago memory story about retiree Walter Redmond in the Rochester (Minn.) Post-Bulletin.

As a boy, he missed the performance of "Milk and Honey" with Eddie Foy at the Iroquois Theatre on the afternoon of Dec. 23, 1903 (date of the fire disaster because he was being punished for throwing a bottle at a boy who was stealing his bicycle;

By moving schools, he missed a continuing friendship with a pretty girl in the fourth and fifth grades at Lincoln school. She later became movie star Gloria Swanson.

He saw some men he assumed to be policemen wheeling up to a warehouse on the north side and presumably arresting some gangsters. He followed his mother's advice to get away from trouble areas with all deliberate speed and thus missed the St. Valentine's Day Massacre;

In 1967, Walter, who was a conductor on the 'L' moved to the small town of Lanesboro, Minn., where his wife, Mildred, has relatives. That is where the Post-Bulletin discovered him.

"Was the adjustment hard to make?" the newspaper reporter asks.

Redmond's answer: "Tough -- very, very tough. But I feed the birds and I get a Chicago newspaper regularly ... so I've become adjusted."

Thanks to Walter's brother-in-law, Howard Ruen, for sending Transit News the story.

Golden Anniversary

FLORENCE and JOSEPH PARTIPILO celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 23 at Parretta's Italian Restaurant. Mr. Partipilo started with the Chicago Surface Lines in 1942 as track repair and elevator porter at the Logan Square office. Mr. Partipilo, who will be 75 in September, retired in 1967. Their sons, daughters-in-law, and friends helped celebrate the occasion.



WILLIAM N. BECK, 87, Devon,
Emp. 7-12-26, Died 5-15-77

MARCELLA BITTERLIN, 72, South Section,
Emp. 3-01-45, Died 5-20-77

EDMUND J. BLASKEY, 72, South Shops,
Emp. 4-17-34, Died 5-31-77

NICKLA BONASICH, 89, Way & Structures,
Emp. 4-07-43, Died 2-18-77

GEORGE A. BRADSHAW, 65, Jefferson Park,
Emp. 10-24-45, Died 5-16-77

MAX BROGLAND, 85, West Section,
Emp. 1-11-44, Died 5-23-77

FRANK BYNUM, 59, 52nd Street,
Emp. 4-05-47, Died 5-22-77

MELVIN T. CASPER, 68, Archer,
Emp. 2-02-37, Died 4-18-77

JAMES M. CONNORS, 75, Employment,
Emp. 10-22-29, Died 2-08-77

ROSARIO D'AMICO, 84, Way & Structures,
Emp. 7-18-36, Died 4-12-77

HAROLD R. DONIHI, 69, Treasury,
Emp. 10-14-26, Died 5-11-77

JAMES O. DWIGHT, 85, Executive,
Emp. 2-16-25, Died 4-14-77

JOHN ERICKSON, 54, North Section,
Emp. 6-11-46, Died 5-22-77

CHRIST H. FINK, 91, Way & Structures,
Emp. 9-09-23, Died 4-28-77

JOHN FITMAN, 76, 77th Street,
Emp. 10-15-29, Died 5-05-77

WILLIE FORD, 32, Forest Glen,
Emp. 3-19-70, Died 5-19-77

JOHN FRISCLA, 90, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 7-24-24, Died 5-20-77

THOMAS J. HANDLEY, 85, Stores-South,
Emp. 12-13-23, Died 5-08-77

ROBERT W. HEALY, 70, Kedzie,
Emp. 8-13-35, Died 5-09-77

JOHN A. KARASEK, 81, North Park,
Emp. 11-24-25, Died 5-03-77

FREDERICK J. LEARY, 80, North Section,
Emp. 8-18-43, Died 5-14-77

WILLIAM J. MC CONNELL, 82, Beverly,
Emp. 9-01-12, Died 5-05-77

HENRY MC TIGUE, 74, 77th Street,
Emp. 10-24-22, Died 5-17-77

JOHN MURPHY, 46, Archer,
Emp. 1-29-59, Died 6-11-77

JOSEPH NOVAK, 82, Devon,
Emp. 12-11-42, Died 5-31-77

JOHN D. PHELPS, 71, 77th Street,
Emp. 1-25-29, Died 4-30-77

FRANK P. PIKUNAS, 66, 77th Street,
Emp. 5-08-42, Died 5-05-77

WALTER A. SCHNEIDER, 78, 69th Street,
Emp. 10-21-42, Died 5-14-77

DAVID S. SCOTT, 56, Archer,
Emp. 12-06-48, Died 5-31-77

JOHN SENKO, 74, North Avenue,
Emp. 11-28-42, Died 5-03-77

EDWARD W. SMITH, 62, Internal Auditing,
Emp. 11-27-44, Died 5-06-77

GEORGE A. THOMPSON, 66, Forest Glen,
Emp. 9-15-36, Died 5-04-77

SAMUEL THOMPSON, 28, Kedzie,
Emp. 4-27-74, Died 6-16-77

JOSEPHINE M. TOLLAR, 72, Employment,
Emp. 3-04-46, Died 5-19-77

GEORGE C. UHRKE, 83, Limits,
Emp. 3-24-43, Died 5-10-77

RUPHASH, WAINSCOTT, 69, Forest Glen,
Emp. 10-22-29, Died 5-02-77

EREMAH J. WATERS, 75, Electrical,
Emp. 11-10-31, Died 5-06-77

ALBERT E. WINDT, 54, South Shops,
Emp. 3-01-46, Died 5-28-77

FRANK M. ZELLNER, 75, Beverly,
Emp. 1-13-25, Died 5-08-77

40 years

J. Kane, Limits
N. I. Rolnicki, Electrical

35 years

R. A. Brady, Utility
J. G. Drag, Forest Glen
V. J. Juknuis, Kedzie
P. P. Kurek, Archer
D. P. Lemm, Insurance
F. Patanella, Maintenance
G. A. Pedersen, Jefferson Park
F. W. Stolarz, South Shops

25 years

S. J. Boyd, Beverly
W. C. Burger, Skokie Shop
E. C. Cox, Archer
D. R. Gierhahn, Electrical
A. J. Horn, South Shops
P. J. Kouhoukos, Electrical
J. H. Kurek, Skokie Shop

30 years

A. S. Arduini, Electrical
G. J. Balazs, Central District
F. L. Bruno, TABEC
A. F. French, North Avenue
E. A. Janski, Utility
J. H. Johnson, 77th Street
A. Joyce, Maintenance
J. King, Beverly
A. L. Kolman, Maintenance
M. J. Lacriola, North Avenue
F. W. Miraglio, Jefferson Park
G. Morrell, South Shops
R. F. Mulvihill, South Shops
J. P. Murray, South Shops
J. F. Nardi, Maintenance
W. C. Norvilas, Management Services
L. C. Pedersen, North Park
L. R. Skrine, Management Services
R. C. Utley, Forest Glen

H. Mackey, Utility
C. B. Morgan, Archer
C. F. Nelson, 98th Maintenance
P. E. Powell, Maintenance
L. P. Shelby, Electrical
V. V. Szymkewicz, Travel Info. Ctr.
E. L. Thompson, North Avenue
P. Virgil, Beverly
C. Wardlow, Limits

NEW PENSIONERS

TONY BOGETICH, Laborer,
Way & Structure, Emp. 9-03-41

GEORGE BURKS, Bus Serviceman,
Kedzie, Emp. 7-12-41

JOHN F. CASEY, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 4-19-72

LEONEL W. CRAIG, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 6-05-47

ANTHONY DEL GIUDICE, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 3-13-43

RITA M. HEINZE, Ticket Agent,
South Section, Emp. 6-25-43

EDWARD F. KUKLEWICZ, Asst. Foreman,
Forest Glen, Emp. 10-16-41

JAMES S. LYONS, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 8-05-41

WILLIAM RAVIZEE, Laborer,
Stores-South, Emp. 6-04-53

EMIL C. SAJATOVIC, Machinist,
South Shops, Emp. 4-14-47

MARIAN A. SPARKS, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 2-09-63

AUGUSTUS L. THOMAS, Operator,
52nd Street, Emp. 4-23-45

EARL H. WASHINGTON, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 2-25-49

RAYMOND W. WORKMAN, Signal Maint.,
Plant Maintenance, Emp. 6-29-43

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

JAMES H. BROWN, Ticket Agent,
South Section, Emp. 6-03-63

MICHAEL W. LEW, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 7-27-55

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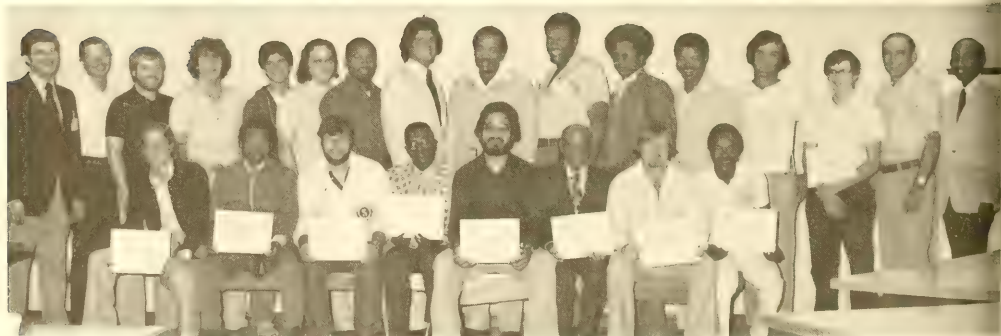
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Top Scholar

DAVID MARTIN II, 16, has done a lot of paper work, and it has paid off handsomely. David, the son of DAVID MARTIN, assistant superintendent, 63rd-Ashland, and EVELYN MARTIN, typist at South Shops, is the recipient of a scholarship for his last year at Quigley South High School. The program is sponsored by The Chicago Sun-Times and awards made on the basis of scholastic achievement. David maintained a 3.25 average and was among eight other recipients in the Chicago and immediate suburban area. His duties in the newspaper business consisted of assuring delivery of newspapers to distributing agencies and sending the newsboys out on their routes. He has been working since entering high school. His favorite sport is skiing, and he is a member of the ski club at school. The scholarships were presented by Marshall Field, publisher of The Chicago Sun-Times and Chicago Daily News, with a dinner held at the Chicago Press Club on June 9. David is shown at right being congratulated by Sidney J. Mench, Sun-Times circulation manager.



Graduation Signal Says "Go"



It was graduation day June 15 for a class of signal and interlocking maintainers at West Shops. Standing, left to right: G. MATEJOVSKY, unit supervisor; D. BARR, instructor; T. WESTER, M. BRADY, J. SCHRAM, G. BABBITT, N. MOORE, P. RIZZUTO, J. FARMER, H. HOOKS, L. CHATMAN, J. SIMS, K. HYLAND, P. VESIC, D. GRIEG, instructor, and T. LOWERY, instructor. Seated, left to right: M. La-

VELLE, W. ROGERS, J. LIPTAK, R. PEACOCK, R. HERNANDEZ, U. DUKES, E. KLEIN, and W. THOMAS. Attending the ceremonies were GEORGE MILLONAS, director, Plant Maintenance; RON SWINDELL, superintendent, Power and Way; and TED SZEWC, supervisor, Signal, Telephone, Radio Maintenance. Not pictured is the yellow cake with white frosting that was served at the occasion. It was long gone.



New Office: At the grand opening of the new Metropolitan 'L' Federal Credit Union office at 818 W. Harrison Street, Oak Park were (front) John Carolan, treasurer (at left), and Houston Washington, president, and (back) Harry Paolicchi, vice-president (at left), and John Leonard, director. The event also marked the 40th anniversary of the federal credit union movement.



son Graduates: Benjamin C. Morris Jr., second from right), assistant superintendent of the Control Center, had the pleasure of attending the graduation of his mother, Christine, 58, from Roosevelt University, where she was awarded a bachelor degree in general studies. Also attending the graduation were a daughter, Mrs. Hattie Chapman, and another son, Carlton, a reservations clerk with Northwest Airlines. Another son is Dr. Ernest R. Morris, dean of administration at the Urbana campus of the University of Illinois. Ernest and Carlton once worked summers for the CTA as conductors.



First Grandchild: Bill Parrillo, director of budget-planning, enjoys one of the first treats of many as a proud grandfather. Parents are Joseph Parrillo, who was a summertime worker for CTA in transportation, and wife Jo-Ann. Baby is Keven Michael.



Twin Honors: William E. Whitenhill, assistant superintendent, 69th Street garage, had double reason to celebrate this graduation season. His twin sons Ronald (left) and Roger both received law degrees from Western State University in Fullerton, California. Ronald worked the past four summers as a CTA conductor, while Roger was a ticket agent for six summers. Their oldest brother, William, Jr., an architect, served for four summers as a conductor. Another brother, Norman, is a bus repairer at 77th Street. This picture appeared in an article on twins in the Chicago Daily News.

This Is No Joke!



Ravenswood and Evanston 'L' riders have become accustomed to watching for a daily joke or funny saying on the wall of the Mack-Chicago, Inc., carton manufacturing plant, just south of our Sedgwick station. Richard McCall, president of the company, began feeding riders-by this daily dose of humor when the company bought the building more than ten years ago.

On a recent Friday, however, the 'L' riders found the serious and sensible suggestion, shown above, instead of the daily joke. Eileen "Murph" Neurauter of the CTA had suggested this culture bus announcement to McCall and he had responded as a service to the community.

The suggestion worked, too. Bus ridership the following Sunday set a new record. In return for Mack-Chicago's courtesy, we would like to acquaint our readers with a few of the previous quips they may have missed:

Wine lovers say "Any port in a storm".

A miser lives within his income.

Michelangelo was a chisler.

The problem with lip-stick. It doesn't.

Bakers are well bread.

Investments may be hazardous to your wealth.

Bosses follow work schedules to a tee.

In Russia you go anywhere they please.

And on a bitter cold January day. We're dreaming of a green Easter.

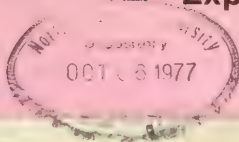


Up She Goes: Here is one of the first push-ups by one of the four new two-piston hoists installed at North Park garage. A triple-piston unit, the first in the CTA system, has also been installed to service the new articulated (hinged) buses which are on order. (CTA photo by Eric Blakely)

CTA's BIG Move

New Modern Control Center;
Expanded Bus Radio Network

(see pages 2 and 3)



Without interruption, CTA rail controllers, Alphonse Fanning (on telephone) and Oliver Winston, direct train operations as large control unit is moved. Ronald Kolan (standing), CTA electrical testing engineer, and William Beckman, CTA electrician foreman, help move the equipment.

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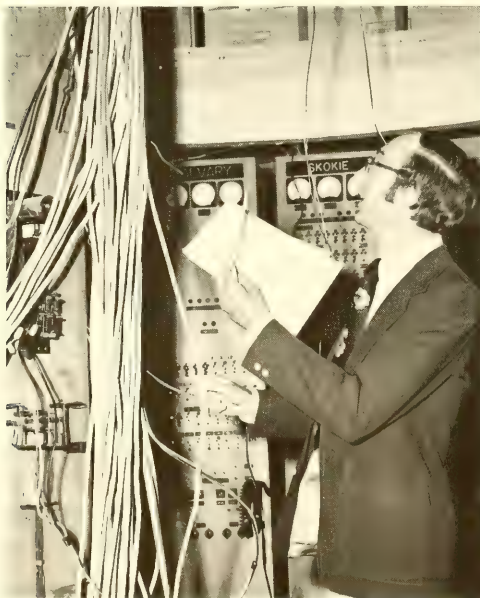
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Inspecting new equipment for bus controllers are (from left) John Farar, program manager of Motorola Communications & Electronics, Inc.; George Krambles, CTA general manager; Robert Davis, a vice president of Motorola, and Al Sterland, a national sales manager of Motorola. The long piece of equipment is a message conveyor.

(CTA Photos by Bert Cadner)



Before the move, Carl Kempka, unit supervisor of power operations, examines cables of the electrical power system.

One of the most significant and complex moves in the 30-year history of the Chicago Transit Authority took place the weekend of Aug. 5-7 when the Control Center on the seventh floor of the Merchandise Mart was relocated to an expanded and modernized quarters.

This development also marked the phasing in of a comprehensive radio communications system for CTA's entire fleet of 2,400 buses. When completed in the near future, this new communications system, with additional radio channels and other new facilities, will rank as the finest of its type for any bus operation in the world.

For the big move on the August weekend, scores of CTA employees worked night and day in an undertaking that was made even more remarkable by the fact that there was no interruption at all in the Control Center's all-important work of directing the bus and rapid transit operations.

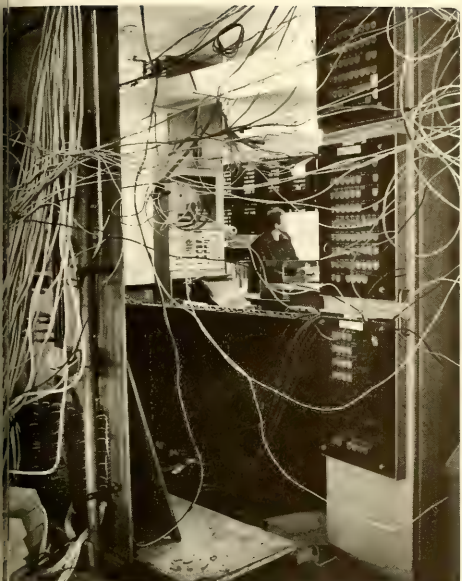
"Great credit is due to many CTA people for their magnificent team work on the weekend of the big move," said George Krambles, CTA general manager.

The most dramatic part of the move was the relocation of the large rail control unit - a job which began early on Friday evening and was not completed until after midnight six hours later.

With series of cables and wires connected to the rail control unit, it was inched along on dollies. Rail controllers moved along and continued their work of being in contact with trains as CTA electricians carried out the delicate maneuver of moving the unit to the new Control Center.

As the unit was nearing its new location shortly after midnight, a motorman of a Lake-Dan Ryan train called to report an emergency at the California station. The controllers (see picture on cover) notified the police immediately and dispatched CTA supervisory personnel to the scene.

Shortly later, the motorman of the train called to report that all was clear and he was proceeding. When this message was heard, shouts and applause broke out in the new Control Center, for it demonstrated that there had been no interruption in communications and that all was working well in the new location.



pre-move scene showing web of wiring and cable, with Christopher Gaca, CTA junior testing engineer, in the background.



Charles Kucera, a power supervisor, at new location of power supervisor's desk.



Checking out the radio channels on a new bus controller console are controllers Herman Miles (left) and William Taylor, as Lester Racker, area superintendent in charge of the Control Center, looks on.



George Booker, bus controller, on the job at one of 10 new consoles.

CTAers Take Them Out To The Ball Games

It is a great year for baseball in Chicago, and many CTA employees are busy getting thousands of fans to and from Comiskey Park and Wrigley Field.

For the first time the CTA, in its Route Map published early in the spring for spring and summer distribution, featured home schedules of both the White Sox and Cubs.

And, in addition to the Route Map promotion, the CTA also devoted part of its radio advertising to urge fans to use the CTA, particularly the "L"—subway, as the best and fastest way to get to the ballparks.

Transit News has identified many of the CTA employees directly engaged in the baseball park operations.

It was not feasible to identify many others, such as motemen and conductors, because of the extensive nature of the CTA operations.

Also, many bus drivers, ticket agents, and others through out the CTA's system are serving baseball fans who start their trips in areas well removed from the ballparks.

The following CTA employees are those immediately involved at the ballparks:

RAPID TRANSIT OPERATION

Wrigley Field - -

District Superintendent

Arthur Johnson

Assistant District Superintendents

Vernon Burgess

Edward Colwell

Comiskey Park - -

District Superintendent

Herbert Lowenstein

Assistant District Superintendents

Langley Lykins

William Nash

Wrigley Field - -

Supervisors

Robert Black

Oliver Bufkin

John Cozzens

Robert Johnson

Lawrence Rosebar

Ernest Sampson

Agent Supervisor

Shirley McClure

Comiskey Park - -

Supervisors

Dominic DeMaria

Sidney Edwards

Clarence Mathews

Marvin McNeal

Alfred Thomas

Henry Thorne

Bernard Williams

SURFACE OPERATION

Wrigley Field - -

Superintendent

James Ohse

Assistant Superintendent

Werner Stokell

Comiskey Park - -

Superintendent

Walter Prosen

Assistant Superintendent

Louis Dixon

Hugh Short

Wrigley Field - -

Supervisors

Robert Feiser

William Lane

Nicholas Miller

Rufus Robinson

James Thaxton

Herbert Uedelhofen

Comiskey Park - -

Supervisors

Arthur Allen

John Pitsoulakis

Stanley Soparas

Wrigley Field - -

Collectors

James Jefferies

Denis Kippes

Comiskey Park - -

Collectors

Orbin Bell

Alfred Mednus

Steven Stachovic

Philip Sutkus

Top to Bottom, left:

Comiskey Park: Soxland

Tom Shera, supervisor: counts fans going in to computer departing service

Alex Rosada, janitor

John Pitsoulakis, supervisor of bus operations

Hugh Short, assistant superintendent: gives overall directions

Steven Stachovic, collector: expedites departing buses

Emma Balenton, ticket agent: knows frequent fans well

Top to Bottom, right:

Wrigley Field: Cubland

Shirley McClure, agent supervisor

Helen Singer, ticket agent

Robert Glover, janitor: sets up extra crowd controls

Robert Geiser, supervisor: dispatches buses

Pedro Alvarado, ticket agent

James Jefferies, collector: he is in fare territory

TICKET AGENTS

Mary Albert
Bryant Alexander
Pedro Alvarado
Pacita Ang
Lovance Ashley
Sharon Austin
Emma Balenton
Willie Baugh
Wilson Bermeo
Caretta Braggs
Murray Buries
Larry Caruthers
DiMarkco Chandler
Jose Chapa
Jacqueline Cooley
Marketa Cortes
Victor Davis

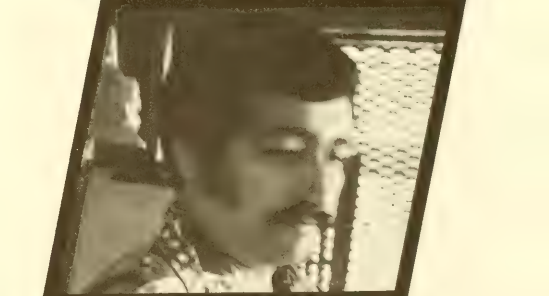
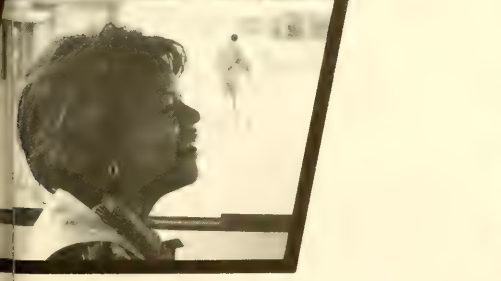
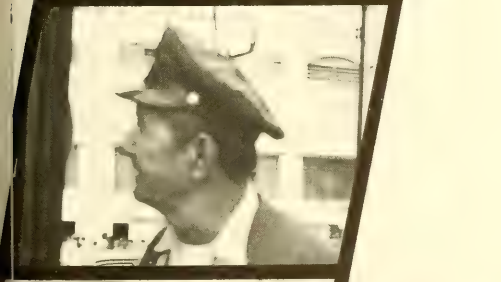
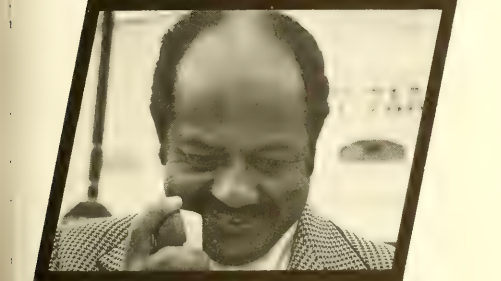
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Alan Mathis

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Gloria McNeal
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Ruth Moore
Mark Ochoa
Deborah Parks
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Phyllis Phillips
Jesus Ramirez
Ernest Ramos
Vivian Reed
Harold Robinson
Clifford Rollins
Michael Rowe
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Joan Simpson
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Edward Singleton

Inez Smith
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Kevin Tacker
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George Thomas
Christopher Thompson
Luis Torres
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William Velez
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Gayle Wade
Helene Weathers
Ronald White
Cheryl Williams
Darnell Wright

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Jose Carrasquillo
Victor Collazo
Robert Dennis
Dennis Dunaj
David Ellington
Moses Johnson
Harold Lucas
George Martens
Willard Moses
Seymour Motin
James Nielsen
Milos Ruzicka
Raymond Selloff
Thaddeus Tindorf
Paul Vance
Max Widenhoefer





Richard S. Page (right), new administrator of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration, and Charles Bingman, deputy UMTA administrator, ride train of CTA's new 2400 series cars around the Loop to the Merchandise Mart for visit at CTA on August 11.



Harold Geissenheimer, manager of the CTA General Operations Division, explains operation of automatic turnstiles at Mart station to Mr. Page. Others (left to right) are Harold Hirsch, manager of Operations Planning; Theodore Weigle, UMTA regional director; James Blaa, Transportation manager, and Mr. Bingman.

New UMTA Administrator Visits CTA

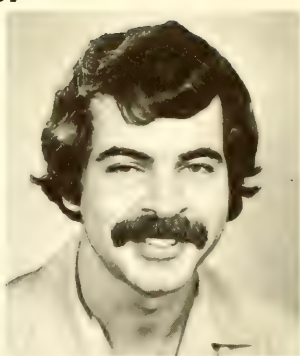


George Krambles, CTA general manager, explains train movement charts on rail supervisory control console in newly modernized Control Center. Others (left to right) are Thomas Wolgemuth, manager of Engineering; Mr. Page, Mr. Bingman, and Les Racker, area superintendent of the Control Center. In the foreground is Jerry Franklin, rail controller.



Thomas Culkar, unit supervisor in the Transit Information Center, shows how new microfiche viewer is used to quickly retrieve schedule and route information to answer callers. Looking on with Mr. Page and Mr. Bingman is Terrell Hill, special assistant to the general manager.

commendation corner



GEORGE SHORTS, a rail janitor at the Homan avenue station won praise from William J. Colohan, an attorney on West Washington street, for assisting his wife recently on a Lake-Dan Ryan train. Mr. Colohan wrote: "Although my wife's experience on the train was unfortunate, your employee's consideration and assistance improved the situation. Mr. Shorts found her keys, which the purse-snatcher had dropped on the platform; he opened the ticket agent's office, telephoned the police, and permitted her to call me. He remained with her until the police and I arrived. Mr. Shorts' courtesy and cooperation were outstanding."

ERNESTINE KING, a ticket agent (West Section) at the Monroe street station in the State street subway, has been praised by a rider who lost an article on a Howard street train. Nathan Snyder of Eastlake terrace wrote: "I was upset with the loss of this package, and your ticket agent was most helpful in trying to recover it. She was kind and considerate at a time when I needed help most."

MICHAEL R. SCHLEYER, a driver out of Forest Glen garage, was commended by three senior citizens who were aboard his No. 152 Addison bus. Mrs. U. Madigan of Niles, writing in behalf of her friends, said: "The bus was passing the cemetery at Narragansett when a brick hit one of the windows. The driver immediately stopped the bus to ask if everyone was okay. A woman sitting near the window said she felt something hit her eye, so the driver called paramedics and transferred her to their care. My friends are very thankful to the driver for his excellent handling of this situation, and his concern for the passengers."

JESUS RODRIGUEZ, a bus driver, Limits garage, was thanked by William J. Walsh, a manager for Cutty Sark, on a recent charter for a salesmen's outing. Mr. Walsh said Rodriguez had a "very good attitude and gave us excellent service throughout the day." **ARTHUR VOSS**, also of Limits, was praised by Jerome R. Riendeau, of Elmhurst Jewelers and Engravers, Inc., in behalf of the Illinois Retail Jewelers Association. Said Mr. Riendeau: "The bus was in spotless condition, and the driver is a credit to your company. Please be assured that from the impression you have made we will certainly consider your services again."

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Conductor **VERNON B. MORRIS**, West Section, has been commended for asking a passenger to stop smoking on the train. Eugene R. Wedoff, a lawyer who is a regular rider on the Congress-Milwaukee route, said: "The request took some effort, because it involved the risk of being abused. But he took the chance, was successful, and thereby made the trip more pleasant for everyone."

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Driver **WILLIE F. MOORE**, Kedzie garage, was commended by Eileen Podany-Martino of Roselle for his quick thinking and concern in serving the public. Ms. Podany-Martino wrote: "When my car stalled and caught fire at Congress and State, one of your employees in a passing No. 149 Stateliner bus rushed to my rescue with a fire extinguisher and put the fire out. Without his quick thinking and prompt action, the fire would have gone to the fuel line and the car would have exploded."

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WALLACENE COCHRANE of Forest Glen garage, who works the No. 81 Lawrence bus, was commended by Max Witt, of Keystone avenue, for her expertise in handling a bus. Witt wrote: "As a retired railroad engineer, I can appreciate her smooth start and undiscernible stop because of smooth brake handling. Aside from this, she is courteous, asks riders to watch their step getting on and off the bus,

calls out street names, and has an infectious smile. She is an asset to CTA."

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WILLIAM MARTIN, a driver on the No. 58 Ogden route (Kedzie garage), drew the thanks of Dr. M. S. Hanlon, professor of biological chemistry at the University of Illinois, for his skill and intelligence in avoiding an accident when a car ran a red light at a corner where the bus had the right-of-way. Said Professor Hanlon: "By very fast thinking, he maneuvered the bus around the intersection in such a way as to avoid the car, thus preventing what could have been a fatal collision for the driver of the car and injuries to those on the bus."

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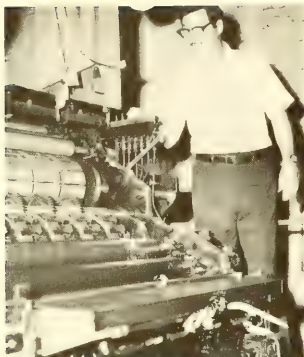
DELOIS CARTER, driver of the No. 80 Irving Park bus (Forest Glen garage), "...has excelled all drivers I've ridden with in 50 years of using public transportation," said Mrs. Frances B. Klepper of Elmdale avenue. Mrs. Klepper continued: "When the light changed, I thought your driver was going to pull away, so I flagged her down and as I came to the door she smiled and said, 'Just coming to meet you.' My whole day was just filled with joy. She is a remarkable driver and is extremely courteous, answering all questions with patience and concern, calling out the street names, and always waiting for passengers running for the bus."

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JOHN JACKSON, fare collector out of 77th St. garage, was praised by Lorraine D. Owles, a teacher at Harlan High School on South Michigan avenue, for "...his excellent rapport with teenagers. Until recently, the students pushed and shoved their way onto the buses which stop in front of the school," wrote Ms. Owles. "They blocked traffic by standing in the street. After Mr. Jackson began working at the bus stop, the problems disappeared. He knows how to communicate effectively with young people, and has gained their respect."

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Where Transfers Are Printed



Keeping the CTA's 60-year-old transfer printing press in fine tune is Edward Meskimen, pressman leader and assistant foreman.



Mrs. Dorothy Kalwasinski, stitching operator (foreground), staples transfers into packs of 50s and 100s. She is assisted by Mrs. Marge Zajac, wrapper-sorter.



Mrs. Jean Gustafson, pre-punch operator in rapid transit transfer section, sorts packs of transfers by number and date for delivery to rapid transit terminals.

The CTA's transfer print shop in the South Shops produces nearly 590 million transfers a year. About half of the transfers produced are the 10-cent standard transfer. The remainder includes the increasingly popular Super Transfer-pass and eight other types of transfers or rider identification checks.

Fifteen employees and two printing presses help keep CTA riders on the move with dated and individually numbered transfers. One of the shop's printing presses has been with the CTA and its predecessor companies for 60 years. The other is a comparative newcomer. It is 26 years old.

The employees include Fred Mommensen, foreman; Edward

Meskimen, pressman leader and assistant foreman; Henry Ciuba, pressman, and John Davis and David Magee, assistant pressmen.

Also, Theodore Cattoni, cutter; Mrs. Dorothy Kalwasinski, stitcher (stapler) operator; Mrs. Jean Gustafson and Mrs. Vickey Jareckas, prepunch operators; Toby Warmack and John Fitzmaurice, wrappers, and wrapper-sorters Mrs. Margaret Zajac, Mrs. Margaret Ellison, Mrs. Wilmoth Simpson, and Mrs. Thecla Mora.

James Forrestal, unit supervisor, bus shop, oversees the print shop operations.

(CTA photos by Eric Blakely)

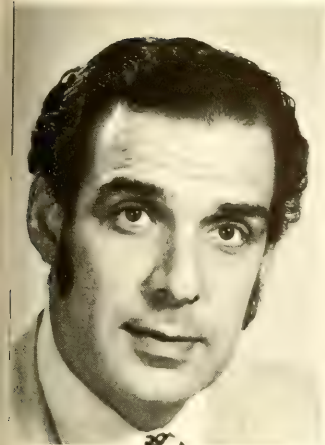
New Rail Service Supervisors Honored



Ten new rail service supervisors were honored recently during graduation ceremonies marking the completion of the Rail Service Supervisor Training Program. The program was administered by the Training/Development programs section of the Human Resources Department and conducted by the Instruction section of Transportation. Taking part in the ceremony, hosted by H. H. Geissenheimer, General Operations Manager, and J. R. Blaa, Manager, Transportation, were: (standing, left to right) A. J. Borcic, Training/Development programs; A. E. Johnson, District Superintendent, North; M. E. Lesniak, Training/

Development programs; E. J. Heatter, Area Superintendent, Rail Service; J. R. Blaa; H. H. Geissenheimer; E. Mitchell, Area Superintendent, Instruction; H. Lowenstein, District Superintendent, South, and M. V. LaVelle, Director, Rail Service. Seated, left to right: M. Thomas, Instructor, Rail; F. Peppers, Instructor, Rail; C. McGRUDER; L. PATTON; R. MOORHE; W. WELLS; A. Bishop, Operations Planning; T. McNEIL; C. DAVIS; U. COLEY; M. CASELMAN; J. JONES, and J. MARTIN.

Key Promotions Made In Law, Central Counting



Luckman



Kotin



Leahy

MARVIN P. LUCKMAN has been appointed director, Criminal-Traffic, Law Department. Luckman, who has been an associate counsel, Criminal-Traffic, since joining CTA in 1964, will oversee the handling of all criminal and accident cases and related violations involving CTA employees. He and his wife, Peggy, live in Skokie and have three sons and two daughters.

Also in the Law Department, **MERRITT R. KOTIN** and **TIMOTHY A. WEAVER**, former staff counsels, Tort Litigation, have been named superintendents, Trial Area. Kotin, a practicing lawyer since 1948 and a CTA employee since 1953, previously served as trial attorney and supervising attorney. He and his wife, Maxene, are the parents of two daughters and make their home in Lincolnwood.

Weaver, a graduate of Brown University and the University of Illinois Law School, was an assistant public defender, Municipal Trial Department, Cook County, before joining CTA in 1975. Weaver and his wife, Catherine, live in the south Loop area.

WILLIAM P. LEAHY, chief clerk of Central Counting since 1972, has been appointed superintendent of the same section. Leahy, who joined the Chicago Surface Lines as a clerk in 1940, became a receiver in 1947. He was named chief receiver in 1966 and supervisor of money handlers four years later. Leahy is the father of six children and lives in the Clearing neighborhood on the southwest side.

In other job reassignments, **HENRY DICKERSON**, former terminal foreman, 61st St., has been appointed unit supervisor, Rail Vehicle Terminal, Maintenance. Former bus service supervisor **WILLIAM G. KILSTROM**

has been named management-professional intern, Transportation.

WILLIAM F. FUDALA, former investigator, Security, is now supervisor, Inspections. **THOMAS PRENDERGAST**, former planning analyst, Transportation, has become system safety engineer, Safety. **GUS C. ALEVIZOS** has moved from program development analyst, Grant Programming & Administration, to labor research analyst, Labor Relations.

WESLEY H. PINCHOT, former architectural specifications writer, Architectural Engineering, has been designated architect in the same office. Also in Engineering, **WILLIAM CHRISTIANSEN**, former industrial equipment engineer, has been selected mechanical construction specialist. **JAMES J. BURKE**, former money handler, Treasury, has been appointed paralegal, Law - Tort Litigation.

JANE A. MCGUAN, former business methods analyst, Datacenter, has been named sales coordinator, Claims-Real Estate-Sales. Reassigned within the Datacenter as principal applications designers are **MARTIN SALISBURY**, former communications analyst; **FREDERICK LUBY**, former applications analyst; and **JERRY MATSUMOTO**, former senior system designer.

Four new travel information representatives have been appointed by Management Services: **DOROTHY SUMNER** and **CATHERINE HAYMAKER**, both former ticket agents, West Section; **JAMES T. JOHNSON**, former conductor, North Section; and **DOREEN SORENSON**, former assignment agent, Transportation. Also in Management Services, **FRANK E. HUBBARD**

has moved from special delivery mail clerk to principal mail clerk, and **ROSE HOULE**, former conductor, North Section, has been chosen switchboard operator.

New as electrical workers in Maintenance are **JAMES D. LEGO**, former car repairer, Kimball; **RUSSELL WILLIAMS**, former shop tractor operator, Skokie; and **MORTON OWRUTSKY**, former bus and truck mechanic, South Shops. Reassigned as bus and truck mechanics, Maintenance, are former bus repairers **ALFONSO CLARK** and **WILLIAM ROBINSON**, 69th St., and **DANIEL O'ROURKE**, 77th St.

Recently named "B" helpers, Maintenance, are former ticket agents **ROBERT MCCARTHY**, West Section, and **ROBERT SETNICKER**, South Section; **RONALD CARROLL**, former janitor, and **LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI**, former car repairer. In other Maintenance changes, **CHARLES PETRUZALEK**, former bus serviceman, 77th St., has been named laborer, and **BENNY CALDERONE**, former bus serviceman, 52nd St., has become trackman, Plant Maintenance.

JESSE E. FLOWERS, former bus driver, 69th St., has been appointed traffic checker, Operations Planning. In Internal Auditing, **SPELLMAN L. JONES** has moved from field audit clerk to audit clerk, and in Financial Services, **MARGARET WALKER** has been reassigned from verification clerk to voucher audit clerk. **OLGA RODRIGUEZ**, former stenographer, Engineering, is now labor relations clerk, Labor Relations. **REGINA BROUARD**, former clerk-stenographer, Transportation, has become utility clerk, Claims-Real Estate-Sales.

Bonanza For Bollingers

Ron Bollinger, Contract Construction, Engineering, is mighty proud of son Tom, 14, pictured, who surely knows how to sell people on newspapers. Ron, who carries the Elgin Courier News, won first place in a three-month subscription contest. Ron signed up 81 new customers, including 28 on his own route which now contains 113 homes. He also sold three magazine subscriptions. The prizes included a portable TV set, a stereo with AM-FM radio and 8 track tape deck, a ladies' watch (for Tom's sister), a geology microscope kit, an inflatable boat with oars, a basketball net and a vacation for Mom and Dad in Las Vegas including four days lodging at the Star Dust Casino. Tom is also a member of the CTA credit union and has a greeting card business.



Rosendhal Wins National Award For Maintenance



At the July meeting of the Chicago Transit Board, Chairman James J. McDonough, center, made the presentation of the nationally-recognized "Fleet Owner" magazine award to CTA's Bud Rosendhal, left. Harold Geissenheimer, manager of general operations, presented a plaque bearing the portrait of Rosendhal that appeared in the magazine. Donald Walsh, Board member, is next to Rosendhal.

Joseph "Bud" Rosendhal, CTA superintendent of automotive maintenance, has been granted the nationally recognized "Fleet Owner" magazine award for outstanding contributions that increase production and efficiency and further progress in the maintenance profession.

At the same time, "Fleet Owner" also awarded a certificate of merit to the CTA's total bus maintenance operation under the management of J. J. Repplinger.

Among the time and labor-saving improvements Rosendhal is credited with are a dolly technique to bring components needed for a major rebuild directly to the vehicle repair bay, new jigs to handle equipment, and a control system for moving buses to and from the shops and garages.

Rosendhal says he is gratified by the award, but adds, "I don't think I could have won it without the good team we have here at the CTA. I feel like a football coach. It's my team and I may get the credit, but without all the other players (maintenance employees), I would never be able to do it."

Rosendhal has worked for the CTA for 27 years, always in bus maintenance. Previously, he was an inspector for Goodyear where he checked CTA bus tires.

Chairman James J. McDonough presented Rosendhal with

the "Fleet Owner" award at the June 13 Transit Board meeting. Rosendhal was also presented with a mounted portrait of himself as it appeared in the magazine.

The departmental award is for improvements attained under the quality control group which oversees the operations and observes work performance of the mechanics on the 2,670 buses, then discusses with supervisory personnel items they feel are substandard.

Inspection of removed parts attempts to establish the cause of removal and whether there was an alternative to replacement. Oil samples are analyzed every 4,000 miles, and are allowed to run without change up to 36,000 miles if the oil is still in good condition. Total mileage for the bus fleet is 87,160,800.

"Fleet Owner" is a monthly magazine for operators of bus, truck, and automobile fleets, and has a circulation of 74,100. It is published by McGraw-Hill, Inc., from editorial offices in New York City, and is also serviced by the McGraw-Hill news bureau in Chicago. The purpose of the magazine is to disseminate information which will be helpful to fleet managers in the economical and efficient operation and maintenance of their vehicles.

An 'Apple' For The Driver

Richard Rolland, a bus driver, Beverly garage, said he was almost speechless when a group of Carver High School students gathered around his driver's seat and gave him a trophy and an identification bracelet on their last day of school.

The students were so impressed by his pleasant manner and excellent driving that they wanted to show their appreciation to Rolland, who has been working the No. 34 South Michigan route for the past five years. This route serves Carver High School at 131st street and Doty avenue.

The students, shown left to right, are Suzette Shepherd, Sheila Alcorn, Mechelle Shepherd, and Jacqueline Shepherd.

Said Mechelle: "We have been riding on Mr. Rolland's bus every school day and he has always been pleasant, but firm, with the students. We think he is tops."

Rolland, a resident of the Eden Green neighborhood, has been a driver for 10 years. (CTA Photo by Eric Blakely)



Woman Attorney Joins CTA Law Department

Mrs. Loretta Eadie-Daniels, 27, has joined the CTA's legal staff. She has been assigned to personal injury cases in the Law Tort-Litigation Division.

Mrs. Eadie-Daniels formerly was a trust officer at American National Bank. She is a member of the Illinois State, Cook County, and Chicago Bar Associations.

A native of Chicago, Mrs. Eadie-Daniels earned her B.A. degree in education at Loyola University and received a J.D. degree in 1975 from DePaul University Law School. Her husband, David, received his law degree at the same time. He is now an assistant public defender in the Cook County Public Defender's office.

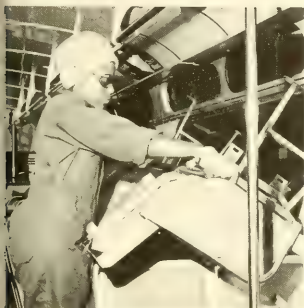
The couple resides in the South Shore area.

Mrs. Eadie-Daniels is pictured at right being interviewed by Betty Edwards of Public Affairs.

(CTA Photo by Bert Cadney)



CTA's First Woman Carpenter Apprentice Fulfills Lifetime Dream



Carpentry all day is all right with Yvonne Howze. Inside the bus on the seats and the furnishings . . .



. . . under the bus on the frame and the parts (yes, carpentry can be on metal as well as on wood) . . .



. . . and taking a few moments to talk about carpentry with CTA Transit News reporter Anit Leppiks, left.

Yvonne Howze, first woman carpenter in the history of CTA, is fulfilling a career wish she has had since childhood.

Mrs. Howze, 34, first became interested in carpentry when he was a child, watching a retired craftsman at work.

When she first looked for a job, prospective employers indicated that carpentry was a man's trade, so she took a temporary detour as a keypunch operator. But, last October, the CTA gave her the chance she had always wanted. She passed CTA's qualifying tests.

Now, as an apprentice carpenter at South Shops, she is

practicing almost every aspect of carpentry -- from traditional cabinet work to metalwork in CTA bus repair -- and working toward journeyman's accreditation three years from now.

This rewards a determination that had sent Mrs. Howze to vocational school to learn more carpentry at night while working daytimes at the keypunch.

The CTA work is fulfilling, Mrs. Howze indicates, but it still isn't sufficient. She is keeping up her carpentry workshop as a hometime hobby.

(CTA Photos by Art Tonner)

Mrs. Jakubowski Named IWY Delegate

Matilda Jakubowski, member of the Chicago Transit Board, has been elected as a delegate to the national IWY (International Women's Year) conference to be held in Houston,

Texas, Nov. 18-21. Mrs. Jakubowski was elected at the state IWY conference held in June in Normal, Ill.

John T. Harty Retires



Paul Kole, CTA General Finance Manager, presents retirement package to Mr. Harty. Mrs. Harty is at left.

John T. Harty, who was the CTA's manager of Materials Management, retired Aug. 1 after 33 years service in transit in Chicago.

When Harty says it was his "good fortune to work with the giants of the transit industry," he tends to underplay his own stature as an expert in the materials management field.

Harty developed the basic lot number system that identifies by catalog number all the parts carried by CTA in its maintenance operation. CTA has copyrighted the instruction book Harty wrote to explain the inventory control system to employees.

Harty served as chairman of the purchasing and stores group of the American Public Transit Association, in which



George Krambles, CTA General Manager, Gerald Graybiel, Manager of Materials Management who preceded Mr. Harty, and Harty (left to right), admire sculptural rendition of the working man, a gift produced by West Shops employees under the direction of Richard Z. Salinas, foreman.

he was active for more than 20 years.

Harty was one of the last of a group of young executives assembled by Walter J. McCarter who was the first general manager for the CTA, which began operation on Oct. 1, 1947.

Harty, who had joined the predecessor Chicago Surface Lines in 1944, was assistant general storekeeper on the original CTA staff. He subsequently served as superintendent of Stores, and director of Stores and Office Administration, and became manager of Materials Management in 1975.

Hispanic-Americans Join CTA Professional Staff

The Chicago Transit Authority announced the appointments of two Hispanic-Americans to professional positions on the CTA staff.

Mario I. Ochoa, 46, a Mexican-American, was appointed coordinator of minority business enterprise programs.

Euclides A. Agosto Jr., 27, a Puerto Rican, was appointed as a trial attorney in the Tort Division of the Law Department.

Ochoa, who formerly was a technical advisor to the Illinois Secretary of Transportation, will be the CTA's liaison representative with minority business firms offering products, materials and service.

In this position, Ochoa is on the staff of the Human Relations Section of the Human Resources Department (formerly the Personnel Department). He is a member of the Mexican American Chamber of Commerce.

Agosto was graduated recently from the Chicago Kent Law School of Illinois Institute of Technology. He also holds a degree in education from the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle, and has served as a teacher of Spanish and coordinator of bilingual education at Wells high school.

As a law student, he worked in the Vincent Lopez law firm, and served in the Cook County Office of Legal Assistance.

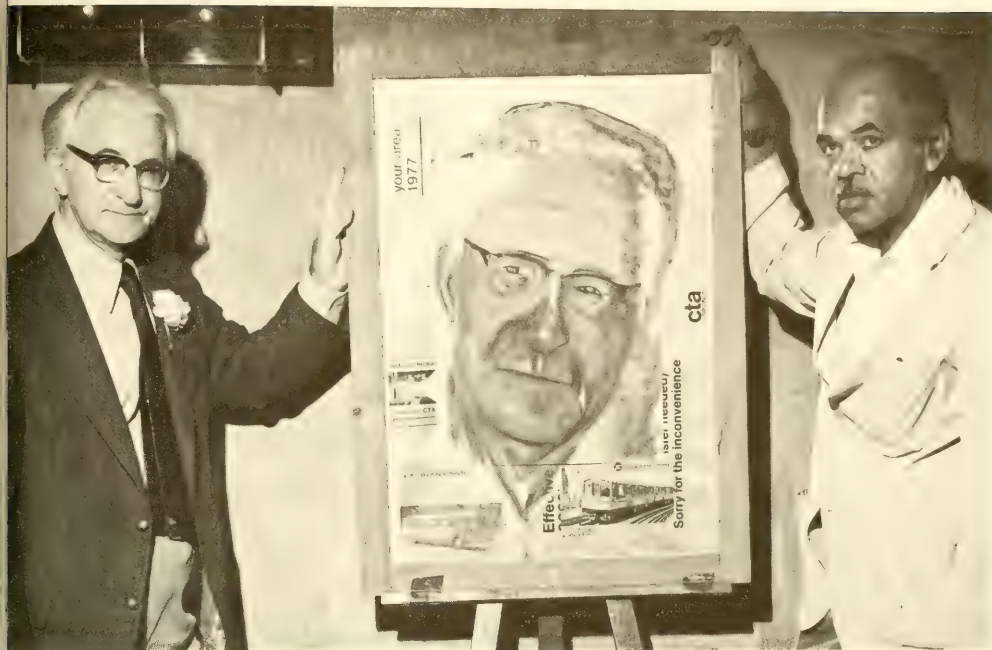


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An Aluminum-Plated Portrait



Jim McVea, the portrait, and artist Harry Garrett. (CTA Photo by Bert Cadney)

Every now and then someone you know retires from the CTA and you think to yourself: "Gee, George sure was a nice guy, I'm going to miss him. Maybe I should get him a retirement gift, but what should I get?"

Harry Garrett, mailroom clerk, felt that way about Jim McVea, copy center clerk, Duplicating Services, who recently retired after 36 years with the CTA.

Garrett took five used aluminum plates (which Duplicating Services uses for printing purposes), nailed them to a piece of plywood, painted Jim's picture on top, and produced a work of art.

"I wanted to capture in this painting what I felt about him," Garrett says. "I wanted to get his personality and character in it, and I wanted it to relate to his surroundings here at the CTA."

He chose the plates since McVea had worked with them in his department, and also because they posed a challenge to him as an artist.

"I had never worked on this type of medium," Garrett says, "but I'm always looking for something new to try."

In part, Garrett used a photograph of McVea as a model in painting the portrait.

"But that wasn't enough," Garrett explains. "I also studied him whenever I could. I'd stare at him in the cafeteria, and try to find the lines in his face that were most distinguishing. I'd watch him smile, I'd watch him talk, and I painted the portrait the way I thought best described him to me."

Four of the plates are arranged to create a square, and a fifth plate is centered over them. All five are attached to plywood with carpet tacks. Garrett also made a wooden frame for the portrait and took other used plates, cut them into various shapes, and had McVea's co-workers sign them

with magic markers. He arranged these around the picture.

He used regular oil paints on the metal after he washed it thoroughly to remove any filmy residue.

He used what he calls "zap style" painting - hitting the surface with quick brush strokes.

The painting is very dramatic, and the beauty is in its chameleon effect. It seems to change every time you look at it. In a darkened room it just seems to pop out at you. On a red backdrop, it looks different than on a white backdrop.

This is the effect that Garrett intended.

"I painted this in different rooms, with different lighting, at different times of the day, always conscious of how I wanted the final project to turn out," he says.

For Garrett, the McVea portrait represented a three-month project, although the actual painting time amounted to only about 15 hours.

"You have to get it all together in your mind; you have to see it before you put it down," Garrett says. "Then it doesn't take long."

Garrett studied the photo he was copying by lighting it from the back - again at different times of the day, different rooms of his house, with different lights.

Garrett has painted more than 200 pieces in different mediums. He has developed his own style which he says is similar to constructivism, since he uses paint, ink, wood, iron, paper, and other materials.

He is currently enrolled in evening classes at Governors' State University. His final project for an art course is to present his own art show, using 45 pieces of his works, which must have unanimous approval by a seven-member board before presentation.



Time out

Things to do in the Chicago area

with Anit Leppiks

Try A

Lincoln Park Summer Holiday

Lincoln Park on the Chicago's north side lakefront offers many attractions appealing to all ages. And there is an abundance of convenient CTA transportation that is augmented on Sunday by the 'L'ephant buses shuttling from the Fullerton 'L' station.



CHICAGO ACADEMY OF SCIENCES--This is a you-are-there type of museum that envelops you in the total atmosphere of the exhibits you are viewing. The typical glassed-in exhibits have been transformed into three-dimensional dioramas, researched and hand-fashioned to the smallest leaf. You walk on grassy floors or a dried-up river bed, mingling your footsteps with footprints of wild animals who have been there before you. Boulders are made to such exacting specifications that geology students come to examine them. It is all the work of Dr. W. J. Beecher, director, who is so personally involved in this three-story museum (photo above) that you may see him climbing a ladder to put finishing touches to a ceiling mural or cave drawing. His efforts have resulted in what is one of the most total--and enjoyable--museum outings available anywhere. Ecology walks for children, Wednesdays at 1:30. Reservations necessary; call LI 9-0606. Daily from 10-5. Armitage at Clark in Lincoln Park. Free.

CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY--Handwrought articles dating from 1804 are presented in the Chicago Metalsmiths exhibit at the Wrigley Special Exhibition Gallery thru Oct 23. Bridal fashions from 1887 to 1927 are displayed at the Six Chicago Brides exhibit in the Costume Alcove thru Dec 31. Exhibits open Mon-Sat from 9:30-4:30, Sun from 12-5. Adults, \$1; children (6-17), 50¢; senior citizens, 25¢. Monday is free. Clark at North avenue. 642-4600.

LINCOLN PARK CONSERVATORY--Fullerton parkway and Stockton drive. Daily 9-5. Free.

LINCOLN PARK ZOO--Visit the new glassed-in Great Ape House where thunderstorms are simulated in a rain forest. Newest zoo residents include the female polar bear, Miki-Luk, and a pair of barn owls.



Bozie, a 19-month-old female elephant from Sri Lanka, is the newest member of the Children's Zoo, where she likes to be fed peanuts by visitors.

Children's Zoo open daily from 10-5. Farm-In-The-Zoo open daily from 10-4:45. Zoo open from 9-5. 2200 north in Lincoln Park.

THEATER ON THE LAKE presents a different play each week during July and Aug. Tues-Sat at 8:30, \$1.50. Fullerton Pavilion in Lincoln Park. 348-7075.

cta engineering department projects in progress



SUBSTATION PROGRESS: Caisson work has begun for the foundations of the new Calvary substation being built at 200 Chicago ave., Evanston, across the street from the existing facility and along the Skokie Swift right-of-way. When completed, the substation will house traction power conversion equipment to convert 60 cycle AC commercial power to 600 volt DC traction power. The new substation will supply power for Evanston and Skokie Swift rapid transit routes and for the northern end of the North-South main line as well as for the Howard terminal area and yard.

STATION PROGRESS: The platform roof has been completed over the Central Park station being remodeled on the Douglas-Milwaukee route. The fare control area, still under construction on the platform level, will have aluminum window frames from platform to roof with clear safety glazing. A new stainless steel enclosed agent's booth has been installed at the west end of the platform, and stair enclosures at both the west station entrance and the east station exit have been structurally framed and roofed over.



Pensioners Please Note

New Riding Card Pictures Being Taken For 1978-79-80

Retired CTA employees wanting to receive a 1978-79-80 Identification Card must have their photographs taken at the locations listed below.

The CTA photographer will be taking photos from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM on the dates shown.

To avoid long waiting lines, photos are scheduled to be taken **alphabetically by last name**. Please note the dates set aside for you. If you **cannot** come in on your scheduled date, we will photograph you at any of the other scheduled times.

NORTH AVE. STATION - 4801 W. North Ave.

Last Name
beginning with

A to F - Tuesday, September 27th

G to M - Wednesday, September 28th
N to S - Thursday, September 29th
T to Z - Friday, September 30th

ARCHER STATION - 2600 W. Pershing Rd.

A to F - Tuesday, October 4th
G to M - Wednesday, October 5th
N to S - Thursday, October 6th
T to Z - Friday, October 7th

To identify yourself you must bring your present I.D. Card if you have one. Those who are unable to come at the above specified times will be given another opportunity at a later date to be announced in the Transit News.

**NO PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE
MERCHANDISE MART AT THIS TIME**

Tirement, Pre and Re—

Three Retirees Are Washington Delegates

Three CTA retirees went to Washington a few weeks ago as delegates to the 1977 legislative conference of the National Council of Senior Citizens.

They were Pete Dowdall, former bus driver, North avenue; John Kalka, former bus driver, Lawndale; and Joe Nolan, also of Lawndale.

The National Council is an advocacy organization of the retired, the only one which has the endorsement of the American labor movement.

It was organized in 1961 to work for a national health insurance program. After President Lyndon Johnson signed the Medicare law, he gave the Council credit for getting it enacted.

Today the National Council has a membership of more than 3 million people and 3,800 affiliated clubs around the country.

The Council backs laws and regulations, but not candidates for office, believing it more effective to work for legislative objectives with office holders of various political persuasions.

The more than 3,000 delegates at the legislative conference were encouraged to make personal calls on their own Congressmen. One entire day of the conference was devoted to this bus pilgrimage to Capitol Hill.

Joe Nolan reports that official Washington appears to be quite understanding and receptive to the needs and concerns of the retired.

Jack Kalka reports that Illinois Senator Charles Percy spoke to the delegates in the Caucus Room of the Cannon office building. The Senator advised those writing to him in behalf of senior citizen goals to address their letters in care of his aide, Dean Jacobson, who apparently coordinates key correspondence for the Senator.

Vice President Walter Mondale assured the delegates that this administration is going to make Social Security "sound and sure," Kalka reports. The Vice President also said that three major administration objectives are a ceiling on the cost of medical care, new senior citizen housing, and a consumer protection agency.

But the greatest applause for the Vice President, says Kalka, came when he revealed that President Jimmy Carter had just appointed Nelson Cruikshank as counselor to the White House on aging. Cruikshank has served as president of the National Council of Senior Citizens since 1969. Previously, he was director of the AFL-CIO Social Security department.

William R. Hutton, executive director of the National Council, stated that a current Council objective is to raise Social Security revenues by making deductions from all job income earned during the year rather than just a part of it.

Other '77-'78 goals of the Council discussed at the conference are the abolishment of forced retirement, elimination of the food stamp purchase price for the very poor, and a national health plan including funding of preventive medicine.

The CTA delegates -- Nolan, Kalka and Dowdall -- enjoyed a private Washington dinner with the international officers and staff of the Amalgamated Transit Union. These included Dan V. Maroney, president; Raymond Wallace secretary-treasurer; Edward Oliver, executive vice president; Earl Putnam, attorney; and Walter Bierwagen, legislative director.

James J. Hill, former president of Div. 241 as well as retired secretary-treasurer of the Amalgamated Transit Union, was also present. All sent their greetings to Chicagoans.

Pension Move

The Pension Section, Insurance and Pensions, has moved temporarily to Room 805-A in the extreme southeast corner of the Merchandise Mart. Telephone extensions remain the same.

Fish Story



Ever since he retired from CTA as an iron worker six years ago, Steve Locy has been fishing—mostly from the same pier on the lakefront that the late Mayor Daley used to fish from. This 28-pound Chinook salmon is the largest of the 21 he has hooked so far this year. Steve thought his friends would like to see that he is still an active angler. The other person in the picture is another angler who just happened to be standing by when the picture was made. Steve says his former iron worker associates will remember that "I always had to have help with a heavy load."

CTA Pioneers Schedule Ladies Day; Review History Hit

The CTA Pioneers, a CTA retirees organization, will again honor the ladies at a monthly luncheon meeting and dance Sept. 13 at The Golden Flame, 6417 Higgins road.

Pinky Moran, who is in charge of arrangements, said luncheon tickets will sell for \$3. No reservations will be necessary, but anyone with any questions may telephone Moran at RO 3-6379.

Moran wrote to the CTA headquarters to express the Pioneers' appreciation of a slide-illustrated talk on highlights of CTA history given by Bob Heinlein of Public Affairs, at the Pioneers' July meeting.

Said Moran: "You could actually see the old timers' eyes light up when they saw those street cars and buses that they used to operate."

Camera At Division 241's Golf Day



① Among the participants in this year's 241 annual golf tournament at Cog Hill Country Club were, left to right, kneeling, David Gilliam, Ted Galus, Dan Koziol, Bill McGawley and Christ Pantos. Standing, left to right, Albin Pawlicki, Frank Partipilo, Ken Czachowski, Charles Bridges, Horace Browning, Warren Scholl, Circuit Court Judge Earl Strayhorn and Earl Washington.

② Jim Toolis does not seem too unhappy after his expedition into the jungle. He must have found his ball.

③ Will Candy sank this six-footer for par as Charles Bridges (left), winner of the tournament, Luster Morton and Willie Thames look on.

④ Bob Legg drives off with power as Eugene Daszkowski, Ed Findley and Les Keag, retired Limits Garage superintendent, study his swing.

⑤ Willie McCain had a very shaky lie when his ball landed on this fallen tree. He insisted on playing it from there. Oh well, there goes a good club.

(Camera by Art Tonner, CTA Photo)

NEW PENSIONERS

ROBERT L. BLYTHE, Conductor,
West Section, Emp. 1-13-42
ROBERT E. BURNS, Painter A,
South Shops, Emp. 8-19-42
LILLIAN E. CULLINAN, Assignment Clerk,
Lake/Randolph, Emp. 3-17-52
JOHAN H. HAKANSON, Janitor,
Forest Glen, Emp. 12-18-40
GEORGE C. HALL, Rail Janitor,
Madison/Wabash, Emp. 2-23-71
JOHN T. HARTY, Special Assistant,
Finance, Emp. 6-01-44
HAROLD O. HUGHES, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 3-05-47
RICHARD JACKSON, Trackman II,
Maintenance, Emp. 5-16-50
CHARLES M. KEMP, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 8-11-41
FRANK A. KOUBA, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 8-05-41

EDWARD H. KULPIT, Travel Information,
Management Services, Emp. 11-24-41
WILLIAM J. MC VEA, Clerk,
Administrative Services, Emp. 7-24-41
BERNARD PULICK, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 5-05-43
STANFORD B. ROGERS, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 10-18-56
JOHN J. SKAPEK, Painter,
Maintenance, Emp. 11-06-46
SAMUEL STIPATI, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 2-23-63
ROBERT E. THOMPSON, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 6-26-58

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

CHARLES CARNES, Bus Serviceman,
Beverly, Emp. 4-15-46
ROBERT H. KINNEY, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 1-15-62
MARTHA M. NEFFAS, Voucher Audit Clerk,
Financial Services, Emp. 1-12-42

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Service anniversaries in August

40 years



E. R. Behrens
69th Street



E. W. Larsen
Skokie Shop



W. A. Ruzich
Maintenance



C. R. Greco
South Shops



M. M. Milos
Maintenance

35 years

H. W. Anderschat, North Park
J. J. Bajic, Maintenance
R. F. Bowers, Utility
W. E. Crigler, Utility

30 years

T. J. Cattoni, Print Shop
J. E. Cholly, Beverly
D. DeBuono, Kedzie
J. F. Dudley, Maintenance
K. H. Dunn, West Section
J. Dziak, Maintenance
F. M. Flynn, Beverly
G. J. Gacek, 69th Street
E. Z. Galek, Maintenance
G. J. Geins, 77th Street
A. T. Heron, South Shops
C. Howard, 52nd Street
W. Howe, 69th Street
H. Jackson, Kedzie
B. J. Jarmus, Archer
H. Johnson, Forest Glen
S. E. Jones, Kedzie
W. J. Kalboth, North Avenue

L. A. Larson, Beverly
L. Lohm, Personnel Development
R. E. Mathis, South Shops
E. F. Mikalauskas, Tire Insp. Ctr.
B. M. Nielsen, Electrical
A. Pavesic, Electrical
J. D. Schwartz, Adm. Services
F. A. Velinske, Forest Glen

F. Lang, Maintenance
T. Lechowicz, Forest Glen
M. A. Lynch, Claims/Law R.E.
M. A. McMahon, Archer
A. Miller, Forest Glen
T. G. Murphy, 69th Street
C. W. Parrish, 77th Street
W. Petersen, Beverly
F. S. Ponzio, Schedules
J. P. Rudy, Limits
J. B. Sabin, Electrical
J. E. Sarnecki, South Shops
C. Servant, 77th Street
E. Simpson, Skokie Shop
T. Skroko, Maintenance
H. W. Surret, Utility
E. A. Swital, Archer
W. J. Warchol, North Avenue
E. Weichmann, Skokie Shop
J. C. White, Beverly
C. E. Worland, Claims/Law R.E.

25 years

M. Bogira, 61st Street
D. Campbell, Kedzie
T. L. Edwards, West Section
G. M. Fagiolo, Harlem
W. C. Hallford, Maintenance
R. Harmon, Kedzie
L. J. Heilbronner, South Section

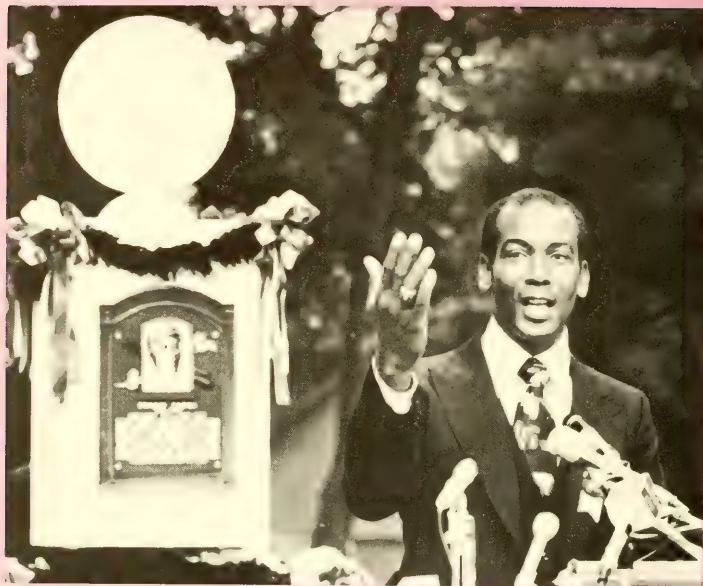
H. J. Hughes, Kimball
D. Jemison, Howard-Kimball
M. C. Lyall, Accounting
C. V. Marsh, Archer
C. McQuay, Kedzie
W. Moses, Archer
K. Peterson, Bus Service
G. Richmond, Ashland-95th
J. L. Short, Archer
W. L. Stevens, Kedzie
J. J. Watkins, Maintenance

IN MEMORIAM

EUGENE L. BOSCO, 76, Utility,
Emp. 12-26-28, Died 6-19-77
DAVID CARROLL, 37, North Ave.,
Emp. 7-06-65, Died 6-26-77
EDWARD CHEBO, 62, Archer,
Emp. 5-21-47, Died 6-29-77
FRANK CHRISTENSEN, 61, Jeff. Park,
Emp. 10-01-46, Died 6-23-77
JULIUS CONLEY, 55, North Park,
Emp. 10-04-68, Died 7-03-77
FRANK L. COOK, 77, Kedzie,
Emp. 7-03-44, Died 7-03-77
JOHN J. DRISCOLL, 71, Way & Struct.,
Emp. 10-19-42, Died 5-29-77
LOUIS EITERER, 87, Wilson,
Emp. 1-25-45, Died 6-02-77
ROOSEVELT ERWIN, 72, Kimball,
Emp. 5-02-46, Died 6-15-77
JAMES ESPOSITO, 80, Douglas,
Emp. 11-23-22, Died 6-26-77
FRANK J. FORTUNATO, 77, West Section,
Emp. 5-02-46, Died 6-28-77
GEORGE GEIS, 55, South Shops,
Emp. 8-29-66, Died 6-23-77
JOHN GORMLEY, 88, West Section,
Emp. 9-14-23, Died 6-28-77
PAUL H. HENDRICKS, 75, Engineering,
Emp. 12-08-41, Died 6-04-77
STANLEY J. MAJKA, 62, Maintenance,
Emp. 7-24-48, Died 6-09-77
ANTANAS MARCUKAITIS, 82, South Shops,
Emp. 8-02-23, Died 5-18-77
WESLEY E. MITCHELL, 49, West Section,
Emp. 2-05-51, Died 6-26-77

STANLEY A. MRUGACZ, 76, Limits,
Emp. 11-21-23, Died 7-06-77
JOSEPH NARDI, 51, West Shops,
Emp. 7-25-47, Died 6-23-77
JOHN A. OCKEN, 88, Skokie Shop,
Emp. 6-04-29, Died 4-23-77
JOHN W. ROGERS, 64, Beverly,
Emp. 11-23-36, Died 6-07-77
HENRY E. ROSS, 78, 77th Street,
Emp. 10-08-23, Died 6-16-77
ROBERT SHELDON, 64, Archer,
Emp. 1-09-43, Died 6-05-77
ALFRED J. SMITH, 77, 69th Street,
Emp. 2-07-44, Died 6-06-77
RALPH J. TILL, 72, 69th Street,
Emp. 8-18-37, Died 6-26-77
HELEN J. TOTH, 64, Material Mgmt.,
Emp. 10-20-44, Died 6-17-77
CLARENCE J. VOJTA, 69, West Section,
Emp. 5-06-29, Died 6-09-77
MATTHEW E. WIES, 89, North Avenue,
Emp. 3-26-14, Died 4-06-77
WILLIAM A. WESTPHAL, 81, Forest Glen,
Emp. 10-12-22, Died 6-04-77
OWEN T. WILLIAMS, 85, South Shops,
Emp. 2-27-19, Died 6-13-77
JOHN H. WILSON, 65, Douglas,
Emp. 12-20-40, Died 6-15-77
ARTHUR ZAJAC, 52, South Shops,
Emp. 7-29-46, Died 6-26-77
GEORGE L. ZAMZOW, 76, South Shops,
Emp. 6-03-26, Died 5-31-77
ANTON ZEMAITIS, 85, 69th Street,
Emp. 7-15-13, Died 5-16-77

Ernie Enters Hall of Fame



(Photo Courtesy Chicago Tribune)

Ernie Banks, "Mr. Cub" member of CTA Board, makes his acceptance speech Aug. 8 during his induction into the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. "My career and this honor belong to Mr. (Philip K.) Wrigley," he said of the Chicago Cubs' late owner.

Smart Stop for Culture Bus



Nick Pantone (on the stepladder) and Jim Person, CTA sign hangers of the Maintenance Department, early in August carried out a special assignment of hanging a sign at 55th street and Greenwood avenue for an eighth stop on the popular RTA/CTA Culture Bus route.

The new stop on the Culture Bus route is the Smart Gallery, a relatively small, but exquisite art museum operated by the University of Chicago a short distance south of the stop at 55th and Greenwood.

The Culture Bus service, which is provided on Sundays and holidays by the CTA, has proved so popular that it has been extended indefinitely into the fall. Besides the new stop for the Smart Gallery, the route serves the Art Institute, Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium, Adler Planetarium, Museum of Science and Industry, Oriental Institute and the DuSable Museum of African American History.

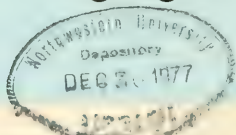
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Highlights

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WHEN, at the start of CTA, wood-steel cars made up much of the rapid transit fleet; and most surface vehicles were the red streetcars. NOW, the latest are the 2400 series cars and the 9000 series buses.

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FOR EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES
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HISTORICAL

1945-

1945

April 12 Metropolitan Transit Authority Act creating the Chicago Transit Authority signed into law by Dwight H. Green, Republican governor of Illinois, culminating a successful bi-partisan effort that began in the late 1930s under the leadership of Democratic Mayor Edward J. Kelly.

April 23 Authorization by the Chicago City Council of exclusive rights to the CTA to operate unified system of local transportation.

June 4 Metropolitan Transit Authority Act approved by referendum.

June 28 First meeting of Chicago Transit Board. Philip Harrington elected chairman. One of original members was James R. Quinn, former chairman of City Council Local Transportation Committee, who served on the CTA Board until his death Nov. 26, 1976.

Dec. 11 Placed first set of series of orders for 1,275 surface vehicles (600 streetcars, 465 motor buses and 210 trolley buses) using renewal funds of the Chicago Surface Lines.

1946

July 29 First major street car route (Montrose avenue) converted to bus operation.

1947

Oct. 1 The CTA began operations after purchasing properties of two privately owned bankrupt companies, the Chicago Surface Lines and the Chicago Rapid Transit Company, at a new cost of \$51,000,000 for the surface system and \$12,162,000 for rapid transit system. A total price of \$75,000,000 for the Surface Lines included a renewal reserve fund of \$24,000,000. Purchase money came from first CTA revenue bond issued of \$105,000,000.

Walter J. McCarter became the first general manager.

1948

April 5 First rapid transit skip-stop ("A" and "B") service begun on Lake route.

1949

May 25 Ralph Budd became second CTA chairman.

Dec. 4 New Beverly bus garage opened.

1950

May 28 New North Park bus garage opened.

July 27 500 propane (liquefied-gas) buses ordered - - largest order placed in transit history.

Aug. 13 First of 720 rapid transit cars (6000 series) placed in operation.

Sept. 7 349 trolley buses ordered - - largest U.S. order.

1951

Feb. 25 Dearborn street subway opened. (Chicago's first subway under State street was opened Oct. 17, 1943.)

1952

Oct. 1 Completed unification of city's local transportation services by purchasing properties of a third privately owned company, the Chicago Motor Coach Company, which operated mostly in the boulevards. Purchase price of \$16,400,000 came from a second CTA revenue bond issue of \$23,000,000.

1953

Oct. 1 Rapid Transit right-of-way on North route between Montrose avenue in Chicago and Linden avenue terminal in Wilmette purchased from Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad with proceeds of a third CTA revenue bond issue of \$7,000,000.

1954

Jan. 7 Purchased right-of-way of Garfield Park route between Laramie avenue, Chicago, and Desplaines avenue, Forest Park, from Chicago, Aurora and Elgin Railway. (Garfield Park route later replaced by rapid transit route in Eisenhower expressway.)

May 30 The last of the old red street cars replaced with buses (Cermak and Lake routes).

June 24 Virgil E. Gunlock became third CTA chairman.

1955

Dec. 4 New Forest Glen bus garage opened.

1957

Jan. 10 Mrs. Bernice T. Van der Vries became first woman member of Chicago Transit Board.

Dec. 1 Last wood-steel rapid transit cars operated (Kenwood and Evanston routes).

1958

June 21 Last streetcar operated (Wentworth route).

June 22 Rapid transit operations begun in media strip of Eisenhower (Congress) expressway as a new concept of incorporating rail transit in highway route.

1961

April 19 Four-track operation begun through Wilson avenue station area on North rapid transit route.

1962

July 27 Rapid transit inspection shop opened at Desplaines terminal on Eisenhower route.

Oct. 28 Lake rapid transit route elevated between Laramie avenue, Chicago, and Harlem avenue, Forest Park.

1963

June 13 Order placed for first air-conditioned rapid transit cars (1800 series).

July 2 George L. DeMent became fourth CTA chairman.

Oct. 1 Major new bus overhaul facility opened at South Shops.

Dec. 30 For new Skokie Swift service, right-of-way between Howland terminal and Dempster street, Skokie, purchased from Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee Railroad.

1964

April 20 New Skokie Swift service begun. This was the first rapid transit project to receive a demonstration capital improvement grant from the federal government.

Oct. 1 Thomas B. O'Connor became general manager, succeeding Walter J. McCarter, who retired.

HIGHLIGHTS 1977

1965

Aug. 18 Illinois State Legislature authorizes first reimbursement to RTA for its long-standing program of providing reduced fares for students in elementary and high schools.

1967

March 22 New transportation office building opened at 77th street garage.

June 19 New rapid transit inspection shop opened at Harlem avenue terminal on Lake route.

Nov. 30 First electronic cab signaling installed on Lake route.

Dec. 29 Order placed for 150 air-conditioned rapid transit cars (2200 series) for the Dan Ryan and Kennedy routes.

1969

April 10 First reduced fare for senior citizens (between 0900 and 1500 hours weekdays and Saturdays and longer period on Sundays).

May 6 Englewood elevated route extended from Loomis to Ashland. Modern station opened at Ashland.

Sept. 28 Service begun on Dan Ryan route in the expressway median. This marked the merging of the Lake route with the new Ryan service.

Nov. 6 Exact fare for bus routes started.

1970

Feb. 1 Service begun to Jefferson Park terminal on the Kennedy rapid transit extension.

O'Hare Express bus service begun in Kennedy expressway between Jefferson Park and O'Hare International Airport.

June 29 Northwest Passage opened to provide enclosed walkway and escalators for connecting the North Western commuter railroad station with the CTA's elevated station at Lake and Clinton streets.

1971

May 13 Michael Cafferty became fifth CTA chairman.

Sept. 14 Filed applications with the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Illinois Department of Transportation for grants totaling \$121,000,000 as the first phase of CTA's major modernization program.

Nov. 1 Suggestion Bus began city-wide tour to solicit ideas from the public for the design of new buses and rapid transit cars.

1972

Aug. 11 First of 525 new air-conditioned buses placed in operation.

Nov. 5 Reduced fare for senior citizens extended to all hours.

1973

Jan. 19 Clair M. Roddewig elected acting chairman of the CTA board.

May 25 Milton Pikarsky became sixth CTA chairman.

Nov. 5 First of an additional order of 545 air-conditioned buses placed in service.

Nov. 8 Third rail replaced trolley on Evanston rapid transit branch. 50-year-old rapid transit cars of 4000 series taken out of service.

Dec. 12 Regional Transportation Authority Act signed into law by Gov. Walker, with one of the main purposes being to provide public financial assistance to supplement fare collections for paying operating costs of the CTA, commuter railroads, and suburban bus operators in six-county metropolitan area.

1974

Jan. 3 Placed into effect the unique one-hour transfer permitting unlimited use of 10-cent transfer as long as last ride begins one hour after time punched on transfer at purchase.

Jan. 14 Completed installation of cab signaling on Douglas route.

March 10 Sunday Bargain Fare put into effect.

March 19 Creation of Regional Transportation Authority approved by referendum.

June 2 Super Transferpass placed into effect for Sundays and holidays, permitting unlimited riding at reduced fare for 24-hour period.

June 12 Modernized Bryn Mawr station on North elevated route opened.

June 17 First woman bus driver hired.

Aug. 1 Expanded and modernized transit information center opened.

Oct. 23 New terminal building at Kimball and Lawrence avenues of Ravenswood route opened.

1975

Jan. 31 Milton Pikarsky became RTA chairman.

Feb. 1 James R. Quinn elected acting chairman of CTA Board.

March 4 Cab signaling completed on North-South route.

June 26 New bus service facilities opened at 77th street garage.

Sept. 4 Delivery begun on order of 600 more new buses.

Dec. 5 Cab signaling completed on Evanston-Wilmette branch.

Dec. 19 Cab signaling completed on Skokie Swift route.

1976

Jan. 6 Last propane bus taken out of service.

Feb. 5 James J. McDonough elected acting chairman of CTA Board. George Krambles appointed general manager.

Aug. 22 Cab signaling completed on Ravenswood route.

Oct. 6 Inaugural run of the first of 200 new rapid transit cars (2400 series).

Oct. 14 First CTA bus stop shelter erected under new program of erecting 100 or more shelters a year.

1977

Jan. 5 Edward F. Brabec elected vice-chairman of CTA Board, succeeding the late James R. Quinn, who had served in that position many years.

Jan. 20 Federal grants made to Chicago Public Works Department for extending Kennedy rapid transit route to O'Hare Airport and transforming downtown State street into a transit mall.

May 29 Culture Bus service begun as special Sunday and holiday operation serving eight museums from downtown to the University of Chicago area.

Aug. 7 Expanded and modernized CTA Control Center opened in Merchandise Mart.

Oct. 5 James J. McDonough became seventh chairman of CTA Board.

McDonough Elected CTA Chairman

Chosen Also For New Term As Chairman Of APTA



James J. McDonough

James J. McDonough was elected Chairman of the Chicago Transit Board for a three-year term at the Board's meeting Oct. 5.

McDonough also was re-elected Chairman of the American Public Transit Association on Oct. 10 at the organization's annual meeting in Atlanta. With more than 300 transit system members, APTA represents the transit industry in the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

In his role as APTA Chairman, McDonough will continue to be the nation's No. 1 spokesman for public transportation.

Becomes International Director

Also, at a meeting Oct. 5 in Stuttgart, West Germany, McDonough was elected to the Board of Directors of the International Union of Public Transport, an international professional organization in public transportation.

McDonough became a member of the CTA Board on Dec. 18, 1975, as an appointee of the late Mayor Daley, and had been Acting Chairman since Feb. 5, 1976.

His selection as Chairman of the CTA was in keeping with a state law amendment passed by the legislature and signed by Gov. Thompson, which allows a CTA Board member with other business activities to be elected as the Board's policy-making Chairman.

This practice is followed by other major transit systems throughout the country, including the large systems in the New York City area, Philadelphia, Washington, D. C., San Francisco, and Los Angeles.

Although his salary as Chairman under the amended state law could be \$25,000 a year, Chairman McDonough has requested that, for his current three-year term, his salary be limited to the Board member salary of \$15,000.

National Survey Rates— Chicago No. 1 in Transit

Chicago has been cited as having the best public transportation service in a nation wide survey of 50 cities and urban centers.

The survey also gave high marks to Chicago for its city government.

The Association of Master of Business Administration Executives conducted the survey by asking executives in business and industry to answer a series of "quality-of-life" questions in terms of "very good/excellent," "good," or "fair/poor."

About Chicago, the survey report said in part:

"Among the survey's more noteworthy findings is that 61 per cent rated Chicago's government very good/excellent and 68 per cent rated public transportation the same way—exceptionally high ratings, compared to other cities."

The 68 per cent response of very good/excellent gave Chicago the highest rating in public transportation. The City of San Francisco was rated in second place in public transportation, with a 60 per cent response of very good/excellent.

In a separate rating of the Chicago suburban area, the report said that "the fact that Chicago has excellent commuter mass transit and easy access to highways from most suburbs was cited again and again as a major advantage of suburban Chicago (48 per cent rated public transportation very good/excellent and 57 per cent rated commuting conditions the same way, although 17 per cent said they commute over an hour to work)."

The 61 per cent response of very good/excellent for Chicago's city government was outranked in the survey only by Indianapolis, with 69 per cent, and Minneapolis-St. Paul with 62 per cent.

Executive Director



George Krambles

An amendment to the state law that created the Chicago Transit Authority has changed the title of the CTA General Manager to that of Executive Director.

The change in the state law was voted earlier this year and signed by Gov. Thompson.

On Oct. 5, the CTA Board, acting in accordance with the change in the law, adopted an ordinance to make the change official.

All of which means that, instead of General Manager George Krambles now is Executive Director.

The change in title to that of Executive Director conforms with presently accepted practices in industry and other organizational structures.

HERNANDO BERNAL, North Avenue garage, was complimented by Jacqueline Davies, of North Hoyne avenue, for doing a nice job under very bad circumstances. Ms. Davies said she boarded Bernal's Division street bus one rainy night and a newspaper delivery truck blocked his turn. Ms. Davies continued: "The driver was held up at least 10 minutes, but he never lost his cool. Later, at Larrabee, there was a blackout, and a lot of kids on the bus were yelling, but the driver concentrated on his driving and got us safely past a useless traffic light. Although we saw two accidents as we went along, our driver went so carefully that I, at least, felt very safe."



JEFFERY QUALLS, 77th Street garage, a 24-year CTA veteran who drives a South Deering bus, has received the thanks of an entire family for his kind and unselfish act in helping a woman who had fallen and seriously injured herself early one morning on Commercial avenue. Mrs. Lois Osborne, of Calumet City, wrote that her 62-year-old mother, Mrs. Genevieve Rodak, slipped on the pavement and could not get up. It was later learned she had broken a thigh bone.

Mrs. Osborne wrote: "Several cars drove by, but no one stopped to help her. This bus driver came and tried to help her up, but she could not move. He then returned to the bus and called for an ambulance, remaining with her until the ambulance arrived. Lord only knows how long she would have lain there had it not been for this man coming to her aid. Words cannot express the gratitude we feel toward him."

commendation corner

CORINE A. GLASPIE, West Section, a ticket agent at the Kedzie avenue entrance to the Logan Square station, is appreciated by **Bruce L. Goldberg**, an attorney on West Monroe street. He said, "This young lady is extremely helpful, courteous, and I believe genuinely interested in the public. She greets each passenger with a friendly 'Good morning' and renders her service in a most commodious fashion. This agent starts the commuter's day out on a bright note."

tion on smoking, the transfer possibilities at the forthcoming stop, or whatever. I find this very helpful."

ALBERT JACQUES, North Avenue garage, was commended for knowing "the precise technique for being helpful" to blind people. Cynthia Brown, a blind rider who lives on Melrose street and takes the Belmont bus home from work, said, "As I board the bus, this driver, without leaving his seat or raising his voice, gives me very clear directions regarding the nearest available seat, such as 'second seat behind me' or 'the seat next to the door.' He calls every street name, and when I get off the bus, he always mentions how near the curb we are and how far from the corner. He is also polite and helpful to the other passengers."

#153 that I wanted to commend him to you. He was helpful beyond necessity and gentle to all he spoke to...and incredibly patient."

ISAAC WILLIAMS, Limits garage, driver of a southbound Halsted bus, was praised for "the effort he made to see that all patrons of CTA receive the consideration they deserve and expect." Mrs. William Barcroft, of South Michigan avenue, wrote: "This driver requested two individuals to please not smoke and asked one young man not to have his transistor radio going full blast as he boarded the bus. He also asked a young lady who got on with food and a beverage to please take the carton with her when she left. This driver spoke with authority, and I must say, he received cooperation."

JAMES C. BELL, Kedzie garage, received a commendation from Joanne Brown, who lives along the north Damen route. Ms. Brown wrote: "I am writing this letter to commend a very special bus driver, badge #3690, for the wonderful service he has given his riders. Throughout the years he has consistently served us well with enthusiasm and concern. He always has a pleasant disposition and a true dedication to his job. Unfortunately, he has just switched routes, and I share with many others a sadness because he will be missed. His smile, cheerfulness and greeting created a special harmony on the bus."

NIKI A. HANSEN, Forest Glen garage, was complimented by Wayne Klatt, of North Avers avenue, a rider on her Lawrence avenue bus. Mr. Klatt wrote: "She shows a real concern for her passengers, calls out all the stops, reminds people of where they want to get off, and says 'goodbye' or 'have a nice day.' She also can be firm when some passengers are rowdy."

CHARLES E. CARRINGTON, conductor, North Section, is "an employee after whom others should model themselves," according to Greg Dobbs, who works at 190 North State. Mr. Dobbs wrote: "For several years now, on certain trains, I have heard his announcements, and they are far and away superior to the norm. They've come in a deep clear voice, with words chosen to attract the rider's attention to the prohibi-

Daniel R. Vagird, a Cotati, California, professor who was in Chicago recently for a conference, wrote: "I took the bus the other day, and was so impressed with the compassion, sensitivity, consideration and overall humane behavior of driver #3152 (DENNIS P. SEBO, Limits garage) on route

PRaises O'HARE BUS SERVICE

We had the occasion for the first time to take the CTA bus to O'Hare Airport. That is really a great service to the folks, as we are, who have to watch their pennies.

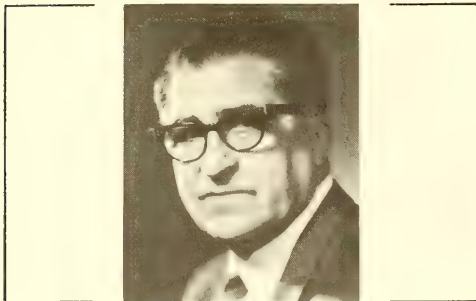
My daughter and I wanted to see my granddaughter and great-grandson off at O'Hare. They were going home to San Diego after having spent a week with relatives in Chicago and Indiana. Not having a car, how were we going to get to the airport? A neighbor told us about the CTA service.

Thanks, CTA, for thinking of the folks who live on a limited budget.

A Chicagoan

Electrical Engineer, Financial Analyst Join CTA

ENGINEERING



A. R. Menanteaux

ALFRED R. MENANTEAUX, a professional engineer who helped design electrical facilities for two CTA rapid transit lines, has joined the Authority as an electrical design engineer. Menanteaux, a native of Santiago, Chile, most recently was assistant director of the electrical and mechanical division of Clark, Dietz & Associates, engineers in Urbana. He also has served as senior electrical engineer at the Sherwin-Williams Company and at Consoer, Townsend & Associates, consulting engineers, both of Chicago. From 1966 to 1968 Menanteaux was chief electrical engineer for DeLeuw Cather & Company, transportation consulting engineers for the Dan Ryan and Kennedy-Logan Square rapid transit projects. Menanteaux lives in Sauk Village.

Mrs. RUTH M. LeBRON, formerly an accountant with the Standard Oil Company, has been appointed financial analyst, Financial Reporting and Analysis. Mrs. LeBron received a bachelor of science degree from DePaul University, where she majored in accounting. She is currently working toward a master's degree in accounting from the same university. Born in San Lorenzo, Puerto Rico, Mrs. LeBron now lives in Skokie with her husband, Ruben, and a daughter.

Twelve new assistant superintendents have been appointed by Transportation from within the same department. The new assignments of seven, who formerly were management-professional interns, are: ROOSEVELT CORY and HERBERT D. WILLIAMS, Far South; TIMOTHY HALL, Near South; ROY D. McGRATH, District C; SALVADOR P. PERCE, Central; ABRAHAM SCARBROUGH, District A, and ALEKSANDER WYSZYNSKI, District B.

Three of the new assistant superintendents formerly were supervising instructors: JERRY N. KNOFF, Far North; JOHN T. McCREA, Near South, and CHARLES J. BANSER, North Rail District. ROBERT E. LEE, assigned to 61st Street, Ashland and the Dan Ryan, was a combination clerk at Ashland. JAMES J. LAHEY, now at Forest Glen, was superintendent, Training Center.

KAREN I. DOMINO and ROSEMARY ROBERSON, former sub-unit supervisors, Agents, have been named unit supervisors in the same section. Now serving as management-professional interns, Control Center, are former bus service supervisors RAYMOND A. LUGIAI (District C); GEORGE O. HAND (District D), and DERRICK G. ROBINSON (District B); JOHN W. BATZEL, former instructor, and DOROTHY L. HARRIS, former sub-unit supervisor, Agents.

PAUL GROSS, former conductor, North Section, has been selected planner, Operations Planning. New as training coordinators, Training Development Program, are former bus drivers FENTON L. DRAKE (North Avenue) and SALVATORE TERRACINA (Forest Glen), and former bus

ACCOUNTING



R. M. LeBron

serviceman ERNESTINA AVILA (Forest Glen).

JAMES C. HAASE, former project administrator, Engineering, has been named unit supervisor, Cost Control and Procedures, Financial Services. Also new in Financial Services is MICHAEL W. BROGAN, former Methods and Procedures analyst, Comptroller, now supervisor, Accounts Receivable. In Engineering, RAYMOND SWIEC, former engineering assistant, is now electrical design engineer, and GERALD J. GUTH, former signal draftsman, has been named signal designer.

Four new principal applications analysts have been appointed from within the Datacenter: THOMAS WODARSKI, former supervisor, Computer and Maintenance Programming; CHESTER VENESKEY and LOUIS RUTTKAY, former senior applications analysts, and JAMES WARPINSKI, former principal applications designer. WIN SCOTT STOKES, former supervisor, Methods and Standards Plant Maintenance, has been named program development analyst, Grant Programming-Administration.

NEAL St. JOHN, former junior draftsman, Operation Planning, has been appointed junior transit technician in the same department. In Treasury, CHARLES F. DERRICK, former supervisor of money handlers, has been named chief clerk, and in Transportation at Kedzie garage, WILLIAM T. RUDDLE has moved from station clerk to chief clerk.

Reassigned as helpers, Maintenance, are FREEMAN PICKETT, former motorman, North Section, and EMILE OUSLEY Jr., former bus driver, 69th Street. Now serving as car repairmen, Maintenance, are PHILLIP LIPSCOMB, former car serviceman, and JOSEPH PULLIAM, former bus driver, 77th Street. Former bus servicemen ALVIN CAR RUTHERS (Archer) and TOMMY WILLIAMS (Beverly) are now laborers, Maintenance. Also in Maintenance MICHAEL McCLOREY, former car serviceman, Wilson, has become a unit exchange clerk.

JULIUS BRAZIL, former station clerk, Archer, has been appointed junior photographer, Management Services. ROBERT ADAMOWSKI, former trackman, Maintenance has been selected money handler, Treasury and JO ANN KNUDSEN, former office equipment clerk, Management Services, has been chosen project documentation clerk Datacenter.

BARBARA MITIU, former typist, Public Affairs, is now utility clerk, Insurance. ANNE BANDUR, former typist Insurance and Pensions, has become utility clerk, Claims Real Estate-Sales, and CAROL A. MAMON, former ticket agent, South Section, has been named clerk, Stores. LYNN M. BELL, former clerk-stenographer, Job Classification, has been reassigned as stenographer, Safety.

Recent Visitors To CTA

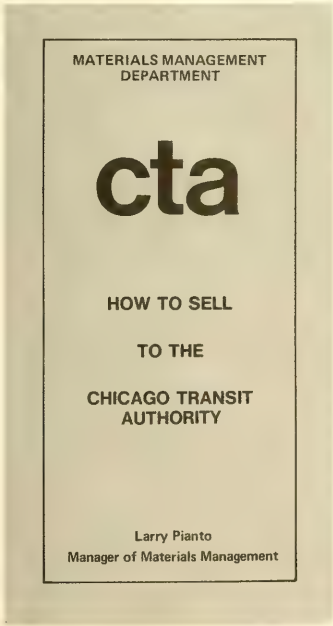


Mr. Andres Poch (right), director of electrical engineering and operations for the Santiago, Chile, Metro, on a recent visit to the CTA, met with CTA representatives (left to right) Alfred R. Menanteaux, electrical design engineer and a former resident of Chile; James Stewart, director, equipment design, and Harold Geissenheimer, general operations manager.



Another recent visitor to the CTA was Lester Reichard, who retired in 1965 as superintendent of rapid transit shops and terminals. He had 47 years of rapid transit service. Early in his career with the Chicago Rapid Transit Company, he was an inspector on the then new 4000 series cars that were retired in 1973. Left to right are George Krambles, Executive Director; Glenn Andersen, supervisor, industrial equipment design; Mr. Reichard, and James McDonough, Chairman.

CTA Issues Booklet To Suppliers On 'How To Sell To The CTA'



Larry Pianto

The CTA Materials Management Department has a new publication entitled "How To Sell To The CTA" to assist suppliers in understanding the CTA's purchasing procedures.

Larry Pianto, manager of the Materials Management Department, in his position as CTA's purchasing agent, points out in the foreword of the booklet that the objective at the CTA is to operate the public transit system in a most efficient manner at the lowest possible cost.

The booklet explains that all purchases for services or materials are let by free and open competitive bidding.

For purchases over \$5,000, advertisements for bids are placed in newspapers; and for purchases under \$5,000, solicitation of bids is by mail or telephone.

Among other information, the booklet tells how suppliers can be placed on the CTA's active suppliers' list by completing the appropriate forms available from the CTA.

Copies of the booklet are available in Room 732 of the Merchandise Mart. By mail, copies may be obtained by writing the CTA Materials Management Department, P.O. Box 3555, Chicago 60654.

Ends Family Tradition Of 168 Years In Transit

A family tradition of a total of 168 years of service in Chicago transit came to an end Sept. 1 with the retirement of William Ruzich, 62, a CTA mechanical maintenance welder.

Ruzich was hired as a track worker by the predecessor Chicago Surface Lines in 1937 when he was 22 years old.

Also serving 40 years or more in transit were his father, Leo, who was hired by the Chicago City Railway Company in 1898, and two brothers, John and Joseph.

His brother, John, an engineer, joined the Chicago Surface Lines in 1926, and was superintendent of track and structures and assistant to the general superintendent in the Engineering Department before retiring in 1967. John died last February.

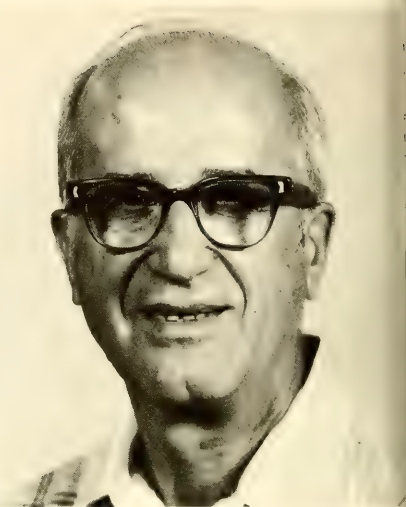
His brother, Joseph, now 73, retired from the CTA eight years ago as a track foreman. He had started in 1924 as a track worker with Chicago Surface Lines.

"I liked my work with the CTA very much, especially the last years in maintenance," said William Ruzich. "When I did a job, I felt good about it. I also have had very good bosses."

Ruzich recalled his promotion with the Surface Lines to welder's helper in 1942, but he added that it "did not mean a warm inside job."

"Winter or summer, we never seemed to be inside," he said. "A common assignment in my early days of welding was to repair or replace a cracked streetcar rail."

As one might suspect, his retirement plan for this winter calls for a vacation in Florida.



CTA Seniors Enjoy Trip To Nashville

If you are a retiree, it is very enjoyable to be active with a retiree organization - not only for the fellowship, but also for the pleasure of taking special trips in good company.

That is the case with the CTA Senior Citizens Retirement Organization, which sponsored a tour to Nashville, Tenn., and which is planning other similar trips.

Forty-one members of this CTA retiree organization took the Nashville trip, which included four days by Greyhound bus.

In Nashville, they attended a performance of the Grand Old Opry and toured that scenic area which has become famous as "Opryland U.S.A."

On the way back, they stopped at Louisville, where they visited the U.S. Music Hall of Fame.



Joseph Nolan

"This was the first tour our organization has sponsored, and it was a great success," reported Joseph Nolan, general manager of the CTA Senior Citizens Retirement Organization.

"Our next tour will be a four-day trip to Las Vegas," he said. "That tour is already booked up, but we hope to have more such trips."

The Nashville trip cost \$165 per person at the double-

CTA Pioneers To Celebrate Second Anniversary

The CTA Pioneers will celebrate their second anniversary as a retirees' club with a Ladies Day and Christmas Party at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at the Golden Flame Restaurant, Nagle avenue and Higgins road. There will be prizes and dancing. Luncheon is \$3; no reservations are needed. The Pioneers welcome CTA retirees from all departments to join the club. Membership fee is \$1. For further information call Pinky Moran at 763-6379.

occupancy rate and \$198 at the single occupancy rate.

Bill Platt, director of Job classification in the Human Resources Department, had the pleasure as an active CTAer of taking the Nashville trip.

"Those senior citizens are hard to keep up with," said Bill. "They are a great group of people who know how to have a good time."

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Hangups To Be Proud Of

There is a small group of CTA employees who are proud of their hangups. These CTAers make up the staff of the Sign Shop, which is in South Shops.

Their hangups are the 35,000 signs they produce each year--signs ranging in size from 2-inch-square decals to 12-foot-long identification signs for rapid transit stations.

"Most of our work consists of making bus stop signs, destination signs and other signs for the bus

and rapid transit systems," explains Winmon Lewis Jr., painter-leader.

Other members of the sign shop crew are James Cervenka, painter-leader, and Jeffery Jankus and John Seay, both painter A's.

Vernon Howe is the shop's foreman, and Theodore E. Pietrus, unit supervisor of the bus body shop, oversees the work of the Sign Shop.

A silk-screen type of process is used to make most of the signs.

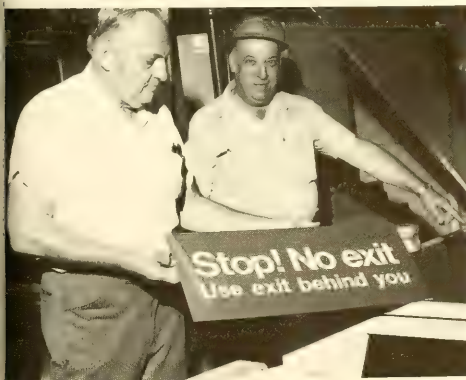
Combinations of red, white, blue, yellow and black paints are used.



Winmon Lewis Jr. (right), a sign shop painter-leader, discusses sketch of a sign with John Seay, painter A. Behind them are racks used for drying signs made in silk-screen type process used in the shop.



Lewis puts finishing touch on a safety placard featuring the Headless Horseman of Sleepy Hollow, from the classic Halloween story by Washington Irving.



James Cervenka, a sign shop painter-leader (left), shows a newly-baked bus stop sign to Vernon Howe, sign shop foreman.



Jeffery Jankus, sign shop painter A, lays out a roller destination sign for use on the No. 151 bus route.

(CTA Photos by Eric Blakely)

'I Will Never Forget Bing'

By W. B. Wolfan

I will never forget Bing Crosby and my day on a motion picture set with Bing and Bob Hope.

I met Bing while serving in the army air forces during World War II and was his personal guest at the Paramount Studios in Hollywood during the making of one of his famous "Road" pictures with Bob Hope, "Road to Utopia."

He was the kind of man who genuinely liked people and found time for everyone. Yet he was also a quiet, reserved individual who avoided fanfare of any kind.

Bing and his partner, Bob Hope, were great friends of men in uniform and were a tremendous morale factor at U.S. military installations.

I happened to meet Bing because I was stationed at the Wendover Army Air Force Base on the Utah-Nevada border at the western edge of the Bonneville salt flats.

Bing's ranch was at Tuscarora, Nevada, near the town of Elko. Bing and his ranch manager, John Eckert, often came to Elko to spend a couple of days relaxing at the Commercial Hotel.

Soldiers from Wendover had only two places to go on their weekends, Elko 110 miles to the west, and Salt Lake City 130 miles to the east of us. Wendover itself had a maximum population of 100, a gas station, and the State Line Hotel. There was an old saying that even the Ute Indians shunned the area in the early days of the West.

It was in Elko that I was introduced to Crosby by the Commercial Hotel manager, Pete Walters. The first time I saw Bing, he was hardly recognizable, supporting a heavy growth of beard that disguised his features. Casual was the word for Bing while tending to his Nevada ranch.

Elko was known for the blasé attitude of its citizens who paid no attention to celebrities and Crosby obviously enjoyed the privacy Elko afforded him.

I was a young air force lieutenant at Wendover in 1943. Before I arrived at that base in the salt desert, Crosby and Hope had performed there.

Hope had labeled Wendover Field as "Alcatraz with tents," and the only base in the Continental United States where "the Chaplain went over the hill three days after he got there."

Everything Bob Hope said was true. The army air forces stationed 12,000 men there in some of the worst terrain in the nation. The main air base was just off the one highway, U.S. 40, and there was also an air force bombing and gunnery school in the hills. The military said the site was chosen because of flying weather. What the men said cannot be printed.

Wendover trained Flying Fortress and Liberator bomb crews for the air war in Europe and North Africa. Later it was chosen as the secret training site for the Manhattan project's air arm, the 509th composite



(Photo courtesy of Wide World Photos)

group. Isolated as it was, Wendover Field was ideal for security purposes.

One day I suggested to our base commander that the Chaplain, James Minehan, and I make a trip to Crosby's ranch to ask if Bing could help us get more Hollywood shows to play Wendover. We felt strongly that it would be a boon to morale of those bomb crews in second phase training for overseas bombing operations.

A Wendover enlisted man's three-day pass was mostly taken up by travel time riding a slow Greyhound bus or a train, the Western Pacific, that sometimes never came through at all. It took five hours by bus to go to town (Salt Lake City). Chaplain Minehan agreed to accompany me to the Crosby ranch, where we were greeted warmly by Bing, whose sons were at the ranch with him that summer.

We explained we needed more entertainment at Wendover, and Bing said he knew that it was needed because he had been there with Hope when the base first opened. He told us that when he returned to Hollywood, he would help us and he kept his word. The shows started coming, and we knew that Bing was responsible.

As we said goodbye that day, I remarked that I would like to see a movie being made if I ever came to Hollywood. He told me to call him if I should be in the film capital.

A couple of months later, I was granted my first leave since entering the army.

I had never been in Hollywood, so I decided to make the trip to gape at the movie stars at Hollywood and Vine and visit the famous Hollywood Canteen.

I registered at the Biltmore Hotel and on the day I arrived I remembered what Crosby had said. I thought that it might be a long shot that he would even remember me, but I decided to take a chance and telephoned Bing's Hollywood office to leave word that I was in town at the Biltmore.

The following sequence of events remains fresh in my memory. The next morning my phone rang at about 8:30 a.m. It was Mr. Crosby's secretary. She said: "Is this Lt. Wolfan?"

I replied affirmatively. Then she said: "Just a moment," and Crosby himself came on the line. He asked what I would like to see and I told him a movie studio would be just fine.

"Okay," Bing replied. "There'll be a pass waiting for you at Paramount. Come on out this morning."

I was up and dressed in the fastest 15 minutes since I had been inducted into the army, and took a taxi out to Melrose avenue and the Paramount Studio. For a young man out of Grand Rapids, Michigan, it was some thrill to be heading out to a Hollywood motion picture lot at Bing Crosby's personal invitation. I was pretty flustered when I came to the Paramount gate and told the guard: "Mr. Crosby left a pass for me."

And sure enough, there it was--a pass for Set 9, for Lt. Wolfan, signed by Crosby.

Somehow I made my way to Set 9, where they were filming scenes in a huge water tank. This was a movie where Hope and Crosby, straw hats and all, mistakenly get aboard a ship going to Alaska. They were filming the boat scenes that day.

I went to Crosby's dressing room and he told me to make myself at home, introducing me to Barney Dean, one of Hope's writers. "Barney will show you around," Bing said. "Anything I can do for you, let me know."

Well, watching Crosby and Hope on a movie set was as funny as their "Road" pictures. Hope's ad libs

are fast and furious, and he breaks up the film crew. In one scene of "Road to Utopia," 17 retakes were needed before the director was satisfied with the scene involving Bob, Bing and Dorothy Lamour.

At noon, Crosby came over to me and said he was going to lunch in his dressing room, but that I was welcome to go with Hope and the others to eat at the Studio commissary. So I went along with Bob, William Demarest (famous character actor), golf pro Ed Dudley, and Barney Dean. Lunching with Hope is a hilarious experience all by itself. We were the center of attention in the commissary.

After lunch, I returned to the "Road to Utopia" set and was asked if I would like to see another movie being filmed on the lot. So I walked over to another set to watch Betty Hutton in "Incendiary Blonde." Escorting me was George Marshall Jr., the son of the director of the picture. He introduced me to Miss Hutton, then at the height of her Hollywood career.

Later in the afternoon I came back to thank Crosby, but my day wasn't over yet.

Bing asked me what I was doing that night. I told him I had no special plans, so he said that I was welcome to come to the Kraft Radio Music Hall, his network radio show, as his guest that evening.

So from backstage, I heard Bing sing to a coast-to-coast audience in a live broadcast from the Hollywood Studios.

Bing Crosby was not only an entertainer, one of the greatest on the American scene.

As a person, he was a giant among men.



Bing Crosby and Bob Hope are pictured together at a benefit dinner held at the Waldorf-Astoria. (Photo courtesy of Wide World Photo)

Good Scout Award To CTA

The Chicago Transit Authority was honored with the Corporate Good Scout Award at the 1977 Transportation Industry Lunch-O-Ree held Oct. 20 by the Chicago Area Council of the Boy Scouts in the Conrad Hilton Hotel. CTA Chairman McDonough was presented the award by Thomas F. Meagher (left), president of Continental Air Transport Company and Executive Board Member of the Scout Council, who was general chairman of the luncheon. The master-of-ceremonies, Patrick L. O'Malley (right), president of Canteen Corporation and a member of the RTA Board, read the award citation: "For outstanding leadership in helping to build a better American community."

(CTA photo by Bert Cadney)



CTA Security Men Take Training Course At U of I

Thirteen new members of the CTA's Security Department have completed a six-week basic law enforcement course conducted by the Police Training Institute of the University of Illinois in Urbana.

They are Gary M. Beyer, Thomas J. Bonner Sr., Patrick W. Curley, Bobby J. Edwards, Ervin E. Hill III, Michael

Hogan, James D. Ingram, Vincent J. Krocka, William S. Marose, Kenneth H. McMaster, Ronald G. Rekosh, Richard Rusinak and Joseph P. Ryan.

Hill was elected president and Marose was elected vice president of their class, which totaled 35 members of law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

Super Success

The CTA had an especially successful summer with its Sunday Bargain Fares and Super Transferpass.

A report by Paul Kole, General Finance Manager, showed that:

*An average of 127,806 Super Transferpasses were sold each Sunday.

*The average total of originating riders on Sundays was more than 60 per cent greater than on comparable Sundays in 1973, which was before Bargain Fares became effective.

*The average total revenue was 3-1/2 cents higher than before the Bargain Fares despite the fact that the adult Bargain Fare is one-third less than the fare prior to Bargain Fares.

Kole's report on Bargain Fares and the Super Transferpass for the summer of '77 covered the 14 Sundays of June 5 through Sept. 4.

The average sale of 127,806 Super Transferpasses represented an increase of more than 154 per cent over an average of 50,242 in 1974. The Super Transferpass became effective on June 2, 1974.

Originating riders averaged 550,700 on the summer Sundays of 1977, as compared with 343,900 on Sundays before Bargain Fares in 1973.

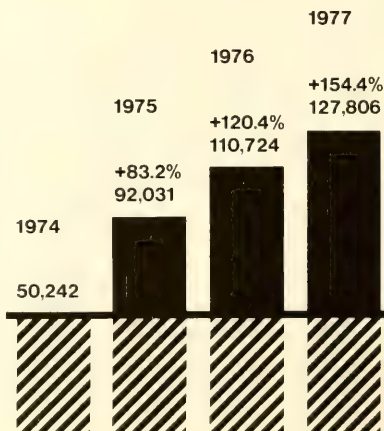
In computing Sunday riding now, the Super Transferpass is counted as two originating riders. The actual riding on Sunday is much higher than the total of originating riders because of the unlimited use of the Super Transferpass.

The average revenue was \$171,300 for the 14 Sundays this past summer under Bargain Fares and the Super Transferpass, as compared with an average of \$165,500 for the comparable Sundays at the higher fares in 1973.

Sunday riding has continued at a high level this fall, although use of the Bargain Fares and Super Transferpass can be affected by the weather.

The Bargain Fares are 30 cents for adults and 15 cents for senior citizens, children and handicapped persons. The Super Transferpass, which is good for any number of rides in a 24-hour period, sells for 80 cents for adults and 50 cents for senior citizens, children and handicapped persons. The Bargain Fares were introduced March 10, 1974.

Average Supertransfers Sold On Summer Sundays 1974-1977



cta engineering department projects in progress



A roof rehabilitation project is nearing completion at the brake shop building at South Shops. The project was started in July after it appeared that a series of patching operations had not stopped roof leaks in the 71-year-old structure.

The rehabilitation work has included the replacement of deteriorating parapet walls (lower right) and the installation of newly-fabricated scupper and

leader boxes (foreground in photo) in the new parapets. A mason covers the new parapet wall with coping tile (lower left), while standing on the new structured roof deck over the center bay skylight.

The old glass-paneled roof (top photo) is being replaced with a corrugated metal roof deck. Later, insulation board will be placed over the deck, followed by roofing material. (CTA Photos by Mike Hoffert)



Recent Suggestion Winners Announced

Still reaping rewards for a suggestion that was accepted more than a year ago is JOHN R. KALINOWSKI, a mechanic at South Shops, who received a supplemental cash award of \$390 from the CTA Employee Suggestion Plan.

With an initial check for \$455 that was presented in April, 1976, this brings to \$845 the amount Kalinowski has been awarded for recommending the reclaiming of converter shift control pistons and shaft assemblies on buses through rechroming.

Kalinowski is not a novice in benefiting from the Suggestion Plan system. He was CTA's Suggester of the Year in 1975, when he submitted 42 eligible suggestions and received \$275 in cash awards and six Honorable Mention Award merchandise certificates worth \$60.

Other recent supplemental award winners include JAMES FORRESTAL, now unit supervisor, and HENRY J. KOLAR, bus and truck mechanic, both at South Shops, who shared a \$70 cash award for suggesting the use of a stand with air bags when removing and installing diesel engines.

WILLARD V. CARPENTER, an electrical worker at South Shops, received a supplemental award of \$60 for recommending a new method to remove bushings (linings) from the commutator end frames of bus starters.

JOHN W. SPRINGER, stock clerk, Stores, won an additional \$45 for suggesting that CTA purchase a single standardized muffler strap for buses.

THOMAS H. TADEVIC, painter and finisher, South Shops, was awarded \$40 more for suggesting that bus doors be cleaned with steam, rather than thinner, before being painted.

LAWRENCE A. BERNAS, machinist, South Shops, received an additional \$25 for recommending the use of a special fixture to facilitate the handling and chucking of parts being machined for the damper fan drive assembly on buses. This and all the above awards are based on additional savings to the company over what was originally projected when the suggestions were first adopted.

A cash award of \$25 was given to EDWARD M. ADAMOWSKI, bookkeeper, Treasury, for recommending that window envelopes be used for distributing managerial and professional payroll checks.

Two awards of \$10 for safety ideas were made to THOMAS E. DUERR, an electrical worker at Skokie



John R. Kalinowski

Shop, and RICHARD STENZEL, bus repairer, Forest Glen.

A \$10 award was given for a suggestion submitted jointly by WILLIAM WONG, instructor, TABEC, and WILLIE LACEY, car repairer, 61st Street. Two other suggestions submitted by Wong brought him two Honorable Mention merchandise certificates and the \$25 in cash which is provided automatically to anyone who receives more than one Honorable Mention award within the same 12-month period.

As if to remind fellow retirees that they too are eligible to receive awards for suggestions aimed at improving some form of CTA operations, RUSS WARNSTEDT, former Suggestion Plan coordinator, also accepted a \$25 cash award along with his second Honorable Mention certificate. His latest winning suggestion was that Travellers' insurance forms be printed with the company address and phone number on pages intended for the doctor and hospital.

Other certificate winners—all from South Shops—were LAWRENCE A. BERNAS and HOWARD BURRIS, both machinists; THOMAS KMAN, carpenter; NICK K. SIMONETTI, foreman, electrical, and MICHAEL E. KEELE and JOHN E. GARNER, both electrical workers.

Also receiving certificates were WILLIAM F. LANE, supervisor, Forest Glen; RAYMOND SCHILD, towerman, Howard; MARY JANE JOHNSON, payroll clerk, Accounting; ERLING JOHNSON, ticket agent, West Section, and WILLIAM CHAMERLIK, machinist, Plant Maintenance.

A Prize Catch

If anyone is interested in knowing the secret of catching chinook in Lake Michigan, ask Jeff Jankus, South Shops.

While fishing off Montrose Harbor, Jeff caught the two pictured chinooks, one a 16 pounder, and the other a 20 pounder.

Needless to say, Jeff is very proud of his catch which he said was caught with a "Red Eye" lure.

Thanks to Maureen Betourney, South Shops, for submitting this item.



Free Street Theater On The 'L'



Members of the Free Street Theater used one of the CTA's new rapid transit cars on Sept. 19 for a promotional performance and press conference to announce their move into the new Chicago Public Library

Cultural Center. For the winter season, they will present a variety of 14 productions at no charge to the public in the Cultural Center. Reservations by telephoning 269-2837 are necessary for performances.

CTA Salutes Mexican-American Community



Bus driver Electra de Alba passed out CTA Spanish Guides on Sept. 17 as CTA "Spirit of Chicago" bus moved along in parade in 26th street celebrating the 167th anniversary of Mexican Independence. Rafael

Rodriguez and Enrique Gonzalez, travel information agents, also passed out the CTA Guides during the parade and a parade later in the day in downtown State street.

Wedding Reception on CTA Trains



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Kane alight for picture-taking at the Clark-Lake station. James Zepp (at right) was the motor-

man of the antique car train, which was one of two trains used for the wedding reception. *Photo Courtesy Chicago Tribune*

It was "something old" and "something new," as go the words of an anonymous English poet, after the wedding Oct. 15 of Arline Datu, former CTA news writer now on the staff of Michael Reese hospital, and Daniel J. Kane, CTA management development coordinator.

The "something old" was a pair of 50-year-old rapid transit cars refurbished for use on special occasions.

The "something new" was a pair of the CTA's newest air-conditioned rapid transit cars.

As a wedding gift, friends contributed \$730 for chartering the two trains for a two-hour reception trip which extended from suburban Oak Park over the Lake route to downtown Chicago, around the Loop "L" structure, north to the Howard terminal, and then back again to Oak Park.

More than 200 wedding guests took the reception trip. During the trip on the antique train, Harold Hirsch, CTA manager of operations planning, gave a commentary on points of interest along the way.

"We were thrilled that our friends thought of such an unusual gift of chartering the trains for our reception," said Kane.

"It was especially appropriate for both of us, for Arline grew up near the 'L' in Uptown and I grew up near the 'L' in Oak Park," he said.

How they met at the CTA also was unusual.

As a new CTA employee in 1974, Arline first met Dan when he made an orientation presentation to a group of new employees.

Arline, who received her master's degree in journalism from Northwestern University, left the CTA earlier this year to become editor of the Michael Reese News publication.

Dan, who was graduated from Loras College, Dubuque, Ia., joined the CTA in 1973, and recently was promoted to management development coordinator in the Personnel Department.

Transportation also was the theme of their honeymoon.

They flew to Denver, where they boarded a train to San Francisco. In San Francisco, they planned to ride the cable cars and the new BART trains.

They were married in St. Edmund's Church in Oak Park. A brunch in Maywood preceded the reception trips on the two trains.

Arline is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Osmundo M. Datu, of Chicago. Dan is the son of Mrs. Marion Kane, of St. Petersburg, Fla.

Quarterback—Man On The Spot

By W. B. Wolfan

National television has made grandstand quarterbacks out of millions of viewers in the past two decades.

Riding public transportation on Monday mornings and also on Tuesdays because of the Monday night TV game, one overhears post-game commentary by the TV-watchers turned experts. Their credentials may be questionable but they seem to have all the answers at their fingertips.

A topic dear to the hearts of the living room analysts is the quarterback's performance -- a broad discussion of how Frank Tarkenton, Kenny Stabler, Bert Jones, Archie Manning, and most loudly of all, Bob Avellini, performed, especially if the Bears lost.



Bob Avellini, Bears Quarterback

Everybody seems to blame the quarterback for defeat. That is consistent, regardless of anything else that happens on the field.

If one played football himself there is perhaps a better understanding of why it requires the efforts of 11 men working as a team to execute properly.

A single missed block and the quarterback is flat on his back, and it isn't his fault.

Poor ball handling, timing misjudgment, slowness in getting downfield -- all mistakes by other team members -- can contribute to play failure.

Yet seldom, if ever, does a blocking lapse get the blame for a hurriedly-thrown pass. It's always the quarterback's fault, according to the inexperienced expert seated in front of the television set, who says, "He threw a bad pass." Nothing could be further from the truth.

Football has changed in some ways, but basically the game consists of run, pass, block, and tackle, and these basics must jell together. The coaches describe it as proper execution, which in simple language, may be defined as "everybody does what they are supposed to do on a particular play that has been practiced for weeks.

Most of the homebred grandstand experts probably couldn't even tell you how the forward pass, so prominent in pro-football, originated or when it was first injected into the game to open up the sport.

Back in 1913, coaches in the college ranks employed the pass more as a threat. It was not necessarily part of the offense and it was crudely done, if at all.

Notre Dames probably know that Knute Rockne was the man behind the change in football offense.

The late Gus Dorais, who coached the University of Detroit after graduating from Notre Dame, was a quarter-

back for the Irish in 1913. Rockne was an end. (This writer knew Dorais from the banquet circuit. Like Rockne, he was a brilliant football strategist.)

Rockne and Dorais spent the summer working at a resort called Cedar Point on Lake Erie. They took a football along to practice with for the upcoming season.

Dorais and Rockne worked on the forward pass all summer. They planned and tried out pass plays. They discovered that the pass could be incorporated into an offense and utilized successfully to open up a defense anticipating the line plunge or an end run. Nobody had ever used it for that purpose.

By the time the Irish played Army that fall, Dorais and Rockne had perfected their own passing combination. They sprang it on the cadets.

Dorais and Rockne completed 14 out of 17 passes that day. (The final score was Notre Dame, 35; Army, 13). The forward pass offense made big headlines and the offensive pattern of football was changed permanently.

Today professional football, tailored to spectator taste, emphasizes the passing game so much because the fans like an open game and pay to see it. Wide open play is much more spectacular than the old days of Minnesota football under Bernie Bierman emphasizing a ground game that dominated the Big 10.

Even today Woody Hayes of Ohio State and Bo Schembechler of Michigan are criticized for too much emphasis on the running attack. However, that pair win so many games that criticism is muffled because of their great coaching records at their respective universities.

The first passer to ever win a Heisman award was Davey O'Brien of TCU in 1938. Angelo Bertelli won it for Notre Dame in 1943.

Names like Sid Luckman of Columbia and the Bears, Sammy Baugh of TCU and the Redskins, and much earlier, Benny Friedman and Harry Newman of Michigan, helped make the passer a potent force in football. Ends such as Don Hutson and Benny Oosterbaan were standout receivers in an era when the big teams were hammering the line and running reverse plays with little passing emphasis. A defense could concentrate on the run and stop it, and there were many low scoring games as a result.

Football has made much progress, but it is a game of fundamentals.

The team that is a cohesive unit usually comes out on top in the long run.

No single individual can do it alone. He needs the help from those 10 other "guys" on the field with him to get the job done.

CTA Lawyers Softball Team Has Good Season With 12 Wins, 4 Losses

The CTA Lawyers softball team enjoyed a good 1977 season with 12 wins and 4 losses, thus winning fourth place in the Equity Division.

Somewhat disheartening, however, was a loss of the championship game on Oct. 10 to the State's Attorneys team, 23 to 17.

The play-offs began Aug. 31 with the CTA Lawyers defeating by a score of 11 to 8 the first-place team in the Law Division of the firm of Winston and Strawn. This game was highlighted for CTA by sparkling defensive plays by Ron Bosco and two home runs by Al Paul.

In the semi-finals, the CTA team, in a defensive struggle, defeated by 6 to 2 the law firm of Baker and McKenzie. For the CTA, the game was sparked by sharp fielding by Bruce Talaga and Art Adler and timely hits by Joe Sconza and Ron Bergin.

The championship game with the State's Attorneys team, which was delayed a month because of scheduling conflicts, was played under wet and muddy conditions. As a result, both teams made a number of errors.

The CTA's team this year was managed by Marv Luckman. Ron Bartkovicz was assistant manager.

Among the regular players were John Haskins, Tom Kearney, Bill Mansker, Mike Artery, and Greg Furda. Substitutes included Harry Brice, Euclides A. Agosta, Leon Wool, Ellen Munro, Jim Bidwill and Al Neuman.

As reported by Al Paul

Well, Management, You Finally Made It!

(CTA Photos by Eric Blakely)

We know the baseball season is over, but we believe these action pictures still will catch your eye.

Revenge is sweet! This must have been on the minds of the members of the management team when they met and defeated the 69th Street Raiders, champions of the CTA softball league, 30 to 16 in a game played on Sunday, September 11, in Grant Park.

Last year the Raiders, who have taken the softball title three years in succession, embarrassed the management team when they walloped them by a score of 23 to 2.

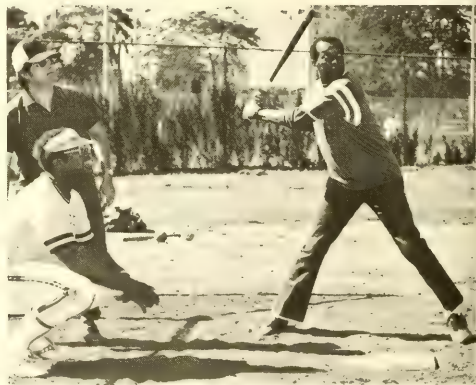
Well, it all goes to prove the old saying--he who laughs last laughs longest.



Among the spectators enjoying the game were, left to right, Fred King, manager of Personnel, Leo Cusick, RTA Operation Officer, and Harold Geissenheimer, manager, General Operations Division.



Steve Martin makes a valiant attempt to beat the ball to first base. He did -- as Ronald Smith, first baseman, dropped the ball.



Arliss Jones has that determined look as he waits for the ball. Catcher Reginald Hayes seems to be smiling as if he knows what Jones will do. The umpire is John Eckel.



It seemed the day of errors for Ron Smith as he dropped the ball again when he tried to tag Harry Sykora out at first base. Marvin Young, right, seems to be putting on brakes in his attempt to help Ron.



Ron Tuck shows how to hold the ball at first base, retiring Charles Dickerson, the man in the derby hat. Tony Andrews comes over to help.

Service anniversaries in October

40 years



F. J. Misk
Operations Planning

35 years

T. R. Bowman, South Shops
H. A. Fitzgerald, Howard-Kimball
F. R. Gray, Archer
M. J. Janowski, North Avenue
B. W. Kerpen Jr., District C
J. J. Kirby, Beverly
W. L. Kulikauska, 69th Street
F. E. Louward, South Shops
J. E. Luscalzo, Kedzie
E. R. O'Connell, Bus Service
A. J. Porcaro, Rail Terminals
W. C. Scott, Bus Garages
A. A. Tuccy, Forest Glen
N. Vonkaenel, Douglas-Congress

25 years

H. L. Blanks, Kedzie
T. A. Bodie, 77th Street
J. M. Boll, South Shops
R. L. Brown, Ashland/95th
E. Bunton, Maintenance
C. M. Ciura, 69th Street

NEW PENSIONERS

Joining the ranks of
the retired on Octo-
ber 1 was CARL
G. DANDY, who
had 41 years of
service with CTA
and its predecessor
companies.



JOHN P. APPELT, Janitor,
Archer, Emp. 8-21-41
CHESTER A. DAMIAN, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 11-14-42
CARL G. DANDY, Box Puller,
Archer, Emp. 8-17-36

30 years

C. Arendt, Skokie Shop
A. S. Bedoe, Skokie Shop
A. F. Blazevich, Maintenance
J. Byrne, Limits
J. J. Cecala, Internal Aud.
C. A. Cobleigh, 77th Street
R. J. Colello, 77th Street
T. C. Drag, Limits
F. A. Fawcett, Skokie Shop
C. A. Gazinski, Forest Glen
R. W. Goebig, Beverly
S. A. Grajek, Beverly
F. J. Grzywna, South Shops
S. J. Hillock, South Shops
J. Janos, Forest Glen
J. Kalinowski, South Shops
W. J. Kelly, Bus Systems
J. J. Marszalek, Engineering
C. B. Mathews, Beverly
M. J. McDonnell, Maintenance
E. F. Menzel, Electrical
P. J. Michalewicz, Electrical
C. J. Noga, Archer
S. R. Nowak, Douglas-Congress
J. J. Olandese, Archer
D. Parker, West Section
D. Pierce, 69th Street
W. Powell, 77th Street
D. J. Proffitt, Datacenter
P. Quinlivan, Beverly
W. G. Radke, South Shops
M. Rickson, Maintenance
F. Skrzynski, Kedzie
J. C. Smith, North Section
S. B. Spizzirri, Maintenance
R. B. Tausch, Maintenance
T. S. Zawistowski, Forest Glen

R. M. Evans, South Shops
J. L. Holiman, Maintenance
H. L. Hunter, Kedzie
W. J. Jones, Beverly
J. E. Jordan, North Section
R. L. Kilpatrick, Kedzie
D. B. Samples, South Shops
R. S. Smajo, Archer
L. W. Smith, Maintenance

EUGENE L. DIEDEN, Instructor,
North Area, Emp. 3-04-42
ANTON GROSS, Ticket Agent,
South Section, Emp. 9-02-41
ARTHUR E. MILLER, Collector,
Forest Glen, Emp. 8-15-47
JOSEPH D. ODDO, Machinist,
Maintenance, Emp. 8-20-48
TYLER M. PHILPOTT, Operator,
52nd Street, Emp. 8-12-57
JENNIE J. SCOTT, Clerk III,
Maintenance, Emp. 2-19-68
MICHAEL W. SEREDA, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 3-20-43
LEONARD P. SIKORSKI, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 5-20-46
JOHN H. SMITH, Director Publications,
Public Affairs, Emp. 8-26-74
STANLEY P. STEVENS, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 4-11-57

IN MEMORIAM

CHARLES BARKLEY, 94, West Shops,
Emp. 8-12-18, Died 8-18-77
FRED E. BEYER, 83, North Section,
Emp. 9-18-15, Died 8-20-77
PATRICK BURKE, 45, West Shops,
Emp. 7-03-50, Died 9-08-77
ROBERT H. CONROY, 81, Electrical,
Emp. 2-01-16, Died 8-20-77
MC GARRY FERGUS, 84, Security,
Emp. 10-01-47, Died 8-07-77
MICHAEL J. FIORITA, 70, North Avenue,
Emp. 9-20-29, Died 8-25-77
PETER P. FULARA, 57, Forest Glen,
Emp. 1-31-57, Died 10-03-77
OTTO P. HEIMBUCH, 92, North Section,
Emp. 11-20-04, Died 8-22-77
STEPHEN KASALA, 81, West Shops,
Emp. 9-13-37, Died 8-12-77
FRANK KLETECKA, 88, West Section,
Emp. 6-04-26, Died 8-30-77
SPIOPO P. KOCALAS, 86, Way & Structures,
Emp. 4-18-44, Died 8-04-77
WILLIAM C. MAIRE, 74, North Avenue,
Emp. 11-11-36, Died 8-22-77
JOHN H. MARVO, 75, 69th Street,
Emp. 1-09-43, Died 8-22-77
ANTON T. MOKSTAD, 67, Security,
Emp. 11-09-36, Died 8-26-77
WERNER MOORE, 43, Electrical,
Emp. 3-15-56, Died 8-28-77
FRANK NICHOLS, 58, 52nd Street,
Emp. 4-13-48, Died 9-27-77
EDWARD J. OLSEN, 66, North Section,
Emp. 5-23-64, Died 8-18-77
FRANK J. PAVELKA, 81, South Shops,
Emp. 2-08-39, Died 8-01-77
MOSES J. PRICE, 52, 77th Street,
Emp. 2-14-50, Died 8-24-77
ALBERT RHODES, 78, West Section,
Emp. 1-29-26, Died 8-08-77
JAMES ROSS, 31, Kedzie,
Emp. 9-26-74, Died 9-25-77
ALFRED M. SELVAGE, 64, North Section,
Emp. 6-23-43, Died 8-15-77
WILLIAM THOM, 86, 77th Street,
Emp. 3-05-14, Died 5-19-77
HENRY THRUMBEL, 82, Lawndale,
Emp. 10-25-29, Died 9-05-77
CLARENCE C. VOSS, 72, North Avenue,
Emp. 11-02-28, Died 8-09-77

FRED M. WILLIAMS, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 7-21-60

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

ALBERT BENN, Bus Servicer,
52nd Street, Emp. 1-02-52
WILLIE BONNER JR., Operator,
Limits, Emp. 5-21-64
CALDWELL DILLON, Bus Repairer,
Beverly, Emp. 11-19-47
NORMAN E. GNADT, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 6-19-43
RONALD L. MC KNIGHT, Collector,
Limits, Emp. 10-27-66
EDWARD J. SPRINGER, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 5-02-50
VIRGIL L. TYLER, Chauffeur,
Utility, Emp. 9-16-57
JAMES L. WILLIAMS, Supervisor,
District A, Emp. 9-27-57

CTA Women Honored



Betty Edwards, Bill Kurtis, and Joseph Palen

Betty Edwards, community news representative, Public Affairs, was named "Woman of the Year" by the Cosmopolitan Chamber of Commerce for her "outstanding contributions in the areas of human and public relations." At the Cosmopolitan Chamber's "Evening with Friends" dinner Oct. 8 in the Conrad Hilton hotel, Betty was presented the award by Joseph Palen, the organization's vice-chairman and director of community affairs for Signode Corporation. Bill Kurtis (in background), Channel 2 anchorman, was master of ceremonies. The Cosmopolitan Chamber of Commerce is the largest interracial trade group in the nation.



Katy Moriarty



Murph Neurauter

Mary Catherine (Katy) Moriarty, the CTA's first woman bus service controller, and Eileen (Murph) Neurauter, Customer Service representative and project manager of the new Culture Bus service, were awarded Certificates of Leadership for 1977 by the YWCA of Metropolitan Chicago. Katy and Murph were among the women in business and industry who were honored at the YWCA's "Leader Luncheon" Sept. 30 in the Palmer House.

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TRANSIT NEWS

FOR EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES
NOVEMBER, 1977

The Chicago Transit Board wishes everyone a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year.



James J. McDonough

Chairman



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Fondest Christmas Memories

The Christmas season is the time of the year which, among many pleasant happenings, brings back happy memories. The staff of TRANSIT NEWS asked a number of CTA employees to tell about the Christmases they will always remember. We hope these accounts will prompt you to think about your most memorable Christmas.

Csaba Zongor, graphics designer, Operations Planning:
"My favorite Christmas celebrations were those I spent as a child with my family, observing traditional Hungarian customs. We spent the week before Christmas in preparation. My mother made the cookies; my father would make candy; my grandmother made wrapping paper out of white tissue paper, and my sister, brother and I would help. Then, we all wrapped the cookies, candy and nuts, and hung them on a broomstick until we used them to decorate the tree the day before Christmas. You cleaned off the tree during the holidays by helping yourself to the goodies.

"We also went out caroling Christmas Eve, collecting friends as we went from house to house."

Larry Latham, foot collector, West Section:
"My favorite Christmas happened just last year. On Christmas morning, our six children presented me with a large beautifully-wrapped box. I opened it, but inside was another box. I did this several times and began thinking it was all a joke and that I'd probably wind up with a necktie.

"You can't imagine how surprised I was when I opened the last box (it was still a large one) -- and found a Union Pacific electric train set. It was an HO gauge passenger streamliner of my very own!

"I had been given a train as a boy in Dayton, but I never really had a chance to play with it, because my dad and uncle always seemed to be playing with it.

"I have added to my Union Pacific set now, so I have 5 freight as well as passenger cars. It is set up in my basement and always ready to go. And even my youngest -- my 13-year-old son -- knows he can't touch it, unless I'm there to supervise."

Mary Lou Guerrero, bus driver, North Park:
"I had emigrated with my family from a very poor town in Jalisco, Mexico, where the most beautiful part about Christmas was the family gatherings and special cooking, celebrated with religious rites and Christmas carols. The best part for the children was the breaking of a pinata hung in the middle of the patio, and I remember how happy and close we all were.

"I was 7 years old when I spent my first Christmas in the United States, and I will never forget how I stood staring at the beautiful Christmas tree my parents decorated. I had never seen one before. When neighbors and friends began arriving with presents, I just couldn't believe what I was seeing; and when the time came to start opening the presents, I didn't know which one to open first. That Christmas I felt like a princess."

Archange Cadichon, janitor, State street subway:
"There is no Christmas that can compare to the last one I spent in my native Haiti in 1964. I was 23 years old then, and living at home with my parents, two brothers and two

sisters. We lived in a small provincial town called Hinche about a seven-hour drive from the capital.

"Both my father and my mother each had four brothers and sisters, and they and their families joined us on December 24. Many of my relatives came on horseback from as far as 50 miles away. We all gathered at Midnight Mass at our church. Then, our cousins and my brothers and sisters and I went dancing in the main square of the town.

"We danced until 5 o'clock in the morning; then went home for two hours of sleep. When we got up for breakfast, we gave each other presents; and I remember how excited I was when one of my sisters, who was a teacher, gave me a wristwatch. It was something not so many people had.

"Later, we had our traditional Christmas dinner, including rice, beans and chicken cooked in Creole style. A lot of our food came from my father's farm, where I often worked, after school. We grew corn, rice, peanuts, tobacco and sugar cane."

Gus Alevizos, labor relations analyst:
"My most memorable Christmas was when I was eight or nine and my family went to a midnight service at a Greek Orthodox church on the south side of Chicago.

"It was special in two ways. It was the first midnight service I had ever attended. And I was able to take part in the singing of carols in Greek. I didn't know what all of the words meant, but I had been taught in school what they were."

C. Errico Miller, bus supervisor, Central District:
"I shall never forget the Christmas when I was 10 years old. My parents had said that no one should look at the presents under the tree until Christmas morning. But I couldn't help myself. I saw that there was a brand new bike. So when everyone had gone to bed Christmas Eve, I quickly dressed and slipped downstairs. I took the bike outside and rode up and down the street several times. Then, I wiped off the tires, and put the bike back near the tree. It was a secret I kept until I was grown up."

Electra de Alba, bus driver, North Avenue:
"When we emigrated from Mexico, we had to leave behind three of our children in Mexico with relatives. We tried very hard to expedite the legal processing to obtain their immigrant status into the United States. But like everyone else, we had to wait our turn.

"Then, in 1970, we were notified that our children would be able to join us by December 31. That was the best Christmas season for us! After a long separation of two years, we were finally able to be together again."

Arliss Jones, rail supervisor on loan as an analyst in Methods and Standards:

"As a child growing up in Louisiana, I thought it was really great to get the necessities such as high-top boots with a side pocket, gloves and the like for Christmas.

"I had never known what a tree could mean at Christmas until I was married. My wife and I hardly had more than a nickel between us, but we went out and bought a tree to celebrate our first Christmas together."

Ellen Kane Munro, lawyer:
"The Christmas I shall always remember was in 1969 when my husband returned from Viet Nam. He had not seen our daughter Laura in a year and a half, and I knew he

Fondest Christmas Memories

would be leaving a month later for a new assignment in Virginia. That Christmas was especially important to us. I realized for the first time what it was like being a family, as contrasted to just having a family."

Angelo Bianchini, clerk, Howard Terminal:

"Christmas of last year was the best of all. My wife, Pearl, and our son, John, 12, and daughter, Lisa, 10, and I took a plane to Los Angeles to spend Christmas with our older daughter, Mrs. Carol Fahey, and her family in nearby Torrence.

"The temperature was in the 70's Christmas Day, and it seemed unusual to see a beautiful Christmas tree in the living room of my daughter's home and at the same time see flowers in bloom in bright sunlight outside the picture window.

"The best part of Christmas, though, was that our family was able to get together for a wonderful time. The day after Christmas I went swimming in the Pacific ocean.

"I like California so much I am planning to take an early retirement and move there. My daughter owns a restaurant at Sunset boulevard and Vine street in Hollywood, and I am going to help her run it."

A CTA employee who asked that he not be identified: "It was in 1958 in my native country, Cuba, and I was a new employee of a tire manufacturing company. The other employees were smiling from ear to ear because they had received the customary Christmas bonus. I had been hired so recently that I did not qualify for a bonus.

"I was feeling very gloomy as I started home with only \$4 in my pocket. Then, I suddenly decided that I had so little to lose that I would try my luck playing black jack. Two hours later I walked out of the place after winning \$600.

"Unexpectedly, I had more than enough money to buy gifts for friends and family. But that experience will never be repeated because I am no gambler and that evening was just pure luck."

Miss Willie MacCormack, keypunch operator, Data Processing:

"My best Christmas was last year. My brother was in the Navy, and my mother and I heard a newscast about a ship that had had an explosion. We were worried because we thought my brother might have been on that ship. Finally, we got a call from him. He said he was all right, but he also told us that he would not be able to be home for Christmas. We got the best gift of all when he arrived four days before Christmas after having gotten an unexpected furlough."

Ralph Louis, insurance analyst:

"I will never forget Christmas when I was six years old because that was when I learned who Santa Claus really was. I was in the attic and found a lot of toys. I showed them to an older brother, who also still believed there was a Santa Claus who came down the chimney. We asked our mother and father about the toys. They explained that they had been Santa Claus, and then they told us the meaning of Christmas."

Louis Loebbaka, assignment clerk, Howard Terminal: "It was 1946. World War II was over, and it was the first time in five years that my sister, three brothers and I were able to get together with our mother and father in their home in Evanston.

"It was a wonderful day. There was enough snow to make the song "White Christmas" come to mind. Two Christmas trees flanked a wood-burning fireplace.

"My brothers and I had been in the army in Europe, but we hadn't served together. So that Christmas was extra special for us. Dad, who was a grocer, had obtained a 35-pound turkey, which mother prepared with all the trimmings.

"Sitting around the table and exchanging war stories made us realize how very fortunate we were. The four of us brothers served in the war and came out of it with only minor wounds."

Mrs. Shirley Boyd, receptionist, Transportation:

"Every Christmas has been wonderful. I think my biggest surprise was in 1975. After we had unwrapped the presents, my husband, Earl, said he had forgotten something. He went into another room and brought out a very large box for me. It was just what I wanted -- a television set for the bedroom." (Editor's Note: Earl Boyd, an X-ray technician for CTA, was asked, without knowing that his wife had been interviewed, what he considered to be his favorite Christmas memory. His answer: "When I gave my wife, Shirley, a television set for the bedroom.")

Samuel Stockings Sr., bus driver, 69th street garage:

"It was Christmas Day of 1975, and my wife, Ella, and our sons, Barry and Anthony, and I were gathered around the Christmas tree to open gifts. But one in our family was missing, our oldest son, Samuel Jr., who was with the army at Fort Benning, Georgia. Although I didn't say anything, I wondered why Sam Jr. hadn't mailed anything to his mother and brothers for Christmas.

"The doorbell rang and my wife went to the door.

'Guess what -- guess what!' she exclaimed. 'Sam is home!'

"He had been away in the army for more than a year and he had given no hint that he had a holiday leave coming. He came in with Christmas gifts in his arms.

"After breakfast, we went to services in the New Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, where everyone joined in welcoming Sam Jr. home for the holiday. He had attended church there with us since he was a child, and his being home and sharing Christmas and going to church with us was a thrill I'll never forget."

Michael Leavy, motorman, North Section:

"During my childhood in Dublin, Ireland, we used to visit the homes of neighbors on Christmas morning, sampling the traditional plum pudding until it was time to go to our own home for Christmas dinner. By that time, I wasn't hungry any more.

"The Christmas I remember best, though, was here in Chicago when my own children were growing up. I asked a friend to play Santa, and I left the basement door open so he could get in. I kept the children up till 11 o'clock so they could see him.

"When we went down to the basement to investigate after we heard him entering, there he was, looking just the way Santa should. But when he bent down to pick up my little boy so he could hold him up and give him a hug, all the stuffing fell out from under his costume.

"That was the end of that. No one believed in Santa from that day on."

Fondest Christmas Memories

Al Paul, attorney, Tort Litigation:

"I will never forget the Christmas of '67. I was a first lieutenant in the Army, and I was stationed at a remote radar site, on a 4,000-foot hill, 45 miles northwest of Fairbanks, Alaska, for seven months.

"Normally we spent our days reading radar signals and doing other work related to the defense of Fairbanks as part of the NORAD anti-missile system. But on Christmas Day, we went outside - it was 40 degrees below zero - chopped down a tree with our Army-issued hatchets, brought it into the officers lounge, and decorated it.

"Then we began to toast each other. We kept warm for the next couple of days."

Rafael Rodriguez, travel information agent:

"From December 16 through Christmas Day, most families in my childhood hometown of Caguas, Puerto Rico, would get up at 5 o'clock in the morning to go to church for the special religious services of that season.

"The balmy weather was so delightful that most of the times as soon as we came out of church, we would go for a quick swim in a nearby river. After the swim, we would go by a bakery to buy freshly baked bread, which we would eat on the way home.

"On Christmas Day, people were extremely friendly. As you walked by homes, in any block, you would be invited to come in to have a bite of food, a drink, or a cup of coffee. Everyone shared whatever they could on that special day.

"For children, it was fun all the way through January 6 when supposedly the Three Kings or Three Wise Men would arrive on their camels to leave presents.

"The custom was to look for a shoe box, which was not always easy to find. We would fill the shoe box with fresh grass and would place it under the bed to feed the camels which the Wise Men would be riding when bringing the presents overnight. The following morning the grass was gone, and a present was in the box."

Mrs. Colleen Camiano, hospital clerk, Insurance:

"I had the nicest Christmas when I was 11. It was the first time my father (Clyde Yount, now retired) had enough seniority to take the day off from his job in the CTA signal department.

"My mom had all the relatives over for a big dinner Christmas Day. There must have been at least 10 guests because they really filled the small house in which we lived.

"It started snowing, and kept it up, into the evening and the night. No one could go home. All of the cars were stuck in the driveway.

"So everyone stayed overnight, and we all squeezed around the table for a family breakfast the next morning.

"That day, Christmas continued through to the afternoon when the weather changed for the better and everyone was able to move the cars."

Tomas Larrea, travel information agent:

"Ecuador, like every other country, has its special way of celebrating Christmas. The festivities are mostly devoted to religious services, but it also is a very special occasion for the children.

"On Christmas Day people come out in the streets, like in a procession, singing Christmas carols and holding in a pedestal the figure of baby Jesus. In the crowd, there is a

man in a red costume with horns, supposedly the devil, who keeps teasing and tempting the children to misbehave. I remember those thrilling moments very vividly - a mixture of fear and temptation to play with the devil, screaming and running. It was very exciting.

"Last year, my family and I had the opportunity to spend Christmas again with our relatives in Ecuador; and even though we had a great time reminiscing, we missed Chicago and the snow. It wasn't the beautiful white Christmas to which we have grown accustomed since making our home in this city.

"But each place has something of its own. We have learned to love both."

Sue Roberts, Central Assignment:

"I'll never forget last Christmas when my husband thought he had hidden all of the presents in a closet. I had a feeling that he might have gotten me a new dress, but I was concerned because I was in the process of dieting and I wondered what size he might have gotten.

"So I opened one of the boxes, and sure enough there was a pretty three-piece suit. It was a smaller size than I had been wearing, so I decided to try it on.

"It fit perfectly, but as I was admiring myself in the mirror my husband appeared unexpectedly after coming home early.

"I was so embarrassed that I asked my husband what I could do to make up for what I had done. He teasingly told me that I could get him a suit. I took him seriously, and on Christmas Day surprised him with a suede suit he had seen and liked. That was in addition to gifts I had already bought for him."

Pat McCarthy, supervisor, Track and Structures:

"In 1940, just after World War II started, my mother, my three sisters and I were living in County Tipperary, Ireland, in Clogheen, a small farm town. My dad had evacuated us from London because of the bombing there. Dad, however, had to stay in London where he worked in the General Post Office.

"In England, Santa Claus is called Father Christmas; and before Christmas, the talk among us children, of course, was what Father Christmas would bring us. I was 7 years old, and had asked for an erector set; and my younger sister had asked for a doll.

"Dad knew about our requests, so when he left London for a surprise holiday visit with us, he had in his suitcase probably one of the last metal erector sets in Great Britain, and my sister's doll, along with gifts for mother and my two other sisters.

"Mother had given us permission to stay up late that Christmas Eve to wait for Father Christmas because she knew dad was en route. But it kept getting later and later, and finally all of us went to bed.

"What mother didn't know was that the train dad boarded in Ireland did not come as far as Clogheen, but ended its run at Thurles, 10 miles away. There were no buses either. It was a mild, moonlit night; and dad walked the 10 miles to Clogheen with his suitcase of gifts.

"When we awoke Christmas morning, we found that Father Christmas had brought what we had asked for. And, to make the day even better, we had our father with us for the holidays. Somehow we children never tied the two events together until a few years later."

An employee whose name is being withheld:

"My most unforgettable happy memory of Christmas time was when I was 7 years old. There were seven children in our family, and our father had a very low paying job.

Fondest Christmas Memories

Charitable Contributions—

'PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE'

Even though it was a beautiful time of the year, the Christmas season also was a time of yearning for us, because we knew that our family could not afford anything special.

"On the day before Christmas, while our mother was reading us a Christmas story, there was a knock on the door. A priest and two nuns from St. Pius church were there, looking tired and holding a large cardboard box which they said was a gift from the church for our family. They hugged us and wished us a Merry Christmas. The minute they left we opened the box with its surprises -- pairs of new shoes, nice clothing, toys for each of us, candies, and cans of delicious food and cakes. It was a Christmas dream come true that will remain fresh in my memory as long as I live."



Arnold D. Johnson, motorman, West Section:

"My greatest Christmas thrill occurred when I received a Lionel train on Christmas morning. I was 9 years old, and I had been wanting a train for a long time. I can still remember the number 999 painted on the side of the locomotive and the little pellets you could drop in the smoke stack to make smoke.

"There was someone in our house who didn't enjoy it quite as much as I did, though. We had a little puppy that stuck its tongue on the track when I was running the train. It got a pretty strong jolt of electricity, and part of its tongue stayed black for a long time afterward."



William J. Rooney, assistant superintendent, Kimball:

"Every Christmas Day has extra meaning for me because December 25 is my birthday. I was the second oldest boy in a family of nine children, and never had a birthday party of my own. It was always a family occasion, but I never felt cheated. I always got my share.

"There wasn't all that much to go around, though. I grew up in Jenkins township, just outside Pittston, Pennsylvania, where my dad was a miner. In fact, both my granddads settled there and became coal miners after coming over from Ireland. My dad has three brothers and four sisters, and my mom had six brothers and a sister, and they all lived in the same town.

"Since everyone had their own families to take care of, Christmas was a one-family affair; but it was still a grand occasion. We always had turkey, though the rest of the winter the meat would be bear or deer we hunted up in the mountains just a few hundred yards from the house.

"The only shops in town were taverns and a couple of grocery stores. You signed for everything you got until payday. You had to go to Pittston for most things. At Christmas, if I got a baseball cap or a catcher's mitt I thought I was the luckiest fellow in the world."



*Merry Christmas
To All!*

Dear CTA Employees:

During the next several weeks, your help will again be sought in CTA's annual Charitable Contribution Campaign. This is the time of the year when all of us have the opportunity of pledging to assist people who are less fortunate.

This year we are broadening our Charitable Contribution Campaign. In addition to contributing to the many services supported by the Crusade of Mercy, our CTA campaign will also provide assistance to a separate worthy cause--the fight against sickle cell anemia.

The suggestion to include support of the sickle cell anemia program in our Charitable Contribution Campaign was made by the employees through the CTA unions. We heartily endorse that suggestion.

As in other years, all employees of the CTA will have the opportunity to participate in the Charitable Contribution Campaign through a monthly payroll deduction plan. You may make a one-time cash contribution, but the payroll deduction plan is preferred.

Under our broadened Charitable Contribution program, 95 per cent of all contributions will go to the Crusade of Mercy and 5 per cent to the sickle cell anemia program.

You will be contacted soon by a fellow CTA employee to enroll you in the payroll deduction plan if you are not already enrolled or to suggest that you increase your deduction if you are already participating in the deduction plan.

We would hope that you could consider pledging the equivalent of one day's pay. For the year, this would amount to four-tenths of 1 per cent of your salary. This would be pro-rated and deducted over the 12-month period so that each deduction would be relatively small.

The CTA's theme is "People Moving People." For our annual Charitable Contribution Campaign, let us make that theme "People Helping People."

Sincerely yours,

James J. McDonough
Chairman

New T-Shirts Marketed

New colorful CTA T-shirts which for the first time have long sleeves are now available at city and suburban stores of Marshall Field & Co. and at several specialty shops.

Featuring a map of the CTA rapid transit routes, the new T-shirts are made of high-quality cotton, and are being offered in a variety of colors.

Especially attractive is the champagne shirt with the various routes in eight colors. Other shirts are of dark tones - red, blue, black, green and brown, with the routes in white.

The firm of Laven, Fuller & Perkins, 200 E. Ontario st., is producing the T-shirts under contract with the CTA. The contract provides for exclusive use of copyrighted CTA graphics with a royalty return to the CTA of 5 per cent of the wholesale return.

It is important to note that different types and sizes of the new CTA T-shirts are being offered at different stores. And it might be wise to call the store first, because the new shirts are proving to be very popular.

Here is where to shop:

WOMEN'S SIZES (various colors):

- *Carol & Co., 12 W. Division st.
- *Atlantis Arisen, 2300 N. Clark st.
- *For Her Shop, in the O'Hare Hilton Hotel at O'Hare airport.
- *Garden Boutique, in the Hyatt Regency O'Hare Hotel near the airport.

MEN'S SIZES (only the champagne color with map in eight colors):

- *In the Student Department of Marshall Field & Co.
- State Street
- Water Tower
- Evanston
- Old Orchard, Skokie
- Woodfield, Schaumburg
- River Oaks Plaza, Calumet City

CHILDREN'S SIZES (various colors):

- *In the Children's Department of Marshall Field & Co.
- State Street
- Water Tower
- Evanston
- Old Orchard, Skokie
- Oak Brook
- Woodfield, Schaumburg
- Oak Park

Modeling T-shirts are, left to right, top to bottom: Linda Bremer, Public Affairs; Reggie Daren, Medical; Jeanne Lane, Public Affairs; Judy Kolovitz, Group Sales; Therese McMath, General Finance, and Anit Leppiks, Public Affairs.

OUR COVER: Jeanne Lane (left) and Erin McMullan, of Public Affairs, model new long-sleeve T-shirts on the Orleans street bridge just outside of the Merchandise Mart.



New Promotions



Flowers

Robert E. Flowers, former supervisor, Rail Vehicle Shop, has been appointed superintendent, Rail Vehicle Maintenance. Flowers, who joined CTA as a car serviceman in 1949, served as terminal instructor, assistant foreman and foreman, Rapid Transit Terminals, before becoming unit supervisor, Terminals, in 1974. He and his wife, Margaret, have two sons and two daughters and live in Hoffman Estates.

Richard M. Schneider, former superintendent, Rail Vehicle Maintenance, is now superintendent, Automotive Vehicle Maintenance. Schneider started with the Chicago Surface Lines in 1944 as a clerk at Limits. He was later superintendent, Technical Services, Surface Division, and supervisor, Bus Shops. He and his wife, Barbara, make their home in Barrington.

Joseph A. Rosendhal, superintendent, Automotive Vehicle Maintenance since 1974, has been named special assistant to the director, Vehicle Maintenance. Rosendhal began his transit career as a repairman at Noble Street in 1947. He later became industrial engineer, superintendent, Material Control & Office Procedure, and superintendent, Surface Shops. He and his wife, Virginia, live in Mount Greenwood on the Far South Side.

In other Maintenance Department reassignments, Terrance J. McGuigan, former unit supervisor, Bus Garages, was appointed unit supervisor, Vehicle Maintenance Shops, and Matthew M. Coyle, former unit supervisor, Rail Vehicle Terminals, became supervisor, Rail Vehicle Shops.

Two former supervisors in Vehicle Maintenance Engineering have been selected supervisors, Methods & Standards, in the same areas of responsibility: William T. Haworth (Automotive) and Thomas P. Lyons (Rail). In new positions as supervisors, Bus Garages North and



Schneider

South, respectively, are Thomas S. Gecan, former unit supervisor, Bus Garages, and Donald Sturenfeldt, former supervisor, Bus Garages.

Appointed unit supervisors, Product Engineering, were John F. Lipka, former unit supervisor, Body Section, and John F. Humiston, former unit supervisor, Mechanical Section. Named unit supervisors, Methods Engineering, were Dennis N. Milicevic, former Methods & Standards engineer, and Joseph C. Puthumana, former supervisor, Methods & Standards.

A realignment of activities within the Claims-Real Estate-Sales Department has resulted in the appointment of supervisors for five new positions. Richard M. Dickieson, former sales coordinator, Charter Sales Services, is now supervisor, Sales Services. Lawrence M. Grey, former supervisor, Claims Examination (Property Damage), has become supervisor, Claims Examination (Property Damage & Bodily Injury).

Charles E. Marble, former supervisor, Information Analysis & Administration, has been selected supervisor, Administrative Services & Procedures. Nancy N. Nagel, former statistical analyst, Information Analysis, has been named supervisor, Information Services. Alan E. Neumann, former supervisor, Education & Research, has been reassigned as supervisor, Research-Development.

New as safety coordinators, Maintenance, are Ronald E. Cook, former bus serviceman, Kedzie, and John W. Johnson, former token clerk, Treasury. Lawrence Murphy, former conductor, North Section, has been appointed human relations specialist, Human Relations. Mohammed Khan has moved from methods-standards engineer, Maintenance, to planning analyst, Transportation.

Florence A. Salus, former clerk-



Rosendhal

stenographer, Maintenance, is now executive secretary-supervisor, General Operations.

Now serving as money handlers, Treasury, are former bus drivers Raymond Carson (North Park), Clarence Jenkins (Limits) and James R. Walls (52nd Street), and former bus serviceman Stephen Bubacz (Archer).

Michael V. Barry, former interviewer, Employment-Placement, has been appointed real estate representative, Claims-Real Estate-Sales. Reassigned to Claims as stenographer II is Judy R. Kolovitz, former stenographer I, Engineering, and as utility clerk, Gloria Buchanan, former hospital-dental clerk, Insurance & Pensions.

Walter L. Frye, former bus driver, North Avenue, has become shop tractor operator, Skokie. Dennis Winnick, former shopman I, Skokie, has been selected shopman II, Plant Maintenance. Nathaniel Thomas, former bus serviceman, 77th Street, has been named laborer, Materials Management. Otis Barnes, former bus serviceman, North Park, is now a bus driver, 77th Street.

Hattie Smith, former clerk-typist, Management Services, has been selected typist II, Public Affairs. Emanuel Haimann, station clerk, 52nd Street, has been reassigned to the same position at Kedzie. Marion Michaud, former clerk, Job Classification, has been chosen utility clerk, Insurance & Pensions.

Frances L. Calpin, former call directory operator, Employment-Placement, has been appointed dictating typist, Management Services. Delores Duff has moved from typist to utility clerk, Materials Management-Stores, and in Financial Services, Sharon Love has been reassigned from accounts payable clerk to verification clerk. Also in Financial Services, Homer Barron, former relief janitor, Bus System, has been named payroll clerk.

Chicago Sun-Times Covers Last Sunday Of '77 CULTURE BUS

By Kay Rutherford

Despite the cold and drizzle Sunday, there were more than enough passengers to fill the 11 a.m. Culture Bus as it pulled away from the Art Institute on the last day of its run for the year.

And one of the first persons on, sitting right up front, was Mary Casali, a senior citizen who proudly declared she'd ridden every Sunday since the Culture Bus began its 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. circuits of eight Chicago museums last May 29.

"It's terrible they're discontinuing it," said her companion, Helen Varga, a retired government employee. "It's a great idea. It brings people out of their homes — broadens their views."

Young and Old Liked It

And the culture bus ride certainly was different from any other bus ride in the city. Strangers young and old chatted with their

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seatmates and "ohed" and "ahhed" at the sights.

Some 24,000 people rode the bus between downtown and the University of Chicago during the summer. On Aug. 14, the busiest Sunday, 1,824 sightseers set forth. But with summer gone the passenger load has dropped to about 550, so the Chicago Transit Authority had discontinued the Culture Bus until spring, when it's hoped a North Side bus route will be added.

The commentator on the first leg of the journey down S. Lake Shore Dr. was 25-year old Steve Hastalis, who has memorized every turn on the route and facts about the things to be seen. He had to commit the tour to memory because he lost his sight when he was 7.

"I have the whole script down in Braille," he said, "but after the first couple of Sundays, I don't need it anymore. The drivers help me out when we're coming up to statues and things,

and I've memorized the turns."

As the bus disgorged about three-fourths of its passengers at the Museum of Science and Industry, it took on a few new riders and a volunteer commentator from the University of Chicago.

U. of C. Commentator

Earl Andrews, a sophomore from Sacramento, Calif., had tales to tell of Clarence Darrow and Houdini as the bus rolled through Jackson Park, as well as little known often funny, information about the university.

"People like stories, not statistics," he said. "Like (the late) Robert Maynard Hutchins, then university president, wandering into Rockefeller Chapel one evening. He discovered more souls were being made than saved and the chapel is now closed at 5 p.m.," Andrews said.

More passengers left at the Oriental Institute to view its treasures and to wander the university's quiet quadrangles. "Gee, it's another world out here," a young North Side man said.

Gazing at the gargoyles and neo-Gothic spires, he noted, "You'd think you were in the country. They've got real birds out here, not pigeons."

Rider Reactions

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Walton Minford, of Hillside, and Mrs. Joseph Leonardo, of Palos Heights, who are volunteer workers at Hines Hospital, rode the Culture Buses four Sundays. Minford said the CTA drivers and commentators were "very friendly and informative." Mrs. Leonardo said the Culture Buses are "one of the best ways to see Chicago."



Mary B. Casali, who works in the employee cafeteria at the First National Bank of Chicago and lives in the Loop area, rode the Culture Bus on each of the 22 Sundays and three holidays. She said: "It was very interesting and educational. I visited all of the museums."



Leonard Garrison, of Billings, Mont., said: "It's very good for tourists who don't know Chicago. It helps them plan their day."



Danny Bourland, of Walkersville, Md., doing student research work at Argonne National Laboratory, said he liked the Culture Bus "so much the first time that I came back for another Sunday."



Earl Andrews, a sophomore at the U. of C., said: "I took my first ride on the Culture Bus in September, and I enjoyed it so much that I volunteered to be a commentator. I liked commenting, particularly because the riders were so appreciative."



Claudia Burnett, a student at Corliss High School, who read about the Culture Bus in the newspaper, said she wants to ride again next year.



Jamie Garrison, a junior at Luther South High School, and Craig Stevenson, a junior at Lindbloom High School, visited all of the eight museums on the last Sunday of the Culture Bus service.



Pamela Holman, a student at Englewood High School, heard about the Culture Bus on the Channel 2 News. She said: "The Culture Bus is nice. I liked everything about it."



Jackie Forrest (left), a secretary for a firm in the Merchandise Mart, thought the Culture Bus was the best way to show Chicago to her mother, Barbara, of San Diego, during a visit here.

42,516 Rides Taken By 24,250 Riders

A total of 42,516 rides!

That was the prime measure of success of the first season of the RTA/CTA Culture Bus service.

The final count also showed that these 42,516 rides were taken by 24,250 riders.

And of the 24,250 riders, a total of 10,116 originated (or bought their Super Transferpasses) on the Culture Buses, and 14,134 originated (or had already bought their Super Transferpasses) on other CTA routes.

In view of this success, the CTA is planning to add a second route when the Culture Bus service is resumed next year. The second route would serve museums and other attractions on the near north side and in the Lincoln Park area.

This year's initial service was provided by the CTA in conjunction with the Regional Transportation Authority and the Chicago Council on Fine Arts.

The Culture Bus service was provided on 22 Sundays and three holidays, from

May 29th to October 23rd. Stops were made at eight museums along a sightseeing route which extended from the Art Institute along the lakefront to the University of Chicago area.

In addition to the Public Affairs staff, many persons collaborated to make the Culture Bus service a real team effort. George Krambles, CTA executive director, and Harold Geissenheimer, manager of the General Operations Division, always dropped by to help.

Eight students of the University of Chicago, under the direction of Luis Cuadros, of Puerto Rico, a junior, took turns as volunteers giving a commentary as the buses went through the campus. The other students were: Earl Andrews, of Sacramento, Cal., sophomore; Mark Brusco, of Mount Prospect, junior; Christine DeRosa, of Dolton, a junior; David Jaffe, of West Bloomfield, Mich., senior; Barry Friedman, of Rockville, Md., junior; Erica Peresman, of Pittsburgh, a sophomore, and David Wierz, of Mequon, Wis., sophomore.

CTAers working behind the scene were McKinley Porter, superintendent, and Arnold Hillstrom, chief clerk, 52nd street garage, who selected drivers for the Culture Bus runs. Emanuel Haimann, station clerk (until his reassignment to

Kedzie in October), checked each Sunday and holiday to make certain about the assignment of drivers. The buses were cleaned and readied for service by maintenance crews under the direction of James Glynn, a garage foreman.

Drivers from the 52nd street garage on the Culture Bus runs included Moses Clay Jr., Walter Falls Jr., Lafayette D. Garmony, Shirley L. Hobbs Jr., William C. Johnson Jr., Herman Lloyd, Charles W. Martin, Howard Moore, Robert Newman, Alvin Potts, Walter V. Sanders, and James R. Walls.

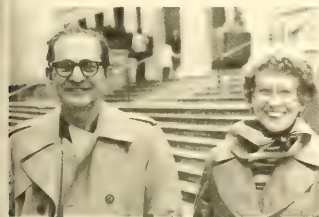
Among others of the Culture Bus team were Walter Prosen, superintendent, district B; John W. Perkins, instructor, Training Center; and Clevelon Brogdon and Roscoe Wilson, bus service supervisors, Central District.

Eileen (Murph) Neurauter, of Public Affairs, was project manager for most of the season. When she was on vacation in Egypt toward the end of the season, Jeff Stern, of Public Affairs, served as project manager.

Major contributions to the success of the Culture Bus service also were made by Operations Planning and Operations Graphics.



Robert and Freda Elberfeld, of Cincinnati, rode the Culture Bus while on their honeymoon in Chicago. Freda, who is a payroll clerk, said that the Culture Bus "makes a good impression on visitors to Chicago." Robert, a systems analyst, commented: "That bus was just what we were looking for."



Gary and Alice Behrendt, of Jamaica, N.Y., came to Chicago to attend a sales meeting, and stayed an extra day to see the city. Walking down Michigan avenue, they spotted the "Spirit of Chicago" bus destination sign, and decided to take the Culture Bus for sightseeing. Gary said: "The trip gave us a good feeling about the city. Chicago is amazingly clean, cleaner than other urban areas. It is a beautiful city."



Sheila Holman, a student at Englewood High School, heard about the Culture Bus from a friend. She said: "Everybody should ride the Culture Bus because it's a nice ride and you see places you've never seen before."



Joseph Campbell, office manager at the Walter Instrup Company, rode three Sundays. He visited the Oriental Institute the first Sunday, the DuSable Museum of African American History the second, and the Smart Gallery the third Sunday. He commented: "I know Chicago well, but each time I saw things I had never seen before, like the Stock Exchange Arch. Near Soldier Field before the Bears' game, I saw a woman police officer on horseback for the first time."



Seaman Recruit Walter Mixon, of Grand Marais, Mich., who graduated from boot camp at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, described the Culture Bus as "a great way to see places." He added: "Everything is big compared to where I come from; my town has four hundred people in it."



Kathy and Susan Anderson are sisters who grew up in Yonkers, N.Y., and who rode the Culture Bus while Kathy visited her sister in Chicago. Kathy, a student in an eastern university, said the Culture Bus was "a great way to see the city in a short time." Susan, now a nurse in Chicago, was impressed by "how friendly the CTA people were."

SURFACE

Photo history of transit in Chicago



Horsecars (1859–1906)



Cable car trains (1882–1906)



Four-wheel electric streetcars (1890–1914)

Red Pullman streetcars (1908–1954)



Open top double deck buses (1917–1937)

40-seat trolley buses (1930–1958)



VEHICLES

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Closed top double deck buses (1930–1950)



Green Hornet streetcars (1946–1958)

50-seat propane buses (1951–1976)



44-seat gasoline buses (1944–1963)



49-seat trolley buses (1951–1973)

50-seat air conditioned diesel buses (1972 to present)



A Museum Of Science and Industry Christmas

Thirty-six ethnic groups are participating this year in the annual "Christmas Around The World" Festival through Jan. 1 at the Museum of Science and Industry at 57th street and Lake Shore drive in Jackson Park.

The Festival includes a display of 30 pageants featuring folk music and dancing, Christmas trees in the museum's rotunda, programs by school and church choirs, and international buffet dinners.



Puerto Rican Decorations



Greek Decorations

Also, Austria, Denmark, Slovenia, Germany, Mexico, The Ukraine, Armenia, Ireland, Hawaii, Great Britain, France, Sweden, Croatia, The Philippines, Lithuania, Poland, Afro-America, and the United States.

The pageants are presented at 1930 hours each weeknight until Dec. 18, as well as on weekends.

The international buffet dinners, which require reservations, are offered each evening through Dec. 18 in a new Festival dining room. Call 684-1414 for reservations.

That is also the number to call for information about the programs. There is no charge for admission to the museum or for the Festival programs. Except for the

Christmas tree display area, the museum is open 0930 to 1600 Monday through Friday and 0930 to 1730 Saturday and Sunday. The Christmas display area is open until 2000 every day through Dec. 18. Closed Christmas day.



Czechoslovakian Decorations

Newly represented at the Festival are Latvia and Korea. Other countries represented are Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Czechoslovakia, Norway, Romania, Luxembourg, China, Serbia, Puerto Rico, Egypt, Finland, Greece, Japan, Switzerland, and The Netherlands.

TO GET THERE

CTA's No. 55 Garfield bus provides service to the door of the Museum of Science and Industry. Other bus routes within a short walk of the museum are the No. 1 Drexel-Hyde Park, the No. 28 Stony Island, and the No. 6 Jeffery Express (Mon-Fri).



Sergio Rodriguez Receives Medallion

Sergio Rodriguez, financial analyst, Financial Services Group, receives President's Medallion from the Rev. Raymond Baumhart, Loyola University president, at Founder's Day luncheon Oct. 25 in the Continental Plaza hotel. Rodriguez was one of 12 students awarded medallions for scholarship, leadership, and service. Rodriguez is working toward his master's degree at Loyola's Graduate School of Theology. He is also a deacon in the Roman Catholic church, for which he is doing parish work.

Joining him at the award luncheon were his wife, Nidia, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Juan Rodriguez, of Mexico City. The senior Mr. Rodriguez is a retired employee of a Mexico City transit agency. (CTA Photo by Bert Cadney)

Receives Award For Honesty

"Honesty is the best policy."

A cliché? Not to Michael Murphy, shopman in the Truck Shop at Skokie Shop.

Mike was recently awarded the Thillens (Checashers) Award For Honesty for returning money overpaid by their cashier.

He also received a check as a token of their appreciation.

In a letter to Robert S. Winther, superintendent, Skokie Shop, Mr. Mel Thillens, president of Thillens, Inc., said: "You are to be congratulated, Mr. Winther, for having personnel of this caliber in your organization." (Our thanks to Mary Hendrickson of Skokie Shop for submitting this item to Transit News)

Welcome Back!

Richard Cacini, who was recently discharged from the U.S. Army as a lieutenant out at Fort Carson, Colorado, would like to let his friends know he is back at work with CTA. Richard was on military leave for two years. He is now a clerk at Archer Garage.

CTA Comes To Aid Of ICG Commuters

No matter how large or small the need, CTA always stands ready to help its fellow carriers in an emergency. The largest operation of this kind was carried out late in August when CTA provided 75,000 shuttle rides to Burlington Northern commuters around the site of a train accident in west suburban LaGrange. (The Transit News, September 1977)

CTA's latest emergency operation was on a smaller scale, but was no less appreciated by commuters. It came as a result of a fire early Sunday, Oct. 30, in an abandoned warehouse on Baltimore avenue at 89th street. The rear of the building bordered the South Chicago line of the Illinois Central Gulf railroad, and even sections of a wall collapsed, debris blocked the tracks and interfered with the power supply.

ICG officials decided they would have to suspend service south of 83rd street until dangerous parts of the building could be removed, the debris cleared, and power restored. But this meant there would be no way that ICG trains could serve stations at 87th and

91st streets.

Bernard Ford, director of transportation for the Regional Transportation Authority, coordinated the emergency shuttle service early Sunday by contacting George Krambles, the CTA executive director. Richard Gross, assistant superintendent, District A, conferred at the scene with ICG's Henry Laundy, director of commuter services. At the direction of Thomas A. Shanahan, area superintendent, Bus Service, Gross and Joseph Grojean, relief superintendent, then developed the route for the shuttle service.

A shuttle bus was operating Sunday afternoon from the ICG stations at 91st and at 87th and Baltimore to 83rd street, where riders could board their regularly-scheduled trains.

Three buses ran at 15-minute intervals during the rush periods, and at other times the service was tailored to the need. By the time ICG restored its service for the evening rush period on Nov. 3, CTA buses had carried 2,782 ICG passengers on 158 trips.

Under the shuttle bus arrangement, commuters needed only to show their ICG riding cards to board buses. Train and bus schedules were coordinated.

Keeping the operation running smoothly were Robert Morris, Donald Allen, and Edward Greer, District A supervisors.



Lottery Brings Smiles

The winning smiles of John Keil, applications analyst, Data Center, and his wife, Dorothy, reflect their good fortune in coming up with the ticket numbers needed to collect an Illinois Lottery prize of \$10,000. Dorothy bought the winning ticket at the west side catalog order department of Sears Roebuck & Co., where she is an order clerk.

They said the prize was very timely, in view of the fact that their two daughters had been married during the summer.

CTA Pioneers To Install New Officers

New officers of the CTA Pioneers organization will be installed in ceremonies at the 12:30 p.m. Jan. 3 meeting in the Golden Flame restaurant, Higgins road and Nagle avenue.

William Pinasco will be sworn in as president; Raymond "Pinky" Moran will become first vice president; George May, second vice president; Carl Larsen, secretary, and Willard Lyons, treasurer.

Scheduled to be installed as directors are Frank Aske, immediate past president; Ralph Kugelard;

Clarence Lind, and Everett England.

The CTA Pioneers has 433 members and its membership consists of retired employees of CTA and its predecessor companies.

The organization holds its meetings at 12:30 on the second Tuesday of each month at the Golden Flame restaurant. Membership dues are \$1 a year.

Four of its regular meetings are designated Ladies Days when spouses and friends of members are invited to attend.

Associate Judge Lionel J. Berc, of Cook County Circuit Court, wrote to commend driver Curtis M. Anderson (North Park garage) for his alertness and courteous conduct on a Broadway bus which the judge had boarded in the Loop. "I was jostled and my wallet was removed from my trouser pocket.

"On complaining loudly to the driver, he turned around and saw a youth drop a wallet to the floor. He kept all the doors closed and called for police by radio through his dispatcher. Although some passengers complained and sought to leave the bus, the driver remained cool and courteous until police arrived, found the wallet and took the boy into custody, allowing the bus to proceed."



Curtis M. Anderson



Frankie Collins

for the lady's glasses, purse and packages. The passengers remained seated and quiet--not a grumble about the delay."

Frankie Collins, conductor, South Section, was commended for the "excellent way" she handled an incident on a northbound Howard Btrain one afternoon at Wilson. Mrs. Ruth Pyster, of Catalpa avenue, said, "I heard a commotion and moaning, and when I turned around, a lady was on the floor of the car and the 'conductress' was comforting her.

"She was marvelous, reassuring the lady that the ambulance was on its way, announcing the delay to the rest of the passengers, and even watching out

commendation corner

An early morning rider on Norman L. Sney's King Drive bus (77th Street garage) said she feels fortunate to have been served by such a concerned driver. Ms. M. Carter, of Vernon avenue, said, "He visually checks for his regular passengers if they aren't at the bus stop and waits for them if they're within a reasonable distance. He extends himself in many instances for his passengers, and I'm sure they all appreciate him. I feel that his concern is outstanding because there is so much going on in this city and it can be dangerous standing on the corners early in the morning."

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Anthony Ceriale, driver of a Pulaski bus (North Avenue garage), was praised by Geraldine J. Szpekowski, assistant loan manager of a bank on Milwaukee avenue. "I boarded the bus at Diversey. The driver was most gracious and courteous. He greeted each passenger with a 'Good afternoon' and 'Thank you.' Departing passengers received the same courtesies.

At intersections where there was a connecting bus, he waited for passengers. In my opinion, he is a driving advertisement for the CTA."

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Conductor Charles B. Young (West Section) was complimented by Philip J. Hellerman, of Ainslie street, a regular rider on a rush period Congress-Milwaukee train northbound from the Loop. "His voice is clear and loud. It does not matter whether the train is an old one or a new one. He also provides more information than the usual 'No smoking' and station stops. He indicates what kind of train we are riding (A or B), announces the transfer points, and tells what connecting bus routes are available at the stops. He even calls the stop for the Greyhound bus terminal and traffic court.

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Levell Gatson, driver of a Roosevelt Road bus (Kedzie garage), was thanked

for his prompt assistance one afternoon by Sister Susan Keferl, SND, of Holy Family Seminary on South May street. "As I stepped on the bus, a teenage boy came up behind me and tried to grab my purse. As I struggled with him, I fell to the ground. The driver braked the bus and came after the boy. I really appreciate his help and commend his willingness to become involved. Happily, I did not lose my purse."

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James Young, Jr., a janitor (B District) who works nights in the State Street subway, was thanked for recovering and turning in a wallet he found in a trash basket. The wallet's owner, Velvet Barreras, of Cullom avenue, said, "Please tell him how much I appreciate his thoughtfulness. Having my wallet returned to me saved me endless phone calls to department stores regarding stolen credit cards and reapplying for a driver's license, I.D.'s, etc., not to mention priceless pictures that are one of a kind to me."

Michele: No Stranger To Royalty

Michele K. Desvignes is no stranger to royalty.

Michele, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Desvignes, far south area superintendent in the Transportation Department, was one of 230 undergraduate students at the University of Chicago to lunch with His Royal Highness Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales.

The luncheon was held Oct. 19 in the Cloister Club, part of Ida Noyes Hall, which is one of the student centers on the campus. Decorations, which included huge replicas of the royal coat of arms and the seal of the University, were made for the occasion by a student.

The students joined John T. Wilson, president of the university; Jonathan Smith, dean of the college, and the Prince in toasts to Queen Elizabeth and President Carter.

Michele has also made acquaintance with King Gustav of Sweden when she visited Kalmar during a trip to Sweden in 1972.

In 1974, Michele met The Abba (traditional ruler) in Lagos, Nigeria. At that time, she was living in Nashville, Tenn., and happened to know Skeeter Davis, the country-western singer. Ms. Davis decided that she would do a concert tour of Northern Africa, but Michele told her that she should not go without her.

"I guess I was just in the right place at the right time," says Michele.



The Bulls Needs Depth

By W. B. Wolfan

Chicago sports teams -- 1977 vintage -- have taken a buffeting so far, particularly in baseball where the White Sox and Cubs raised premature hopes for a cross-town series, only to fall by the wayside in August and September.

Many fans thought the Bears, a young team that coach Jack Pardee is still rebuilding, had a good chance for a Central Division title, but setbacks by New Orleans and Atlanta were solar plexus blows to the overly optimistic Bear fans.

The Chicago Bulls may be a bright spot in the sports picture if they live up to their capabilities this season. The prospects are good. The Bulls have some real stars who should make the playoffs and they have strengthened their bench.

There isn't any question that the Bulls are a hustling club, but they must find a way to counteract the zone defenses that Artis Gilmore will face every time he starts a game. Otherwise the going may be rough.

In one of the early season games which the Bulls lost to the Milwaukee Bucks, the zone around Gilmore was made up of as many as three defenders at one time.

With Gilmore in that kind of tight quarters it is pretty obvious that the Bulls offense gets tied up in knots. A strong pressure defense can stop the Bulls, and Milwaukee did exactly that in an early season defeat for Chicago.

In defeating Houston at the start of the season the Bulls looked good. At one time they were behind 15 points but there was no panic upon the part of the Bulls and they finally pulled that one out by a 107-103 score.

Reserve strength in the person of John Mengelt and Nick Weatherspoon is going to help the Bulls eventually. Coach Ed Badger wants to work in his rookies whenever he can to give them much needed experience in NBA basketball. Lack of experienced reserves is a weakness Badger worries about.

The three rookies are Tate Armstrong, Mark Landsberger and Steve Sheppard. This trio has the potential but experience is lacking in actual competition. They need plenty of playing time this season.

The starting lineup is a strong one, providing its members stay healthy. Much depends upon the breaks. As we said earlier, Gilmore is a marked man. The opponents will key on Artis in every game. So the slack will have to be taken up by Mickey Johnson and Wilbur Holland.

Coach Badger believes that the fate of the Bulls may well be determined by defense over the long haul.

Perhaps the reserves may be a partial answer to the defensive problem, but coach Badger needs at least one more strong defense man he can throw into the breach if needed.

It is this column's opinion that the Bulls will improve as the season goes on but it will be awhile before they regain the form they displayed against Portland in last year's playoffs. It depends upon a factor that doesn't show in the record books -- desire. That quality is a "MUST" for a winning team.



The gift factory at the North Pole has been working overtime this holiday season with extra elves being called in to man the production line. Even Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer, has been pressed into service to haul the elves in from outlying icecaps.



But Santa Claus has more than his share of problems this year, the principal one involving the over paid athletes from the pro baseball, basketball and football worlds. The question for Santa is -- what do you put into a stocking for an outfielder who gets 3 million bucks for swatting a little round pellet a few hundred feet?

While Santa pondered, one of the secret agents among the elves sneaked a look at the Christmas list for the sports stars and leaked it to the press. There are some very interesting requests on his list. Here are some of them taken out of context:

The Chicago Bears -- "Send us another Dick Butkus and once again they'll be cheering at Soldier Field and prone bodies of quarterbacks will be all over the place."

The Chicago White Sox -- "Give us the spirit of '59 mixed with go-go lotion. That's all we need for a divisional flag."

The Chicago Bulls -- "Give us a player like Rick Barry and a couple of defensive guards and our holiday will indeed be merry."

The Chicago Blackhawks -- "Santa, all we want is another Bobby Hull. Take a look around the icecap -- maybe you'll find some one."

Cincinnati Reds -- "Gee, how we'd like to have that old gang of ours back at Riverfront Park, especially Don Gullett."

The Kansas City Royals -- "All we need, Santa, is a little bit of luck."

Charley Finley, Oakland A's -- "I want a carbon copy of that new song -- 'Oh, Reggie, Oh Reggie, where art thou?'"

Bo Schembechler, University of Michigan -- "Bring us a new little brown jug, Santa, ours is gone to Minneapolis and with it went my football team."

Woody Hayes, Ohio State -- "Leave me some of those prep stars from Ohio who go to that other school up north."

George Steinbrenner, the Yankees -- "Don't need a thing except maybe a Cigar Store Indian for the dugout."

Bowie Kuhn, Baseball Commissioner -- "I want a return to the old days when most ball players couldn't even spell the word litigation."

The Oakland Raiders -- "Another Super Bowl check so all of us can buy new Cadillacs."

The Philadelphia Phillies -- "Dear Santa -- please tell us how to get started at the beginning of the season instead of mid-July."

Chicago Fans -- "Santa, please, oh, please, give us a winner of some kind, even if it's only at Sportsman's Park."

The last word we had from the North Pole was that Santa made up his mind in one area. When he guides his reindeer over Yankee Stadium on Christmas Eve, Rudolph will sky-write the following words: "Dear Reggie and Billy -- Peace and good will to all -- yours, Santa Claus."

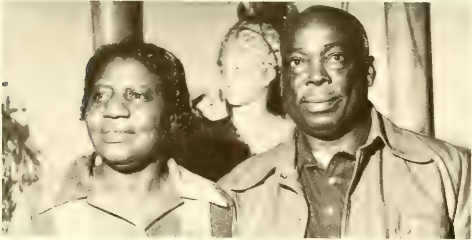
CTA Senior Citizen Retirement



Discussing finishing touches for the CTA Senior Citizens Retirement Organization dinner-dance in Ferrara Manor, North and Central avenues, are (from left), Clarence Lind, 1st vice-president; Bernard "Ben" Scholz, president; Joe Nolan, general manager, and Jack Kalka, secretary.



Enjoying the pre-dinner social hour are (from left), Leroy Graham, Mrs. Clara Berry, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gosse.



Mr. and Mrs. Vern Swan again pause by a Roman statue to look for acquaintances among the throng attending the dinner-dance.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keag (center) receive greetings from Joe Nolan and Ed Wiss.

"Retirement is not just the end of a career, it is the beginning of a whole new way of life," says Joe Nolan, general manager of the CTA Senior Citizens Retirement Organization.

Nolan says his organization has nearly 1,000 members and each month attracts between 250 and 350 members to its dinner dances in Ferrara Manor, North and Central avenues. Dinner dances are held the last Tuesday of each month.



Table partners Mr. and Mrs. Bernard "Ben" Scholz and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hennelly.



Enjoying a friendly get-together are board members Lawrance Ber- mingham (left) and Maynard "Pinky" Moran. Mrs. Moran is at right.



Redo Hall (left), sergeant at arms, greets Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Martens.

Organization Dinner Dance

The CTA Senior Citizens Retirement Organization is open to all senior citizens. It is a non-profit, tax exempt organization. Life membership is \$10. The organization is headquartered at 1304 N. Laramie av., Chicago, Ill., 60651. The telephone number is 287-9058. It is affiliated with the Greater Chicago Council of Senior Citizens and the National Council of Senior Citizens, Washington, D. C.



Mr. and Mrs. James Lacki purchase their dinner-dance tickets from Jack Kalka, secretary.



Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hill and Ed Wiss exchange greetings. Hill and Wiss are board members of the organization.



Mrs. Emily Klecker (left) and Mrs. Mary Kanczynski join their husbands, Ed Kanczynski (second from right) and William Klecker on the stairs at Ferrara Manor.



After admiring statuary in Ferrara Manor, Bill Platt (left), CTA director of Job Classification, Human Resources Department, George Clark (center), and Myles Harrington, organization board member, head for the dining room.



Board member Jim Tucker (left) joins Pete Meinardi (second from left), consultant to the organization, in welcoming Mr. and Mrs. John Finch.



Mr. and Mrs. James Hardy are serenaded by Art Hitterman of the Ferrara Manor staff.



Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Lembachner seem to be in the mood for a fun time as they arrive for the dinner-dance.



Unloading the prefabricated section of the bus passenger shelter.



Attaching the back and side sections of the shelter.

CTA Shelter Experts At Work

Six employees of the CTA's Plant Maintenance Department have become experts in the installation of bus stop shelters.

With plenty of experience behind them, they now install a shelter in a speedy 45 minutes.

The crew regulars are Bob Cagala, Louis Velez, Brian Athern, Eugene Clifford, and Rich Pilarski. The crew leader is Bob Johnson. They are all sheet metal workers who report to Steve Kudelka, sheet metal foreman.

The truck driver for the crew is usually Otha Hall.

The shelters are pre-fabricated in four basic sections—the three walls and the roof. Installation work includes mounting the feet, levelling them, and then anchoring them into the concrete base. Then all sections have to be riveted together.

The CTA is currently installing 100 bus

shelters which are in addition to the 100 installed last year. The first one of the new order was erected Monday, Oct. 31, southbound in Orleans street at the Merchandise Mart Apparel Center.

The CTA is also installing 70 shelters provided by the City of Chicago.

Sixty-five of the new shelters will be 8 feet, 3 inches in length, and 35 shelters will be 12 feet, 4 inches long. The other measurements of the two sizes are the same—5 feet, 8 inches wide and 7 feet, 6 inches high.

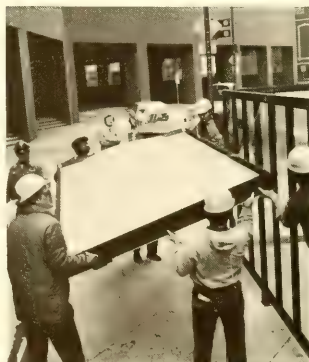
The shelters are similar in design to the 100 initial shelters erected last year. The sides and backs of the shelters are of transparent non-breakable plastic panels. The street side of the shelters is open. The top is off-white translucent plastic. The frames are aluminum with a bronze finish. (CTA Photos by Mike Hoffert)



Drilling holes into concrete for bolting shelter to sidewalk.



Bolting the shelter to the sidewalk.



Raising the roof of the shelter.



Attaching the roof to the sides of the shelter.

NEW PENSIONERS

EDWARD ADAMS, Night Foreman,
52nd Street, Emp. 11-19-45
ERVIN BREST, Janitor,
Archer, Emp. 8-08-41
LOUISE M. DREWS, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 1-12-57
JOHN M. GALVIN, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 5-31-51
WILLIAM M. JONES, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 10-03-52
PETER KONDRATUK, Bus Repairer,
Kedzie, Emp. 9-13-44
LOUIS R. MUELLER, Asst. Station Supt.,
North Park, Emp. 8-15-45
PHILIP A. PATERNOSTER, Janitor,
Limits, Emp. 8-12-54
GEORGE D. RELSTAB, Asst. Supt. School,
Limits, Emp. 7-17-41
GERTRUDE M. YARDLEY, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 1-16-60

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

MARVIN BRINSON, Car Repairer B,
61st Street, Emp. 5-09-51
GERALDINE D. BUTLER, Assignment Clk.,
Lake/Randolph, Emp. 8-04-71
JOSEPH E. HASSMAN, Car Serviceman,
54th Street, Emp. 2-12-60
JOHN W. WHITSELL, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 10-13-69

Service anniversaries in November

35 years

C. F. Derrick, Central Counting
A. J. Hubacz, Safety
P. H. Karowsky, Howard-Kimball
T. W. McMahon, District A
H. M. Ringo, Beverly
B. L. Roskuszka, Maintenance
N. A. Spitali, Utility
J. P. Wilczynski, North Avenue

25 years

H. E. Austin, Kedzie
D. E. Bowen Sr., Utility
H. Browning, North Avenue
P. F. Healy, Archer
A. Jackson, Limits
L. Lupetini, Skokie Shop

30 years

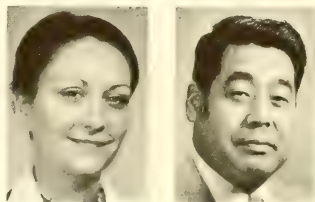
L. B. Cantwell, District A
W. N. Cecich, Utility
S. E. Dein, Forest Glen
S. Dorich, Stores, South
W. G. Gerber, Stores, South
W. A. Harris Jr., 77th Street
J. W. Jackson, Kedzie
E. F. Johnson, Agents North
R. Kempe, Skokie Shop
B. Klatt, South Shops
E. Kuemmel, Forest Glen
J. McDermott, Electrical
F. S. Nash, 61st Street
V. Ondrias, 69th Street
J. A. Rosendhal, Automotive Maint.
J. Salamone, Electrical
E. J. Schurz Jr., Forest Glen
J. F. Tarczewski, South Shops
H. Walters, North Avenue
M. W. Warchol, North Avenue

N. Martin, Ashland/95th
K. A. Paetsch, Maintenance
W. G. Reynolds, District C
P. G. Stephens, Skokie Shop
R. Washington, 69th Street
J. Williams, Electrical

IN MEMORIAM

FREDA BECK, 82, North Section,
Emp. 9-15-27, Died 8-22-77
ALEXANDRO BOMBICINO, 93, Kedzie,
Emp. 6-10-03, Died 9-03-77
OSCAR BREITENBACH, 93, Elston,
Emp. 7-27-18, Died 9-23-77
ANDREW BUCARO, 84, Way & Struct.,
Emp. 7-06-36, Died 9-28-77
GRADY H. COLLINS, 71, Kedzie,
Emp. 3-21-44, Died 9-29-77
JOHN E. CONWELL, 77, 69th Street,
Emp. 5-09-22, Died 9-02-77
THOMAS W. CRAIG, 67, 77th Street,
Emp. 9-11-47, Died 9-14-77
AARON DECKER, 84, Lawndale,
Emp. 4-07-43, Died 9-08-77
RUDOLPH DORNER, 80, Kedzie,
Emp. 9-28-27, Died 9-28-77
ALBERT A. ELIZALDE, 87, Limits,
Emp. 10-24-44, Died 9-16-77
JOHN FITZGERALD, 82, 77th Street,
Emp. 1-26-15, Died 9-05-77
EDWARD A. KALL, 81, 69th Street,
Emp. 5-13-24, Died 9-28-77
THOMAS P. KURAS, 73, Lawndale,
Emp. 12-14-28, Died 9-09-77
STANLEY LUKASZEWICZ, 59, Electrical,
Emp. 12-16-50, Died 9-16-77
JOSEPH MARCHESE, 76, Engineering,
Emp. 5-03-21, Died 9-11-77

THOMAS MCCLUSKEY, 81, Lawndale,
Emp. 10-15-43, Died 9-29-77
JOHN J. McMAHON, 63, Marketing,
Emp. 8-15-42, Died 9-13-77
JOHN E. MEMPHER, 87, 77th Street,
Emp. 9-11-22, Died 10-05-77
ALBERT G. MIELICH, 91, North Section,
Emp. 4-18-13, Died 8-08-77
THOMAS F. QUINAN, 70, North Section,
Emp. 4-07-28, Died 9-04-77
GLADYS RADCLIFFE, 82, North Section,
Emp. 9-24-26, Died 9-21-77
FRANK SCHENDL, 67, North Park,
Emp. 6-25-42, Died 9-19-77
EVANDELOS SKOPIS, 85, Kimball,
Emp. 7-09-27, Died 9-19-77
OWEN SMITH, 92, 77th Street,
Emp. 5-28-18, Died 9-06-77
GEORGE SOUKUP, 76, Forest Glen,
Emp. 9-22-42, Died 9-09-77
FRANK M. WAGNER, 69, Kedzie,
Emp. 5-10-45, Died 9-29-77
AUGUST WAHLBERG, 80, South Shops,
Emp. 1-04-24, Died 8-30-77
JAMES WIVINIS, 76, South Section,
Emp. 3-21-24, Died 9-24-77
VIRGIL E. WOLFE, 63, North Park,
Emp. 2-16-42, Died 9-22-77
FRANK M. YERMAN, 70, 69th Street,
Emp. 1-12-29, Died 9-25-77



Our Apologies—

—to Susan A. Thieme (left), former management development coordinator, who has been named superintendent, Training Center, Transportation Department, and Paul H. Kadowaki (right), who was named superintendent of Bus Instruction, Kimball.

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how to go by bus, 'L'-subway
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fall-winter, 1977-78



The CTA's new fall-winter '77-78 Route Map featuring the Chicago Public Library Cultural Center on the cover is now available at 'L'-subway stations and bus garages, library branches, hotels, and public building information booths. The new map also features the home schedules of the Black Hawk hockey team and the Bulls basketball team.

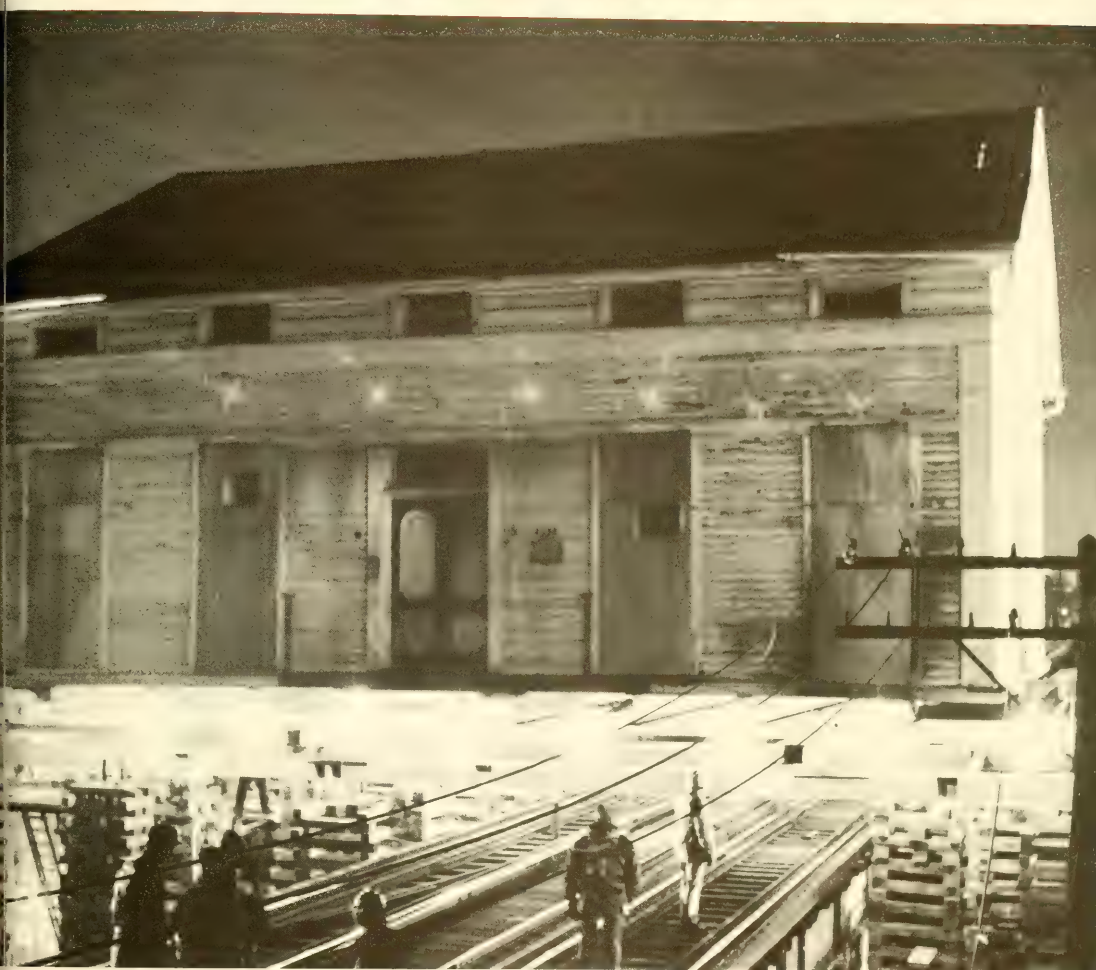
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Chicago's Oldest House Moves Over The 'L'



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It never happened before, and it probably will never happen again.

And chances are that Chicago is the only place where it could happen:

Moving a house over the "L".

The object of this unusual event was Chicago's oldest house -- a two-story frame dwelling with a rough-hewn oak framework which was built in 1836, a year before Chicago was incorporated as a city.

Historians refer to it as the Widow Clarke's House.

Getting the 120-ton structure over the "L" -- at 44th street on the South route -- was the hardest maneuver in a special project by the Chicago Public Works Department of moving the old house from 4526 Wabash av. to 1871 Indiana av.

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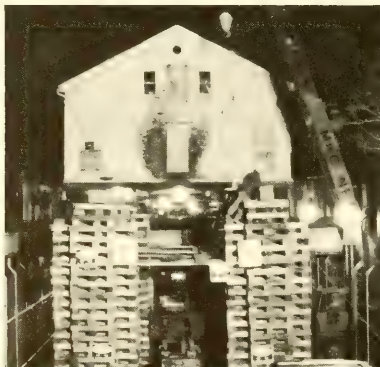


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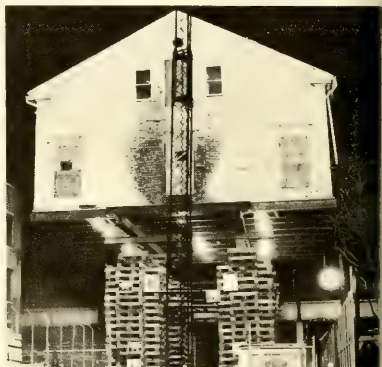
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The Indiana avenue address, which is near the original site of the house, is in a newly designated Prairie Avenue Landmark District of historic mansions. The Widow Clarke's House has been declared a Chicago Landmark and has been placed in the National Register of Historic Places.

It was much like a festive block party as spectators gathered in the frigid owl hours of Sunday morning, Dec. 4, in 44th street near Calumet avenue to watch the house go over the "L". The CTA turned off the power from midnight to 0545 hours, and riders were shuttled by bus between the 43rd and 47th street stations.

The mover, under contract with the city, was the Belding Corporation, of West Chicago, a heavy rigging and machinery moving company which in 1978 celebrates its 100th year.

In the week before, by means of hydraulic jacking equipment, the house was placed on cribbing towers on the west side of the "L" structure to a height of 27 feet, well above the track level. Similar cribbing towers were erected on the east side.

After the power was turned off at midnight, two large I-beams were laid above the tracks from the cribbing towers on one side to the towers on the other. The house sitting on Milwaukee dollies was pulled across by means of a winch mounted on a tractor on the east side of the "L" structure, with a holdback cable and winch on the west side.

The day before, Arne Jarnholm, Belding's project manager showed a sense of humor, as well as engineering confidence when asked about the prospects of getting the house over the "L" without mishap.

"Oh, I'm sure we will make it all right," replied Jarnholm "But if we shouldn't, there would be the biggest pile of kindling on the tracks you ever saw. And if that should happen, I would have my passport in my pocket."

The actual move of the house over the tracks took 1 hour and 10 minutes, and occurred between 0240 and 0350 hours.

In charge for the city was Marshall Suloway, Public Works Commissioner, assisted by Jerome R. Butler Jr., City Architect, and Daniel Majewski, project manager for the Public Works Department. The CTA's coordinator for the move was Ronald Rolings, Superintendent, Structural Engineering.

During the next three days, the hydraulic jacking equipment was used to lower the house to street level on the east side of the "L".

Because of weather conditions, the last stage of moving the house through the streets to the Indiana avenue location did not take place until Sunday, Dec. 18. For this move which took eight hours, the house was securely placed on a 62-dollie wheel configuration, and drawn by a truck attached by pull-bar to the load.

The route for this trip was mostly by way of Martin Luther

Opposite page:

1. In position before the move.
2. Looking from the west on night of move.
3. Installing I-beams across the tracks.
4. From the east just after the move.

This page:

1. As it looked at 4526 Wabash Av.
2. Moving north in King Drive after move over the 'L.'
3. Turning the corner at 31st and King Drive.



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King drive, 31st street and Michigan avenue. Special precautions were taken to move the house over the bridge of Stevenson Expressway at Michigan avenue. For all of the trip except for the bridge, 62 pneumatic airplane tires were used for the rig; but for the bridge crossing, to spread the load, the number of tires was doubled, to a total of 124.

After restoration and furnishing, the Widow Clarke's House at its Indiana avenue location is expected to be open to the public late in 1978.

Ruth Moore Garbe, Chairman of the Prairie Avenue Landmark District and a member of the Commission on Chicago Historical and Architectural Landmarks, said the house is to be furnished in authentic pieces of various periods up to the Civil War. The house is to be operated by the Colonial Dames.

The house, of Greek Revival style, was built by Henry Brown Clarke, a pioneer hardware merchant, on a 20-acre tract near 18th street and Indiana avenue. It was the equivalent on the south side to a mansion built on the north side by William B. Ogden, Chicago's first mayor.

Clarke, at the age of 47, died in a cholera epidemic in 1849; but his widow, Caroline Palmer Clarke, continued to live there with her children until her death in 1860. During the 1850s, the Widow Clarke House was a favorite stopping place for families taking buggy rides into the country on



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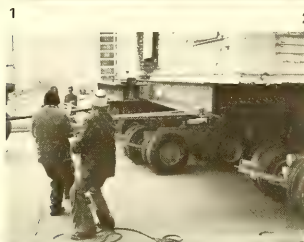
Sunday afternoons.

Shortly after the Chicago fire of 1871, the house was bought by John Chrimmes, a prominent tailor. The fire of '71 had missed that part of the south side, but Chrimmes feared a repeat of the fire and had the house moved beyond the city limits in what was then the rural township of Hyde Park. This new location later became 4526 Wabash av.

John Chrimmes died six years after moving his residence to Hyde Park township, and the house then became the home of his daughter, Mrs. William H. Walter, and her husband. William Walter, a livestock commission merchant, died in 1933; and his widow continued living there until her death in 1939. The house then was taken over by their daughters, Lydia and Laura Walter, both public school teachers.

In 1945, the Walter sisters sold the house to Bishop Lewis Henry Ford and the Saint Paul Church of God in Christ. The church, with its main property next door, used the house for expanded activities and made it available for community gatherings. However, several years ago, Bishop Ford and his congregation indicated they would like to have the house removed to permit a more functional expansion of their church activities.

(More photos on page 4)



1. Moving across Stevenson Expressway at Michigan Avenue.

2.—3. Installing extra rubber-tired dollies for crossing expressway.

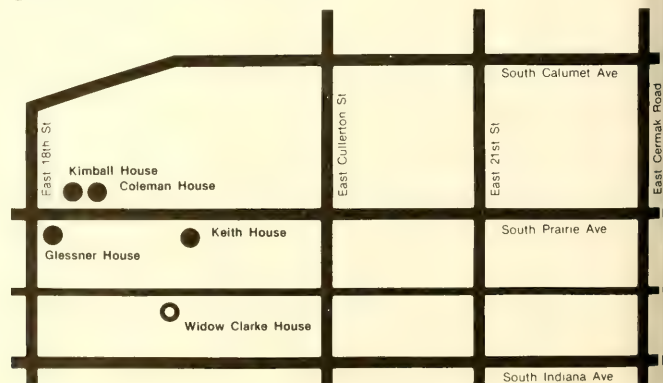
4. Arriving at 1871 Indiana Av. in Prairie Av. Landmark District.

Prairie Avenue Landmark District

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CTA Offers New Monthly Pass

A new monthly pass priced at \$25 is being added to the CTA's schedule of incentive fares which are aimed at producing greater riding and more revenue.

At first, the new pass -- good for any number of rides during the month -- is to be sold to employers who in turn will make the passes available to their employees.

Then, after gaining experience with this new type of fare, the CTA intends to sell the monthly passes directly to individuals.

The new monthly pass together with other innovative fares of recent years will give the CTA the distinction of having an unusual combination of incentive fares.

The other innovative fares are the Bargain Fare and Super Transferpass on Sundays and holidays, the RTA Universal Transfer, and the CTA Transfer which is good for all kinds of trips as long as the last ride begins within one hour after the time punched on the transfer at purchase.

The plan to sell monthly CTA passes was announced Dec. 6 at a press conference in the Ritz Carlton Hotel. Speaking at the press conference were Karl D. Bays, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the American Hospital Supply Corporation; James J. McDonough, CTA Chairman; Daniel Baldino, a Board member of the Regional Transportation Authority, and Mayor Jay Lytle of Evanston.

Also in attendance were Edward Martin, Evanston City Manager; Lawrence G. Sucsy, CTA Board member, and George Krambles, CTA Executive Director. As the CTA's representative, Sucsy worked with officials of Evanston and the American Hospital Supply Corporation (AHSC) in developing the monthly pass plan.

As the first company to use the CTA monthly pass, AHSC is to begin making the passes available to its employees at its headquarters in Evanston in February. AHSC has developed an unusual plan whereby it is increasing salaries to cover the costs of either parking or public transportation and then offering employees an additional incentive to use transit by reselling the \$25 CTA monthly pass to its employees for \$18.75, at a 25 per cent discount.

The CTA Board on Dec. 7 adopted an ordinance to create the new \$25 monthly pass, and the RTA Board on Dec. 21 adopted an ordinance for the pass for the American Hospital Supply employees.

Mayor Michael A. Balandic praised the CTA for developing the monthly pass plan and announced that Chicago's Economic Development Commission would begin featuring the pass plan as an added convenience for Chicago businesses and industries.

"This innovative CTA plan will allow Chicago businesses to offer employees transportation benefits without going to the expense and effort of providing parking facilities," said Mayor Balandic. "It also will be a tremendous aid in cutting down traffic congestion, putting land to better use, and saving energy."

Chairman McDonough reported that, as an immediate response to the news announcement about the monthly pass, the CTA received inquiries from more than a dozen other large employers indicating an interest in buying passes for their employees.

"We are confident that the new monthly CTA pass plan will be given wide reception among employers in our large service area," said McDonough. "Selling the new pass through employers is the first step. After gaining experience with this new plan, we intend to make the pass available for sale directly to individuals."

"For the large area that we serve, we believe the monthly CTA pass can bring about much greater use of our public transportation facilities," said McDonough.

"We believe the monthly pass will be especially attractive to employers whose locations are downtown and in other



Karl D. Bays, AHSC Chairman



CTA Chairman McDonough



Daniel Baldino,
RTA Board Member



Mayor Jay Lytle of Evanston

crowded areas where parking is a difficult and costly problem.

"It has become common practice among many employers to provide parking at no charge to make access to work easier for employees who drive," McDonough explained. "The parking spaces, which are worth \$30 to \$50 a month, have thus become a fringe benefit, but only for the auto-using employees."

"The transit riding employee who historically has paid his own way since the invention of the automobile has in effect been by-passed in contrast to employees benefiting from the provision of parking."

"In view of the energy crisis, street traffic congestion and the growing concern about our environment, it is especially timely for employers providing employee parking to consider also offering employees the incentive to use public transportation with the monthly pass," said McDonough.

The monthly pass plan was well received by the news media. For instance, an editorial by radio station WBBM said the pass would encourage greater use of transit, which in turn would "conserve fuel, cut traffic congestion, and save valuable land space for something other than parking lots." The editorial concluded: "This CTA monthly pass plan represents the kind of innovative thinking so necessary to the metropolitan area."

Celebrating New Year's

Here is a sampling of how some of our CTA employees celebrate New Year's and how they feel about making resolutions.

Louis (Ed) Ford, bus driver, North Avenue garage:

"I've worked a late night run on Belmont avenue the past few New Year's Eves, so my celebrating has been strictly low-key. On New Year's Day, my wife and daughter and I usually have a ham or turkey dinner and then visit relatives in the afternoon.

"I'm a firm believer in New Year's resolutions. In 1973 I resolved to quit smoking, and I've stuck by it. It took a lot of willpower, but I knew I could do it. I quit smoking once before and stayed away from it for 10 years. I only started again because everyone else seemed to be doing it. This time I expect to stay off."

Ricca James, ticket agent, Kimball:

"I expect this New Year's Eve would have to be my most glorious ever. I always wanted to have a big party, and this was the year to celebrate. I started planning for it in October.

"I was married in July, and I wanted to show my appreciation to all my friends who helped me out. Some of them even watched my apartment while we were on our honeymoon.

"I made my New Year's resolution early. I wanted to have a baby, and I'm determined that 1978 is going to be the year!"

Joe Piento, senior power supervisor, Control Center:

"I've had to work for the last six years in a row on New Year's Eve. But having a house full of family and friends over the holidays this year makes up for the offbeat working hours.

"We got my sister and her family to join us from California for the first time ever, and my wife's closest friend and her family picked this year to come from Colorado. We celebrate the traditional Polish way, with meals of fish and dumplings, breaking the oplatek (a wafer) before we start and wishing each other the best for the new year.

"I make pretty practical resolutions, and then do my best to live up to them. I try to hold down both my spending and my weight. If I force myself to put something in the bank every payday, it'll be that much easier to send my kids to college. When I watch my diet, I know I can keep my back from bothering me, so there's plenty of incentive to follow through."

Loavance F. Ashley, Sr., claim representative, Claims Law-Real Estate:

"New Year's Day is always very quiet in our household. My wife and I usually see the new year in with a select group of friends and relatives in someone's home.

"At the stroke of midnight we all kiss our mates and wish each other a happy and prosperous new year. On New Year's Day I watch the football games with my son and indulge in the traditional black-eyed peas dinner. All during the day my other children come in and out with my grandchildren.

"This year I hope I can keep my resolution to stop smoking."

William Jones, unit supervisor, Rail Janitors:

"I remember the time my wife and I used to stay at home on New Year's Eve. Now we go to parties with close friends and relatives and wait for the clock to strike midnight. At midnight I kiss my wife and make a few resolutions I hope to keep throughout the year.

"On New Year's Day I usually rest up from the night before by watching the football games."

Ronald Tuck, job analyst, Human Resources:

"I usually spend New Year's Eve with friends at a quiet gathering. I cook a bit myself, and New Year's Day is a day to be with the family and enjoy all the traditional soul food my wife and I cook. Between cooking and eating, we and our two children watch all the football games of the day.

"In recent years, I've resolved to be less chauvinistic and to work on a particular attitude I've had. For the last four years I've made a lot of progress in improving my attitude toward women. I have been able to deal with women on a more equal basis and have accepted the fact that they are an intricate part of society."

Loretta Eadie-Daniels, staff counsel, Tort Litigation:

"In past years my husband and I brought the New Year in with close friends at a party. This year, however, we made reservations at one of the largest hotels for their annual New Year's celebration.

"I haven't made a resolution since early childhood. In those days I made them all the time, but I never kept them."

Marjorie Holmes, human relations specialist, Human Resources:

"The number one priority on my list each year is to attend church on New Year's Eve and end up praying when the new year comes in. My family is usually with me at this time. After the church service I usually stop by at a small house party with close friends.

"I feel it's significant that I try to be thankful for the successes in the past and prepare myself spiritually and emotionally to face whatever I may encounter in the New Year. I use this as a foundation for everything I may become involved in.

"As for a resolution, I make one every year, but I don't remember ever keeping one. On New Year's Day my family gathers at my grandmother's house for the traditional black-eyed peas."

Mrs. Nancy Sholdice, library clerk, Library:

"Our family observes a Scottish tradition on New Year's Day which says that the first person who crosses your threshold must bring in something to eat, like a coffee cake. You don't open the door unless that person brings food, to insure bounty and food for the rest of the year.

"I make extremely simple, realistic New Year's resolutions which I can stick to, like putting so much money aside each week for savings. I've accomplished 50 percent of my goals; next year I'd like to catch up on the other 50 percent."

Julian Dowell, bus driver, North Park garage:

"I'm from Hartsville, Tennessee, and every year we return to our little farm town with a population of 2,600 people for a big feast at grandma's. On the menu are black-eyed peas, mustard and turnip greens, macaroni and cheese, hog jaws (jowls), ham, roast beef and eggnog made from cow's milk. Of course, for dessert there are the cakes, sweet potato pies and cobblers.

"On the farm, the first cold days after Thanksgiving are called hog killing time, and because of the way pork is processed, it is the only meat that will not spoil. Black-eyed peas are in season at this time, and that is why we eat them for 'good luck' in the coming year.

"My family makes one joint resolution on New Year's, and that is to see more of one another during the coming year. We also pray together and wish each other a happy, healthy and prosperous new year."

Priscilla Kamradt, secretary to the director, Contract Construction:

"I have made a lot of New Year's resolutions, and I must say, I've managed to keep most of them. A couple of years ago, I vowed to get my weight down below 110 pounds. I weighed 119 then. I managed to get down to 101 pounds, which is ideal for a woman who is 5 feet 2 inches tall.

"Another time I resolved to save as much money as I could. I mean I really scrimped. When Christmas time came around I had enough to buy my husband a photo enlarger for his darkroom and still had some left to get him a pair of skis for his birthday.

"As for New Year's Day, my husband and I usually go out visiting relatives and friends; that is, if we have not been up late at a party the night before."

Arthur J. Thomas, blind case clerk, Claims/Real Estate/Sales:

"We planned to celebrate the New Year with my wife and her family in New Orleans this year. We've always had a rather quiet but pleasant celebration in the past. We usually attend a New Year's Eve party and wait for the clock to strike midnight. Then we all kiss our favorite person; in my case, it's my wife.

"It's senseless for me to make any resolutions because invariably they are broken. I've decided that making a resolution isn't going to make any changes in my life."

J. C. White, assistant superintendent, Beverly garage:
"On New Year's Eve I stay home with my wife and family. At the stroke of midnight we all say a prayer and thank God for allowing us to come through another year, and for doing so many things for us in the past year.

"On New Year's Day my wife always cooks a pot of black-eyed peas, and my mother-in-law makes New Orleans eggnog, which we sip throughout the day while receiving close family friends and watching the football games."

The recipe for New Orleans eggnog is:

1 cup of sugar;

8-10 eggs;

1/5 bourbon or rum;

1 gal. milk;

1/2 pint whipping cream

Separate the egg yolks from the white and cream the yolks with the sugar. Slowly stir in the bourbon and add the milk. Beat the egg whites until stiff, and fold into the mixture. Then add in the whipping cream.

Michael Veltri, superintendent, Douglas-Congress:

"My wife and I go square dancing on New Year's Eve. We weren't going anywhere until two years ago, when we bought tickets to the dance at the Ribbons and Bows club in the western suburbs. We usually square dance once or twice a week."

Tina Avila, administrative training coordinator, Personnel Department:

"I celebrate New Year's with an Italian family where it's traditional not to eat before midnight - it's a fast that starts the night before after supper. At midnight we eat grapes for good luck, and a traditional meal of ravioli and wine.

"At home, we always made the Spanish pinata out of papier-mache for the children. They play a Latin version of pin the tail on the donkey by being blindfolded, then chasing the pinata with a stick, trying to hit it. When it breaks, all the children run for the candy that was inside.

"I have made resolutions I have kept; two years ago I decided to quit smoking and quit cold turkey. It took me six months, though, to win the battle over the urge to smoke.

"I have an ongoing self improvement resolution underway, and I plan to increase my supply of plants in 1978."

Johnny Haney, clerk, Kedzie garage:

"My wife and I party with our family and friends New Year's Eve, although there's no set pattern as to where we'll go. At 12 o'clock we sing Auld Lang Syne."

Mrs. Judith Genesen, reference librarian, Library:

"We spend every New Year's Eve with another couple, our oldest friends. We may go to an early theatre performance, then come home for dinner and celebrate with a glass of champagne at midnight.

"My New Year's resolution is always the same: to lose those last five pounds."

Mrs. Barbara Flake, secretary to the director, Plant Maintenance:

"We have a comfortable way to bring in the New Year. We usually have a quiet evening, a very reverent evening, giving thanks that we're seeing in another new year and for our health, and praying for our family and friends. Then we attend the midnight mass at St. Nicholas Church in Evanston.

"Our feeling is to take time just to communicate with the Lord. Then we wake up in the morning with a feeling of confidence, and hope for the best in the coming year.

"New Year's Day is a day of rest for my family; I like to cook and so we have a big dinner."

Chris Kalogeras, director, Plant Engineering:

"My wife, Pauline, son, George, and I celebrate two holidays each January First. Besides New Year's Day, we observe St. Basil's day, which is celebrated by members of the Eastern Orthodox Church all over the world. We always attend St. Basil's Church at Polk and Ashland, and then gather with family and friends for dinner.

"The dinner host usually makes vasilopita, or Basil Bread, for this festive occasion. When kneading and shaping the loaf, the sign of the cross is drawn on the surface and a coin wrapped in aluminum foil is hidden in the dough before it is baked. When served with dinner, the host, or the head of the family again cuts the sign of the cross into the Basil Bread. It's then divided equally among the guests. The person who gets the coin is going to have a very lucky year. Should the knife of the host strike the coin, the host gets to keep the coin and he'll have an especially good year.

"The name William means the same as Basil, in the Greek community, and many of those so named celebrate with an open house for their family and friends on St. Basil's day. It's a day of tradition."

Charles Gage, supervisor-chauffeur, Utility, West Shops:
"My kids - aged 10-26 - come home for dinner New Year's Day. We have the traditional black-eyed peas, sweet potatoes, and corn bread; a full meal to start off the New Year.

"Also, no woman can come into the house until a man comes in first so we have good luck the rest of the year."

John Gallagher, station clerk, Forest Park terminal:

"I've worked every New Year's Eve since I came to this country from Ireland and started with CTA 17 years ago. This year I'm going to be off; I've finally got enough seniority to celebrate. Maybe the freedom came as too much of a shock. I never got around to making any special arrangements."

Sok Paek, community news representative, Public Affairs:
"Back in Korea, we tried to stay awake till the first rooster crowed on New Year's Day. Youngsters were told that if they fell asleep on New Year's Eve, their eyebrows would turn white. Sometimes for a joke their eyebrows were colored white while they slept. Traditionally, you know, noise-makers were sounded and fireworks set off to drive away devils and evil spirits. On New Year's Day we dressed in our finest clothing and visited relatives. The children were taught to make deep bows to honor their elders and grandparents. Wine and soup called Tokguk were always served.

"Here in Chicago, we have no parents or elders to visit, but on New Year's Day, my wife and I and our three children dress up, go to church, have our turkey dinner, and then settle down with the rest of America to enjoy a long afternoon of football on TV."

Robert Stevens, station clerk, 52nd street garage:

"If I don't work, I like to party on New Year's Eve. My wife and I have a circle of friends and relatives, and we get together at home or at a restaurant. I have a few cocktails and am in a joyous, cheerful mood, and we bring the New Year in with a bang.

"I'm not making any resolutions. Once I made one to give up sweets and fattening food to lose a little weight but I never kept it."

Elda Leal, community news representative, Public Affairs:
"One of the traditions that I recall was the thorough clean-up of the house just before New Year's Day. Every single room had to be spotless because the priest at the nearby church would come to all the homes to bless them for the new year. In that way, the house would be free of evil spirits, and we would start the new year off with a clean and blessed house.

"Most families would attend midnight mass on New Year's Eve, and afterwards have a gathering which would last until the early morning hours of New Year's Day. They would munch on bunuelos (a flour pastry, spread very thin in a round form like a tortilla, and then fried in oil)."

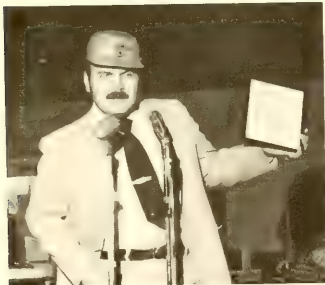
Safety Awards Presented



Above: Beaming with pride over North Avenue's fourth quarterly public safety award in the last seven quarters, Ward Chamberlain, superintendent (left), offers congratulations to outstanding drivers Helen J. Rivera and Thomas Philpott, as Hugh Masterson, assistant superintendent (center), and Tom Boyle, manager, Safety, look on.



Left: Winning safety awards is an old tradition at North Avenue. Superintendent Chamberlain shows off an award the station won for accident prevention in 1926 that he recently restored to its original brass splendor. Besides polishing up the Chicago Surface Lines symbol and figures of a motorman (left) and conductor, Chamberlain also replaced the glass cover on the barometer (center), giving the plaque continuing usefulness.



Left: George C. Haenisch, supervisor, Bus Shops, holds the employee safety contest award South Shops won in its competition with Skokie. Skokie won the previous quarter's award.

CTA Photos by Eric Blakely and Julius Brazil.

Left: A special award was presented to Kimball terminal for its second consecutive quarter with no employee accidents. John Antonucci, foreman, accepts the award acclaiming Kimball's six straight months of working without injuries while Richard Lorimer, foreman, 61st Street, listens.

Right: A perfect record of no accidents among employees brought 98th Street terminal the third quarter employee safety contest award in rail vehicle maintenance competition. Aaron Swoope, foreman, holds the award while Michael Vasquez, unit supervisor, Rail Vehicle Terminals, offers his congratulations.



In winning its second quarterly public safety award for 1977, 61st Street terminal also reduced its accident frequency rate for the first nine months of the year by 51 per cent compared to the same period of 1976. From left to right are Stanley Christ, superintendent; Tom Boyle, manager, Harold Geissenheimer, General Operations Manager; Ardis Morris, assistant superintendent, 61st Street; Vic Coleman, assistant to the manager, Transportation, and Jim McLane, assistant superintendent, Ashland.



At Beverly, John Guinee, day foreman (left) receives the employee safety contest award in garage competition and a hand shake from Don Sturenfeldt, supervisor, Bus Shops. Beverly made a dramatic turnabout, reducing its accident rate by about 85 per cent from the second quarter, when it placed last in the contest.



Culture Bus Queen

In Land Of Pharaohs

Eileen (Murph) Neurauter, Customer Service representative and project manager of the Culture Bus, returned recently from a tour of Egypt; and, besides introducing CTA's T-Shirts to the Land of the Pharaohs, she took notes on some of her once-in-a-lifetime experiences:

Friday, October 14 - Cairo:

The city of the Silent Sphinx and the honking horn. The traffic is something else. At night they drive with parking lights only; to cross the street is an Olympic endeavor. The buses stop, hesitate if fully packed, and move on. A few people grab the door handles. Some try climbing through the windows, but everyone seems to think this is a normal thing.

Saturday, October 15 - The Tent Show:

Nightclubbing--Egyptian style--is in a large striped tent on the warm desert sands behind the pyramids. Proved to be an enjoyable evening. The village people put on their dance exhibitions, including the whirling dervishes. The food was a variety; naturally, there were shish kabobs. After eating about eight little hamburgers, I was informed: "Ah, madam likes chopped pigeons!"

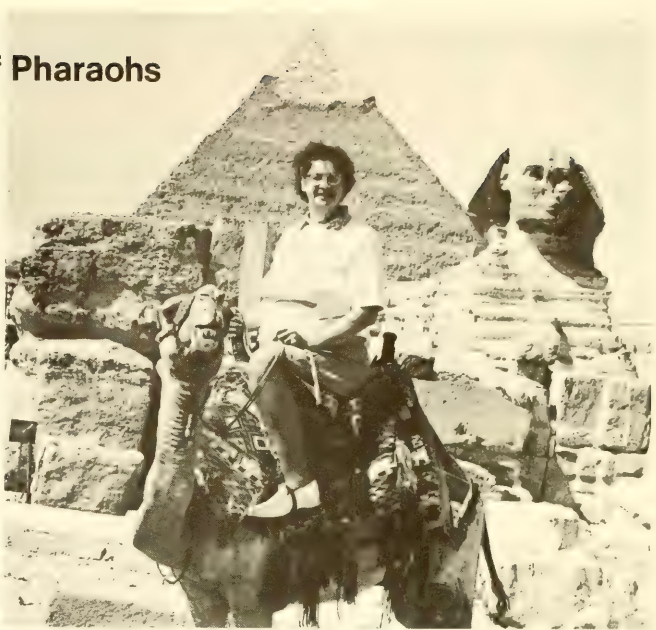
Sunday, October 16 - The Pyramids, Sphinx, and a Camel Ride:

Wow! No wonder these pyramids are considered one of the seven wonders of the world! As you stand at the bottom looking up, you wonder what holds those big rocks in such a perfect shape. A little old man in a long, flowing, striped robe and big turban took my hand and assured me he would see me safely to the entrance of the tomb which, from my viewpoint, seemed very high up indeed.

Up we went. He seemed to drag me, willing or not, with words of encouragement. "Little girl, come on," he would say. After climbing up two levels, I was really sweating and beginning to think I should have stayed on the tour bus. But I made it, and I still have to admit I was proud of this accomplishment.

The little man took my ticket--by now just a tiny crunched-up ball. I followed him into the opening on the side of the pyramid. I walked--it felt like two miles--and it got darker each step of the way. I saw the passage slope up toward toward the real entrance to the tomb and a flight of what looked like fire escape stairs going straight up. I said very quietly, "You go up--I go out."

So, very ladylike, with heart pounding, I followed the light back to the entrance, sat on a rock, and waited for my group to finish their tour. As I sat there watching the camels go plodding by, I wondered whether I should try riding on one of them or not.



Everyone warned me they are smelly, ugly beasts of the desert that spit and try to throw their riders. With this in mind, I went prepared--sugar cubes, kind words and my No. 11 Lincoln Bus T-Shirt to give me courage.

Abdullah, the biggest camel they could find, didn't really get a chance to see me as they had me climb up on him from the side while he was squatting on the ground. From the pyramids down to the Silent Sphinx I rode--clip-clop, swing and sway. I felt like Cleopatra, and I got so good I only had to use one hand to hold on. It was a thrill I'll never forget. The question is--will Abdullah ever forget me?

Monday, October 17 - Abu Simbel:

Pharaoh Ramesses II was the most famous Egyptian warrior king. The two temples he built at Abu Simbel were saved from the flooding waters of the Nile and the Aswan Dam through a special UN fund. The temples and huge statues--carved out of rock and raised to an elevation above the water's reach--were dedicated to Ramesses and his favorite wife, Nefertari. A magnificent sight to see.

Thursday, October 20 - Luxor:

Luxor means many things--Karnak and Luxor temples, Valley of the Kings and, of course, the ever-flowing Nile River.

Karnak holds many treasures of the past, and at night a beautiful, moving "Sound and Light" presentation takes you back thousands of years into the glorious history of Egypt.

A felucca sailboat trip across the Nile took us into the hot desert and the wondrous Valley of the Kings--site of King Tut's tomb. We went to a small entrance in the side of the mountain rock, and as I climbed down the steps, heavy dust and sand filled my eyes and mouth.

But it was a very thrilling moment when I finally saw in front of me the gold sarcophagus of Tutankhamun--my reason for coming to Egypt! I had a strange feeling I was living in the past.

Back in Luxor, they were filming Agatha Christie's book, "Death on the Nile," at the old English hotel. While riding along the Nile in our buggy, our handsome young Egyptian driver was stopped and asked if he would report for work in the picture the next day. We're all looking forward to seeing this picture with real pleasure.

One of the most memorable moments of the trip was at night, when you could hear amplified on a speaker the call to prayer from atop the mosques. It sent little goose bumps up your arms. You saw men walk slowly toward the mosques in their flowing robes or modern Western dress. It was then that you realized time has changed things very little in this wonderful land.

(Editor's Note: Hereafter, if you happen to visit the Land of the Pharaohs, you may see the eighth wonder of the world--a large man tending camels while wearing a CTA No. 11 Lincoln Bus T-Shirt, contributed by Murph to her camel guide as a token of international goodwill.)

RAPID TRANSIT CARS



Steam engines, Lake Street 'L' (1893-1896)



Steam engines, South Side 'L' (1892-1898)

Wood-steel electric cars (1895-1957)



All-metal center door 4000 series cars (1914-1965)



Worlds first multiple-unit electric cars (1898-1930)



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All-metal 4000 series cars (1922–1973)



All-metal articulated cars (1947 to present)

All-metal 6000 series cars (1950 to present)



Air conditioned 2200 series cars (1969 to present)



Air conditioned 2000 series cars (1964 to present)



Air conditioned 2400 series cars (1976 to present)



CTA Christmas Fiesta

On Dec. 3, a group of Latin American CTAers organized their second annual Christmas party, which was a big success. The event took place at the Liceo Cubano Hall, and the affair was attended by more than 150 people.

The entertainment was provided by La Nuestra orchestra and Jessie Arneli, Jamaican singer. There was a raffle with gifts donated by businessmen of the Spanish-speaking community.

Committee members were Felipe Gonzalez and Martha Morales, Human Resources; Elda Leal, Public Affairs; Electra de Alba, Georgina de la O, and Jose Flores, Transportation; Irma Muniz, Pensions, and Rafael Rodriguez, Travel Information.

Frank Rodriguez, travel information agent, and his fiancée, Ines Paniagua, were one of the best dancing couples.



At table, Mr. and Mrs. Vic Coleman, Mrs. and Mr. Fred King and Harold Geissenheimer. Standing, Felipe Gonzalez and Elda Leal.

In charge of the door prizes were Jose Flores, ticket agent, and Electra de Alba, bus driver. They are awarding a prize won by Mrs. Hilda Gonzalez.





Juan Rodriguez, Jose Ascencio, Rene Vargas (left-right)



In front, Patricia Urbano. Standing (left-right) Rose Munoz, Paty and Connie Flores and Celia Rincones (bus operator) in back, Harold Geissenheimer.



Included in this group are Irma Muniz, Martha and Jorge Morales, Angel de la Torre, Juan Muniz, Rafael Rodriguez, Ines Paniagua and others.

60 Swedish Visitors Spend A Day At CTA

One of the largest groups of international transit experts ever to visit the CTA spent a day learning about CTA operations and touring CTA facilities on Nov. 17.

The group consisted of 60 members of the Swedish Public Transport Association and represented transit officials from throughout Sweden. The leader of the group was Ingemar Backstrom, Chairman of the Swedish Public Transport Association and General Manager of Greater Stockholm Transit. Curt Elmberg, Deputy Technical Director of Greater Stockholm Transit, was the interpreter.

The day at the CTA began with a welcome from Chairman James McDonough. Participating in the morning's program were George Krambles, Executive Director; Tom Buck, Manager of Public Affairs; Harold Geissenheimer, General Operations Manager; James Blaa, Manager of Transportation; Joseph Repplinger, Manager of Maintenance; John Hogan, Manager of the Datacenter, and Bernard Cunningham, Manager of Government Grants for the RTA.

Tours of the Control Center and the Transit Information Center followed the morning's presentations.

In the afternoon, the visitors took a sight-seeing tour of Chicago's lakefront, rode the Skokie Swift to the Skokie Shops for a briefing on the shop's activities, and then toured the Jefferson Park transit center before departing for O'Hare Airport and the next stop on their North American Study Tour.



Curt Elmberg, Swedish interpreter, translates the remarks of Carl Kempka, unit supervisor, electrical testing, in the Power Supervisors section of the Control Center.



In the Control Center, Rail Controller Ollie Winston explains CTA rail operations.



At Skokie Shops, the visitors stopped to view equipment for checking axles.



Left: On a sight-seeing tour of Chicago that included visits to the Skokie Shops and the Forest Glen garage, George Krambles, CTA Executive Director, gave a running commentary. Curt Elmberg (right) was the interpreter. Ingemar Backstrom (left), Chairman of the Swedish Public Transport Association, was the group leader.



Right: At the Jefferson Park terminal, Swedish visitors pass through turnstiles after riding trains on the Kennedy route.



Matt Coyle, supervisor of Skokie Shops, leads a group of visitors on a tour of the shop's facilities.



Terry Collins, communications consultant for the CTA, explains the features of the bus controller's radio console.



In the Transit Information Center, Tom Coyne (right), Director of Travel Information, looks on as Swedish visitors watch the recording of incoming calls on the Call Director.



Swedish visitors board refurbished articulated car No. 51 at Skokie Shops for ride on the Skokie Swift.

Frances L. Thomas (Limits garage) "was one of the best drivers I have ever encountered," said Ms. Catherine Morrissey, of Belle Plaine avenue, about her ride on Thomas' 153 Wilson-Michigan bus. "She pulled to curbs, maintained a steady speed with smooth stops and starts, and somehow managed to take bumps in the streets easily. "She was invariably courteous in answering questions and seemed knowledgeable, giving brief but accurate and complete information as required. Some are better drivers than others. She is certainly one of the talented ones."



Conductor Richard S. Bretz (North Section) won the approval of Charles R. Cohen, of Skokie, for being "a very thoughtful and talented employee who does fine work. On the northbound Howard 'A' train I was riding, he made very intelligible and detailed announcements regarding train and bus connections at approaching stations. He also scattered friendly and witty remarks that drew smiles from all of the passengers and made me forget how tired I was. "Employees such as this gentleman can improve riders' attitudes as much as a multimillion-dollar fleet of new rail cars can. I hope you will give him due recognition."

commendation corner

An "outstanding performance" by Michael L. Kusen, driver of an Irving Park bus (Forest Glen garage), was brought to CTA's attention by James J. Harrington, who lives on Irving Park. "As I was leaving the crowded bus by the rear door, I felt a tug at my back pocket. On reaching the sidewalk, I realized my wallet was missing.

"I called loudly 'Stop the bus!' I ran to the front door and re-entered. When I told the driver and passengers what had happened, the driver said, 'I will close the rear doors,' and he stood up and watched as I went back in the bus. A woman pointed to the floor, and there was my wallet with everything intact. I am convinced that the attitude of the driver was the crucial element in the recovery of my wallet."

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Amos Pearson (52nd Street garage) is "a wonderful driver to each of his passengers. He makes you feel he enjoys his job and the people who ride his Jeffery Express bus," said Mrs. Carole Corbin, of Luella avenue. "In the hurry of the morning rush hour, he is a ray of sunshine. His happy face and pleasant voice are a pick-me-up that starts the day off on a happy note."

James Larry, a driver of a Stony Island bus (77th Street garage), was called "one of the most courteous drivers I have encountered" by D. Bernard Ponder, of East 46th Place. "Each passenger is greeted with a smile and a pleasant greeting, as though they were old friends. He calls every stop loud and clear, and when the passengers debark, he always wishes each a nice day. Please let him know that his passengers greatly appreciate his efforts in making their day a pleasant one."

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Robert Lewis, driver of a Division bus (North Avenue garage), was commended by Mrs. Gaye Kirshman, of Massachusetts, who is living on North State street while her husband is in a hospital here. "Frequently I come home on the bus late at night. Where I live, there are no buses. I have enjoyed the experience of traveling by bus immensely, and I have found the drivers helpful, protective and courteous. Driver #6951 was extremely helpful in explaining how to make the best use of the bus and what to see in Chicago. He was very kind, and I call that above and beyond the call of duty."

Ben J. Wallace (Limits garage) was praised for his handling of a 156 LaSalle bus by P.M. Law, of Lakeview avenue. "He is an excellent driver. He eases the bus into and out of stops; no sudden slamming on of brakes that throws passengers into the aisles. At about Lake and LaSalle, a car swerved into the path of the bus with no warning. This driver averted an accident by expert driving with no harm to bus or passengers or the offending car. If you had more drivers like #9974, you wouldn't have to buy so many buses."

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Clarence Thomas, janitor, A District, was commended by a group calling themselves "The Old Gang of 40th and Indiana" for the way he maintains the 'L' station at that location. B.A. Rawls, of Indiana avenue, a spokesman for the group, wrote: "Not only are the platforms and stairways kept clean, but the thing that impresses us is the way this man impeccably keeps the area under the stairs and the station. I've been living in this area for 40 years, and I've never seen anybody keep the place in such a way that people notice and comment."

New Promotions

William Buetow, former cashier, Treasury, has been appointed supervisor, Office Operations, in the same department. In Plant Maintenance, Stan-Lee Kaderbek has moved from design draftsman to civil engineer. Richard Clincy, former motorman, South Section, has been named planner, Operations Planning.

Cornelius Mays, former vacation relief money handler, is now supervisor, money

handlers, Treasury. Scott Maghimis, former car serviceman, Maintenance, North Pool, has become duplicator operator, Management Services. John P. Murray, former janitor, Plant Maintenance, has been selected laborer, Materials Management.

Aileen Madden, former clerk-typist, Chief Executive Office, has been reassigned as administrative secretary, General Operations Manager's Office. Doreen Lacirola, former clerk-typist, Transportation, is now typist, Public Affairs. Ann M. Wolf has moved from typist I, Law, to typist II, Administrative Services. Dorothy L. Rose, former clerk-typist, Job Classification, has become clerk, Human Resources.

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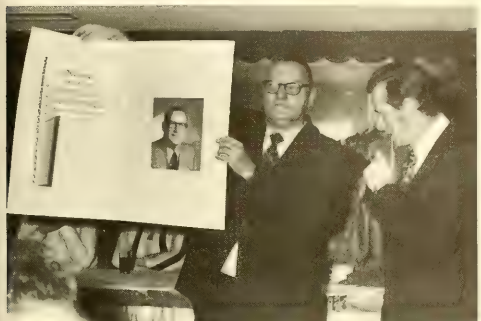
Robert Keag Retires After 41 Years Service

Robert Keag, 62, superintendent of the Kedzie Garage since 1972, ended his transportation career totaling 41 years Jan. 1.

Keag began his career in 1936 as a transportation clerk at the North Avenue station of the Chicago Surface Lines. He served 5½ years in the Army in World War II and was discharged as a major.

He has served as superintendent at all of the CTA's garages and also served as temporary area superintendent working in the Transportation Department headquarters in the Merchandise Mart.

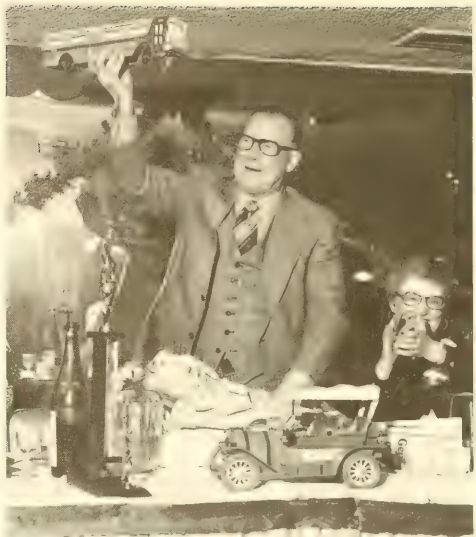
Keag and his wife, Helen, have three sons and a daughter. They plan to vacation in Florida and Europe before returning to their Northwest Side home. (CTA Photos by Bert Cadney)



Harold Geissenheimer, General Operations Manager, and Mike LaVelle, Director of Service, Transportation, display valedictory card with best wishes to Bob from his many friends.



Also present for the festivities were Jim Pate, M/P Intern II, Transportation, and Mike Harrington, retired Garage Superintendent.



Finally - - a bus of his own! Bob holds up one of his favorite retirement gifts.



Among those enjoying the festivities were (left to right) Bob's sister-in-law, Lauretta Keag; his daughter, Ann Maher; his son-in-law, Mike Maher; Bob; his sister, Laretta Keag; his wife, Helen; his sister, Florence Kamen . . .



. . . Ann Maher; Mike Maher; Helen and Bob; his son, Douglas Keag; Janet Scalfaro, and his son, Jay Keag.



John Gritis Retires

John Gritis, 62, supervisor, duplicating service section, retired Jan. 1 after 36 years of service with the CTA and one of its predecessor companies, the Chicago Surface Lines.

Gritis began his career in 1941 as a conductor on the CSL's red streetcars operating from the Lawndale car barn, and later drove a bus. In 1951, he transferred to CTA's Merchandise Mart headquarters and became the Authority's first offset duplicator operator. He was assigned to the stenographic section and the term "steno" became identified with the duplicating section.

From that single machine, the duplicating section of the Management Services Department has grown into seven presses, a wide variety of printing operation equipment and 17 employees. Among its biggest monthly order the section handles is the 20,000 copies of Transit News.

Gritis and his wife, Rosemary, have a son and four daughters. The couple plan to remain in Chicago for a while and do some traveling out west.

Lawrence-Howard Track Reconstruction Completed

A 10-million-dollar project of reconstructing the four tracks on the embankment right-of-way between Lawrence avenue and the Howard street terminal has been completed. The project was carried out over the last five years.

"This is a major CTA improvement that assures smoother, quieter and more comfortable rides for many thousands of riders," said George Krambles, CTA Executive Director.

Krambles explained that more than 93,000 rides are taken each weekday over this 3½ miles of right-of-way on CTA "L"-subway trains going to and from the Howard terminal and on the Evanston Express trains. Included among these riders also are riders transferring at Howard to and from the Skokie Swift route.

The project, funded by the federal and state govern-

ments, represents the first reconstruction of these tracks--complete with new crushed stone ballast, new ties and new rail--on this heavily used rapid transit right-of-way in more than 50 years.

In contrast to the more than 50 years of usage of rapid transit tracks, urban highways and expressways in Chicago and elsewhere must be reconstructed much more frequently, some as often as every six years.

One of the most important features of the four new tracks in the Lawrence-Howard stretch is continuously welded rails.

The continuously welded rail has replaced rail with bolted joints, which made for a clickety-clack sound.

For the four tracks, a total of 144,000 feet of welded rail was installed. Also used in the reconstruction project were 36,000 timber ties, more than 110,000 tons of crushed limestone as new ballast, and 72,000 feet of new third rail for electrical power.

The Urban Mass Transportation Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation provided funds for 80 per cent of the cost, and the Illinois Department of Transportation provided the local-matching fund requirement of 20 per cent.



Former Union Official Retires

John F. O'Brien, former president of Local 241, Amalgamated Transit Union, retired recently as service clerk in the Control Center after 40 years with CTA and one of its predecessor companies. He joined the Chicago Surface Lines in 1937 as a conductor at Devon station. In 1950 he became a bus driver at North Park garage.

O'Brien, a member of Local 241 during his entire transit career, was a union election commissioner for six years and commission chairman for three. Elected first vice president in 1972, he served as alternate president and business agent of Local 241 from November, 1974, to June, 1975.

O'Brien and his wife, Mercedes, are lifelong residents of the city's North Side and intend to stay there in retirement. With his extra time, O'Brien expects to devote more attention to his favorite hobbies - gardening and woodworking - and to see more of his three daughters and six grandchildren.



As a retirement present from his Control Center co-workers, O'Brien received one of his lifelong wishes - a solid gold Cadillac (miniature). The inscription on the accompanying ashtray reads, "This gold Cadillac is as solid as the years you served the CTA." Enjoying the tribute is O'Brien's wife, Mercedes.

New Dinner- Dance Dates

The CTA Senior Citizens Retirement Organization changed its dinner dance date to the last Wednesday of each month starting in January, said Joe Nolan, the organization's general manager. The group will continue to meet at 4 p.m. in Ferrara Manor, North and Central avenues.

Nolan also said his organization has 100 tickets for the May 10 noon to 4 p.m. dinner dance featuring Wayne King and his orchestra in the Sabre Room, 8900 W. 95th st., Hickory Hills. Tickets cost \$10 each and may be obtained by sending a check payable to CTA Senior Citizens Retirement Organization, 1304 N. Laramie av., Chicago, Ill., 60651. Ticket orders should include a stamped, self-addressed return envelope.

The CTA retirement organization is affiliated with the Chicago Metropolitan Area Senior Citizens Senate which is sponsoring the program.

NEW PENSIONERS

JAMES GLYNN, Foreman B,
52nd Street, Emp. 7-17-48
RAYMOND R. KOCMOUD, Chief Clerk,
77th Street, Emp. 7-01-46
WILLARD LARSEN, Carpenter A,
South Shops, Emp. 3-02-50
DAVID SIEGEL, Conductor,
West Section, Emp. 4-21-42

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

AARON MILTON, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 11-10-66
LEE A. WILKINS, Painter,
South Shops, Emp. 6-11-45
LILLIE M. WILLIS, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 9-16-67

Service anniversaries in December

35 years

R. J. Arendt, South Shops
C. Bowman, Archer
G. I. Campbell, Claims/Law
J. D. Craig, Instruction
C. A. Drozda, Operations Planning
E. J. Evans, Off. Proc. & Budget
P. J. Fidance, Security
T. A. Jusiak, Electrical
S. Rini, Security
C. S. Turek, Skokie Shop

30 years

E. Cooke, 77th Street
J. E. Durr Jr., Electrical
O. Ertl, Utility
J. E. Foley, Ashland/95th
T. E. Freeman, Instruction
J. Hennelly, North Park
J. J. Martorano, Forest Glen
W. O. McDaniel, Limits
J. S. Mule, Jefferson Park
W. J. Murray, Electrical
G. C. Olson, South Shops
A. G. Rizzuto, Campaign Area
R. E. Ryan, Howard-Kimball
S. J. Salamone, Electrical
E. J. Superczynski, Electrical
W. E. Walker, 77th Street
G. Woodmore, Forest Park
H. F. Ziolkowski, Jefferson Park

25 years

C. V. Corcoran, Treasury
W. Dohrman, Forest Glen
R. L. Edwards, 77th Street
B. H. Henderson, 77th Street
A. B. Jones Jr., Limits
W. M. Kelly, Douglas-Congress
W. J. Monroe, 69th Street
F. E. Sprovieri, South Shops
W. E. Whitenhill, Beverly

IN MEMORIAM

HARRY L. BROWN, 77, North Section,
Emp. 9-17-46, Died 10-19-77
JEREMIAH F. BURKE, 79, Office Services,
Emp. 10-11-27, Died 10-17-77
MELVIN CLAUSEN, 64, Safety,
Emp. 11-16-36, Died 10-27-77
WILLIAM A. CLEAR, 94, Kedzie,
Emp. 7-24-13, Died 10-13-77
FRANK CRISTAO, 86, North Avenue,
Emp. 4-09-43, Died 11-05-77
JOHN M. CURRAN, 76, North Section,
Emp. 10-12-29, Died 10-18-77
JOSEPH B. CURRAN, 66, Beverly,
Emp. 4-30-42, Died 10-16-77
LAWSON C. DEVLIN, 70, North Section,
Emp. 5-10-27, Died 10-25-77
TIMOTHY DWYER, 94, Limits,
Emp. 2-11-09, Died 10-4-77
ROCCO R. FERRARO, 66, Maintenance,
Emp. 5-09-42, Died 10-26-77
WILLIAM FILSON, 79, Kedzie,
Emp. 10-30-23, Died 10-16-77
JOHN B. FITZGERALD, 73, West Section,
Emp. 6-08-39, Died 10-13-77
OTTO GEIGER, 80, Claims,
Emp. 11-16-25, Died 10-26-77
ARTHUR HAUKE, 84, Devon,
Emp. 8-09-16, Died 10-18-77
WALTER HEARD, 26, South Section,
Emp. 1-20-71, Died 11-22-77
STEPHEN HEFFERNAN, 79, 77th Street,
Emp. 10-18-41, Died 10-08-77
HELEN LARKIN, 73, South Shops,
Emp. 3-07-45, Died 10-04-77
JOHN LAW, 21, North Pool,
Emp. 5-21-75, Died 11-13-77
MICHAEL W. LEW, 59, Archer,
Emp. 7-27-55, Died 10-12-77
ARTHUR R. LIPPHARDT, 71, 69th Street,
Emp. 2-16-24, Died 10-06-77
JOHN S. LUCARELLI, 75, Skokie Shop,
Emp. 5-06-36, Died 10-20-77
MATTHEW M. QUEENAN, 86, 69th Street,
Emp. 2-09-16, Died 9-25-77
FRANCIS QUINN, 85, 77th Street,
Emp. 1-21-20, Died 10-10-77
ARTHUR F. RADDATZ, 86, Electrical,
Emp. 5-13-24, Died 10-14-77
RICHARD REDDING, 59, Pensions,
Emp. 2-20-43, Died 11-27-77
FRANCIS O. REED, 74, West Section,
Emp. 5-21-42, Died 10-14-77
JOHN B. ROYCROFT, 73, 77th Street,
Emp. 9-11-43, Died 10-05-77
ANTONIO VINAS, 38, Forest Glen,
Emp. 9-19-74, Died 10-27-77
FRED A. WEDER, 72, North Avenue,
Emp. 8-19-36, Died 10-12-77
RALPH A. WHITE, 78, Electrical,
Emp. 4-17-16, Died 10-20-77
WILLIAM H. WHITE, 56, West Section,
Emp. 4-14-47, Died 9-21-77



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\$1 Each

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